

# CORNHILL SOCIAL HISTORY PROJECT

## CREATING AN ARCHIVE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS

**The Project:** The challenge is to gather all of the information on births, deaths and marriages for St Helen's Church, Cornhill. The records are stored on micro-fiche film held at Woodhorn, which is outside Ashington, a 50 mile drive from Cornhill.

Quite a lot has been done already. We have three databases with

1,844 births

1,161 burials

172 marriages

We estimate that the scale of the task will be

Births                      Collect from 1826 to 1903. Probably 770 records

Burials                     Collect from 1811 to 1995. Probably 2,300 records

Marriages                 Collect from 1753 to 1974. Probably 2,000 records.

The volunteer will be provided with a laptop computer on which the existing data is held. They will be asked to add to this.

**The Ideal Volunteer:** The candidate will have their own transport and may claim a mileage allowance for the one hundred mile round trip. The micro-fiche can be quite difficult to read, so good eyesight will help. And in order to maintain the integrity of the databases, it is vital that they should record information in the same style and format.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact

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