

About The Keep

The Keep is a world class centre for archives giving access to all the collections of the East Sussex County Record Office, the Royal Pavilion & Museums local history archives and audio collection and the University of Sussex special collections.

The combined collections provide a record of the region's history, dating back over 900 years.

The Keep also houses the Sussex Family History Group library and the Historic Environment Record database, which records sites, finds and monuments from prehistory to modern times.



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Facilities

Reference Room

In this room, which is available to everyone, you will find the reference library, including trade and street directories, microfilms and fiche and East Sussex baptism index cards. You can also use online reference material and view digital images of some of our popular resources.

Reading Room

To access this room you must have a Reader's Card (see *Planning Your Visit* for more information). In here you can consult original documents and maps ordered from the strong room.

Group Work Room

This room can be booked in advance by groups wishing to use documents from the Reading Room.

Computer and Internet Access

There is free wi-fi available for use with your own laptop or tablet; all desks have power points for laptops. Desktop computers with internet access are also available in the Reference and Reading Rooms. You can consult our online catalogue plus other useful websites such as Ancestry, Find My Past and The British Library Newspaper Archive.



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Planning Your Visit

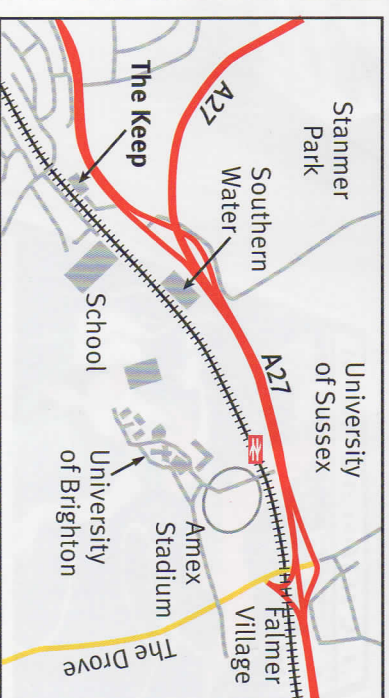
Visit our website www.thekeep.info. Here you can consult the new electronic archive catalogue which provides access to the wealth of material in the collections.

If you are a first time visitor we strongly recommend that you register online for a Reader's Card prior to your visit. You will need identification (eg passport, driving licence, utility bill or bank statement) to collect your Reader's Card.

If you are ordering items to be consulted in the Reading Room, you will need to book a place – you can do this online or by telephone or email.

How to Get Here

The Keep is located in Moulsecoomb to the north of Brighton just off the A27 near to the university campuses and the Amex Stadium. Buses from Brighton and Lewes directions stop close to the building and it is only a 10 minute walk from Falmer railway station.



The following Brighton & Hove buses stop just outside The Keep car park at the Brighton Academy bus stop: 23, 25, 28, 5B. Bus 29 stops at Falmer railway station.

There are pay-and-display parking bays and free disabled parking spaces.

Opening Hours

Tuesday – Friday 9.30am-5pm

Saturday – 9.30am-4pm (Reading Room closed 1-2pm)
Closed Monday

Admission to The Keep is FREE.

Access

All public areas of The Keep, including the Reference and Reading Rooms, can be found on the ground floor. There are no steps and all areas are accessible to wheelchairs. There is an accessible toilet near the main reception desk. There is a tactile map in reception and portable tactile guides. Magnifying glasses are available on request in the Reading Room. If you have any particular requirements please contact us in advance of your visit.

Food and Drink

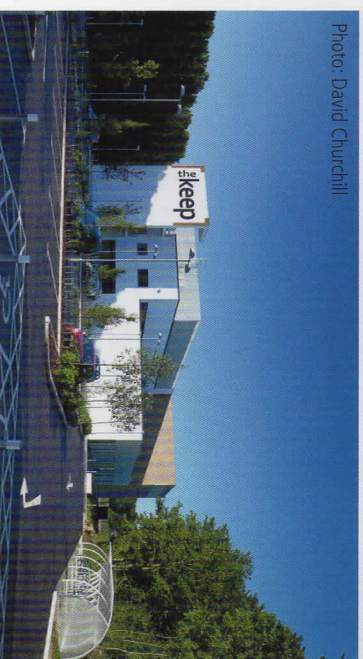
There is a refreshments area in the main reception where you are welcome to consume your own food and drink. Vending machines supplying hot drinks are also available.

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