**Copyright, release forms and Data Protection**

**Advice on copyright, data protection and other Intellectual Property Rights**

Getting involved with Community Archives often means having to deal with Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), which include copyright, and this can be complicated, especially if digitisation is involved.

**Collections Link**

The [Collections Link website](http://www.collectionstrust.org.uk/collections-link/itemlist/category/82-copyright-and-licensing) has a number of useful resources and links on copyright issues.

**Publications on copyright**

For more general advice one of the best publications is *Copyright for Archivists and Users of Archives* 5th Edition by Timothy Padfield ([Facet Publishing](http://www.facetpublishing.co.uk/search.php?search_keyword=tim+padfield&search.x=5&search.y=11&search=search), 2016). Other titles on copyright and data protection are also available from Facet. Many of these will be held by libraries and record offices/archives.

**Data protection**

Data Protection may also have to be considered. Advice on this issue can be found on the [Information Commissioner’s](https://ico.org.uk/) website.

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