

# The Business Archives Council

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# Business archives in the UK

- Corporate archives
- Other repositories for archives of business:
  - The National Archives
  - Local Record Offices
  - Universities
  - Museums
  - Community archives

# National Strategy for Business Archives

- Launched in 2009
- Supported by a number of groups including Business Archives Council
- Managing Business Archives website:  
<http://www.managingbusinessarchives.co.uk/>
- Crisis Management Team
- Records survey on architecture, building and construction sector

# The Business Archives Council

- History
  - Established in 1934 as ‘The Council for the Preservation of Business Records’
  - Renamed the Business Archives Council in 1952
- Constitution
  - Registered charity
  - Run by a board of Trustees
  - Funded by subscriptions and donations

# BAC Membership

- Corporate
- Institutional
- Individuals
  - Archivists
  - Historians

# BAC: Activities

- Advocacy
- Grants and awards
- Annual conference
- Training
- Communications

# BAC Activities: Advocacy

- Main aim of the BAC is to promote the preservation and use of business records
- All activities in some way contribute towards advocating the benefits of business archives

# BAC Activities: Grants

- Cataloguing grant £3,000 (€4,176)
  - for business archives
  - for arts-related businesses





# BAC Activities: Grants

- Research bursary £1,000 (€1,392)



- BAC Wadsworth Prize £500 (€697)

# BAC Activities: Annual Conference

- Takes place in November
- Main event for business archives networking
- Recent themes: access, funding, digital preservation
- <http://www.businessarchivescouncil.org.uk/activitiesobjectives/conference/>

# BAC Activities: Training

- Training day for archive students
- ‘Meet the Archivists’



# BAC Activities: Communications

- Journal/Newsletter
- Website:  
<http://www.businessarchivescouncil.org.uk/>
- Twitter

# BAC Activities: Communications

- Twitter: @\_businessarch

The screenshot displays the Twitter profile for BAC (@\_businessarch). The profile picture is a silhouette of a person with arms raised. The bio reads: "The Business Archives Council is a registered charity which aims to promote the preservation of business records & encourage interest in business history". The profile statistics show 831 tweets, 216 following, 544 followers, 154 favorites, and 1 list. The main content area shows a tweet from BAC retweeted by The ABH (@the\_abh) on April 8, mentioning a "CFP Management History Research Group Annual Workshop". Below it is a tweet from BAC retweeted by RB Archives (@SwanLinArchives) on April 7, featuring a photo of a van filled with records and the text "Wales Showing our Metal- a van full of #steel works records from @GlamArchives! Follow @Busarchwales for project news". The right sidebar includes a "Who to follow" section with accounts like Pioneer Investments, AboutOxford, and Staffordshire CC, and a "Trends" section with hashtags like #FridayFeeling and #equalatwork.

# BAC Activities: Communications

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The Business Archives Council:  
Promoting the preservation and  
use of business archives for over  
80 years