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COUNTRY

United Kingdom

FIELD OF HUMANITIES

Languages and literature

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS ACTIVITY

1. Digital technology:

The lab offers 2D digitisation, 3D scanning, 3D printing, data visualisation support, filming of research and teaching events, podcasting support, server hosting and data storage and themed digital events.

2. Pre-existing knowledge and skills:

None.

HARDY'S CORRESPONDENTS

The University of Exeter has a lab and research space for the Digital Humanities. In there they curate digital exhibitions, carry out high-resolution photography of manuscripts and other visual materials, and produce professional quality video and audio recordings. They are able to create digital facsimiles of the objects, allowing them to be handled and understood in a virtual space, protecting the original artefacts for future generations. Hardy's Correspondents is one of the projects carried out.

GOALS

Hardy's Correspondents is a collaborative project between the University of Exeter and [Dorset Museum](#), which aims to make available for the first time over 5000 letters housed at Dorset Museum. These letters form part of Dorset Museum's Thomas Hardy Memorial Collection, the largest Hardy collection in the world, recently selected for the [UNESCO Memory of the World Programme](#).

Fig. 1. Map of the places concerned.



KEY OUTCOMES

This collaborative project has created a database which is the foundation of a Web site with the aim to make available to the public over 5000 letters housed at Dorset Museum.

The website, [Phase One of the Hardy's Correspondents project](#), brings to the public images and fully annotated transcriptions of 100 letters to Hardy. These 100 letters, from friends, family, fans, readers and publishers, on subjects ranging from writing, wife sales, Wessex, and the welfare of animals, were transcribed and encoded in conjunction with the Hardy and Heritage collaborative PhD project between the University of Exeter and Dorset Museum.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://hardyrespondents.exeter.ac.uk/index.html>

<https://libguides.exeter.ac.uk/digitalhumanities/home>