

ARCHIVE DEVELOPMENTS

At our 1996 A.G.M. we heard of the developments taking place at The British Regional Furniture Study Centre at High Wycombe where, in addition to the study collection of regional chairs, a regional furniture archive is being assembled. This archive, conserved to high standards and making use of state of the art computer and imaging equipment, is under the full-time control of a research and archive assistant. If we, and the B.R.F.S.C., were to build our archives by competing for the same, often unique material, this would be to the ultimate detriment of the study and enjoyment of these scarce resources. It was recognised that our archive would be better conserved, secured, maintained, and certainly more accessible to our members, if it were to form part of the centre's archive. Your Council, having considered all aspects of such a move, concluded it to be in the best interests of the R.F.S. membership. This decision was subsequently supported by the 1996 A.G.M. Following the visit to the centre over this year's A.G.M. weekend, those able to attend saw the archive in its new location.

The Council considered that donors of material to our archive would be pleased to see its future well assured, but felt the opportunity should be given for any donors who felt that their donation(s) should not be dealt with in this way to write to the Hon Secretary accordingly before the 31st August 1997.

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