**Bio**

Sean is the Digital Archives and Copyright Manager for the Special Collections Division of the University of St Andrews Library. Previously he was the archivist at St Peter’s College, Oxford, and the Archives Assistant at Magdalen College, Oxford. He volunteers with community heritage groups in his spare time, particularly in matters relating to digital preservation and access.

**Abstract**

The Special Collections Division of the University of St Andrews Library has a history of providing help, advice, and sometimes a home to community archives in North East Fife, including those of local businesses, schools, societies and other associations.

Notable recent examples include the [*Cupar: Hidden Burgh*](https://news.st-andrews.ac.uk/archive/hidden-burgh-restoring-cupars-place-at-the-heart-of-fife/) project which ran from 2018-2019, in which records held in Special Collections relating to the Fife town of Cupar were catalogued and used in collaboration with local residents. And in 2015, Special Collections took the records of the recently closed [Tullis Russell paper mill](https://standrewsrarebooks.wordpress.com/2017/01/13/tullis-russell-collection-project-update/), from Glenrothes in Fife - these were then catalogued in 2017 and continue to be used in community outreach events.

Special Collections staff also provide advice in professional and personal capacities to the local community, and to the wider public through connections with organisations such as the [Scottish Council on Archives](https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/). For example, in a personal capacity I’ve recently helped create an online archive for a local football club, [Tayport FC](https://tayportfcarchive.com/), and created a free [online guide and list of resources](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rHDKAvNR_S6GBadY15f3uP2NpY8zG0CgP8dYdWYi2sA/edit?usp=sharing) for digital community archives wishing to take practical steps in digital preservation and sustainability.