

The Lock-down Diaries:

Life-stories from Lambeth during the Corona crisis



Guidelines for participants

Lambeth Archives wants to collect accounts and responses of people living in Lambeth during the Corona virus crisis. We are the local history library and record office for the borough, and we are keen to capture a wide-ranging record of this extraordinary period of time, so that future generations will have an understanding of what we have gone through.

The contrast with the last global pandemic, the Spanish Flu outbreak of 1918-20, is telling. We hold no personal accounts of that crisis, just some press stories and reports of the local medical officer. We want the extraordinary 'history in the making' that is taking place around us now to be more fully recorded.

How you can contribute

We want to collect a wide range of personal accounts of life in Lambeth during this time. This would ideally include those of NHS workers, police, social workers, the homeless, those in home-schooling, those living alone and those living in cramped conditions. The project is called *Lock-down diaries*, because a diary best sums up that idea of a personal account. However, we are interested in all sorts of responses, and not just written ones. Photographic, film and audio records are equally important, as are scrapbooks and collections of Corona ephemera (leaflets, posters, cuttings, cartoons, government instructions and supermarket directives) as well as objects, songs, poems, art-work, quilts, etc.

At the moment it is hard to know when this period will come to an end. We can take receipt of emailable records or links whenever, particularly if you give us permission to share selections of them over social media. Equally, you may prefer to send material in one go, once this period has passed. If you wish to contribute material in paper or other hard-copy format, you will need to await the reopening of Lambeth Archives.

Formats and media

We can accept hard-copy contributions in any format, but we prefer (or will convert your records to) the following electronic formats:

Text as pdf; images as jpeg or tiff; audio as WAV or MP3/4; video/film we will receive in your preferred format; blogs and web pages, let us have the links.

Terms of Deposit

Wherever possible, we ask contributors to give material as a donation. If you do this, we will also ask you to complete a rights form, permitting use of your copyright material for future public research and other uses which you will be able to specify or limit. Unless you state otherwise, we will anonymise your documents so that you cannot be identified.

How to take part

All you need to do at this stage is to email archives@lambeth.gov.uk to let us know you are thinking of contributing. We look forward to hearing further from you.

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