

Explore clearance and improvements archives



This is a finding aid for records relating to slum clearances; street improvements and housing improvements in York.

Please note that some records within these collections are subject to Data Protection legislation.

COM Papers of the Improvement Commissioners

Includes papers relating to the enactment of the York Improvement Act, 1825; correspondence and minutes of the Commissioners; Commissioners' nominations, elections and oaths; financial records; rating papers; correspondence, petitions, notices and bills relating to the improvement of streets, drainage and lighting; policing papers; and legal papers.

Y/PPT/2/1 Housing improvements and clearances

Comprises records of the Health Department and Town Clerk relating to housing clearances and improvements in York. Includes overcrowding surveys; surveys of underground room; registers of Housing Inspectors' reports and register of unfit houses; general administrative papers relating to clearances and improvements; clearances papers (many of which include

plans); improvement papers; house inspection records; clearance photographs; and papers relating to the improvement of rental properties.

Y/PPT/2/3 Street improvements

Comprises papers relating to the building, widening, paving and general improvement of York's streets. Includes street renumbering records; and street improvement papers for the following areas: Castlegate and Water Lanes; Jubbergate; Spurriergate and Coney Street; Little Blake Street (Duncombe Place); Heslington Road; Gillygate, Skeldergate and Holgate Road; Monkgate and Layerthorpe.

Note only street improvements undertaken prior to the establishment of the Streets and Buildings Committee (i.e. up to c1890) have been catalogued. Later records relating to street improvements are currently uncatalogued.

Y/PPT/2/6 Health Department plans

Comprises plans relating to drainage and sanitary conditions of buildings; improvement and clearance plans; and plans of emergency and communal feeding facilities. Includes plans of Rowntree and Company Cocoa Works and Joseph Terry and Sons buildings.

Y/COU/5/9/12: Hungate Area Committee minutes

Y/COU/5/9/13: Heslington Road Improvement Committee minutes