

Projects for 2024

Are you up for a challenge?

1. **The Transport for London Corporate Archives** have recently secured external funding for the digitisation of the Minute books of the London General Omnibus Company (GLOC) from 1855 to 1933.

We now need extra volunteers to fulfil our ambition of making all these transcriptions freely available online by the bicentenary of the first London Omnibus. 1829 – 2029.

If you want to challenge yourself by deciphering mid 19th century handwriting, have an interest in Victorian and Edwardian social history, or are just passionate about horse drawn buses, and we would love to hear from you. Please contact jo.walters.slp@gmail.com

2. **London Parks and Gardens Trust.**

We are in the process of setting up a collaborative project with the London Parks and Gardens Trust. This will start in January 2024.

If you are interested in our green spaces, their histories and their development – contact me.

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Current SLPs

Transport for London Corporate Archives – Revealing the Past.

Throughout 2022 and 2023, a large group of dedicated volunteers have transcribed and indexed the minute books of the Underground Electric Railway Companies (UELRC) 1902 – 1933. These resources are now available to researchers online for the first time. This project will continue to develop and grow for the next 5 years. *See above for details.*

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For the archive:

Postal pensioners, Power of Petitioning, Guardian, Kew Gardens

Completed SLPs

Cary Ellison Theatre Programme Collection. 2020 – 2023

A collaboration with Kingston University Archives. During the pandemic, several u3a volunteers from across the UK undertook research into the history of their local theatres online. The results were submitted to the Archivist at Kingston University and the completed project has since been made available on the Archive's digital collections site: [Digital Collections](#). As a continuation of the funded project to bring this Collection to new audiences, a second SLP looked at social history through the many advertisements in the theatre programmes. The project involved visits to the archive to see what the adverts told us about:

1. Target audiences and the types of people who were going to the theatre at the time.

The results of the project were demonstrated in a PowerPoint presentation given at the Archive's relaunch event for the Collection on 27th January 2023.

Brunel Museum: 2022

A small team from the SE London network investigated the lives and working conditions of the men who worked to build the tunnel. It was the first tunnel under a navigable river. The findings have been used as part of an exhibition at the museum. Leader: Maggie Gravelle.

High Street Project 2020–2022: Following the 2 baseline surveys of their high streets, villages and shopping areas during September 2020 and 2021, photographs and details of the shops and amenities continue to be uploaded by our members to a fully searchable, interactive database with photo and map front ends. [iBase Digital Asset Management](#)

