

Election campaign literature

We hold over 15,000 items of election campaign literature (particularly leaflets) from all major political parties, and many smaller parties, from across the United Kingdom. The collection dates from the early 19th century onwards, but is most extensive from 1945. The collection includes items from the campaigns of Edward Heath, John Major and David Cameron.

Pamphlets and rare books

LSE Archives also holds a large print collection of rare books and pamphlets. Examples include:

- Political tracts from the 17th century onwards
- Pamphlets, including texts of speeches by Pitt the Younger, Sir Robert Peel, Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Salisbury, A J Balfour, A Bonar Law, Stanley Baldwin, Winston Churchill, Harold Macmillan and many others
- Conservative Central Office leaflets (incomplete series from 1879)

Individual rare books and pamphlets are listed on the Library catalogue (catalogue.lse.ac.uk). There is more information on these collections on our web pages.

Other papers

- Political and Tariff Reform Posters, including some by the Conservative and Unionist Party
- Papers of Richard Cockett (1961-), historian, author of 'Thinking the unthinkable: think-tanks and the economic counter-revolution'



Conservative Party poster, c.1906 (COLL MISC 0519/22)

Other resources

Conservative Party Archive

The Conservative Party's own archive. Most of the material dates from after 1945.

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/cpa/>

Political Parties and Parliamentary Archives Group, UK

Group for archivists responsible for the papers of politicians and political parties. Their website includes a useful guide to political records.

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/pppag.htm>

National Register of Archives (NRA)

Database detailing the whereabouts of major archival holdings for individuals and organisations.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/default.asp>

Finding Out More

Further information about the holdings of LSE Archives can be found on our website at:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/guide_to_holdings.htm

The Archives Catalogue can be viewed at:

<http://archives.lse.ac.uk>

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