

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **BEXLEY BACK IN TIME**

Bexley has been awarded a grant to digitise around 15,000 negatives from the collection of images taken by Kentish Times photographers from the early 60s up to the late 90s.

The £5,000 grant from TownsWeb Archiving will see previously inaccessible negatives relating to local, social, political events in the borough come back into use.

Digitisation will mean that the images will be easier to view and multiple users can access them at once. It will also see increased functionality allowing users to zoom in to the photos.

Cllr Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places said: “This new collection is a real undiscovered gem and will be a great addition to the fantastic historical images that our Local Studies and Archive Team already hold. It’s **really exciting** that this generous grant will allow us to digitise the negatives allowing the images to be used to their full potential.”

To find out more about the work of the Local Studies and Archive Centre visit [www.bexley.gov.uk/archives](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/archives) or follow them on Twitter @BexleyArchives

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