

It is our aim to facilitate the widest possible access to our unique collection of historic material – a window on the engineering excellence of a whole era of British car-making and the growth, dominance and decline of the Rootes Group, one of our greatest home-grown car-makers

### What Archives?

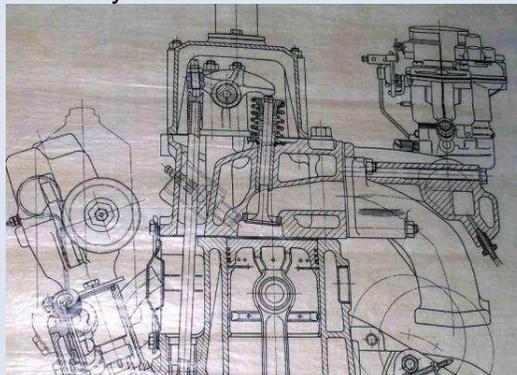
The heart of the centre's collection is the Rootes Engineering Department archives – approximately 150,000 technical drawings and blueprints covering the period from the late 1950's to the early 1980's as well as microfiche'd drawings that extend the record back to World War II, with some pre-war material dating back to the start of the Rootes Group in the early 1930's – up to 300,000 records in all.



They have all been placed in the care of the Trust by Peugeot Motor Company, as the successors in title to the Rootes Group, whose assistance in rescuing and preserving these archives we gratefully acknowledge.

We also have bound ledgers of model assembly lists, filing cabinets full of engineering design changes and engineering specifications, and many thousands of film negatives. All of this priceless material is available for consultation by automotive historians, academic researchers, anyone interested in the history and development of their favourite model, or car clubs wanting to research options for the remanufacture of scarce parts.

Other material is being added to the collection all the time as news of the centre becomes more widely known.



### Facilities?

As well as storage for the archives, we have fully equipped study rooms and a meeting room large enough for club committee meetings.



We have use of facilities for catering/hospitality and a lounge area where light refreshments can be consumed.



## BECOME A FRIEND OF THE ROOTES ARCHIVE CENTRE!



The Rootes Archive Centre Trust is a registered charity dedicated to “the preservation and study of material of historical significance connected with the Rootes Group and associated or successor companies”

**We need your help!** We want to make ourselves more widely known, expand our activities and involve more of you in the Trust's plans for the future.

For as little as £15 a year a subscription to the “Friends of the Rootes Archive Centre” entitles you to:

- Advance notification of and free admission to all events held at the centre. (Regular open days, events, talks, exhibitions)
- A free copy of “Devonshire House” the Rootes Archive Centre Trust's magazine.

There are 3 levels of Friends membership:

- contributing members pay £15 a year
- supporting members pay £25 a year
- sustaining members pay £50 a year

The more people who give an annual subscription like this, the more secure our funding will be for the future. If you're a UK taxpayer, then as a charity we can also claim Gift Aid Tax relief on your payments.

See over for application form.