



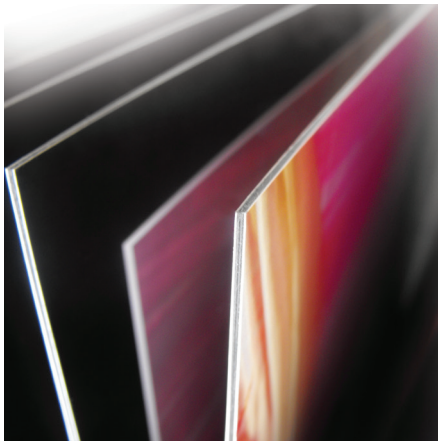
RDW Book & Paper Conservation Ltd.

THE LEADING BOOK AND PAPER CONSERVATION
AND HERITAGE PRESENTATION COMPANY



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OUR STORY



RDW BOOK & PAPER Conservation is the UK's leading book and paper conservation and heritage presentation company.

Our reputation has been built over more than a century of providing high-quality service to librarians, curators, archivists and private collectors, including many of the country's most prestigious professional and academic organisations.

RDW was first established in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1909 and today the Company employs over thirty five specialist staff at our extensive and well-equipped offices in Falkirk, Central Scotland.

Our book and paper conservation studio is staffed by a dedicated team of professionals and is fully equipped to restore and preserve the nation's history and heritage for future generations.



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BOOK & PAPER CONSERVATION



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RDW offer academic institutions and individuals the services of the leading privately owned book and paper conservation studio in Europe.

Our expert conservation team has a wealth of experience in book and paper conservation, restoration and repair of damaged publications.

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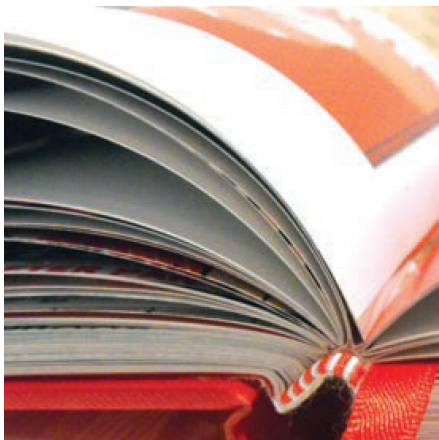
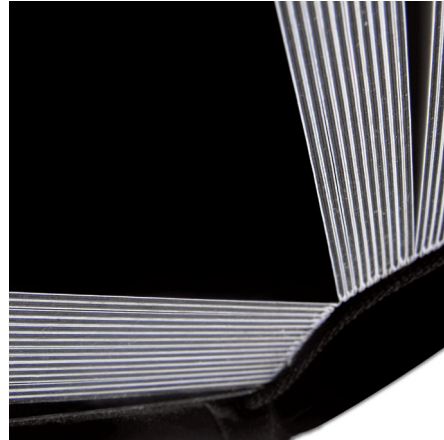
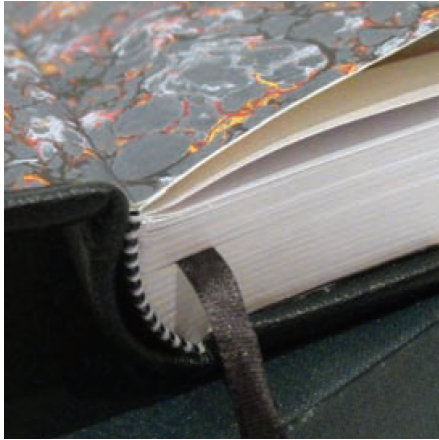
We can offer guidance on how to maintain and protect documents, and are able to perform treatments that arrest decay and prevent further deterioration of paper as well as restoring bindings, casings and covers.

Our experts can advise on the most appropriate treatment for individual books or full collections, along with their storage, thus helping to safeguard the cultural or academic value of a collection as well as its financial worth.



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AUDITS & TREATMENTS

Our conservation team can:

- Undertake conservation audits and provide recommendations
- Advise on preventative care and optimum storage conditions
- Carry out book and shelf cleaning
- Design and make archival mounts to hold fragile items
- Make bespoke preservation boxes

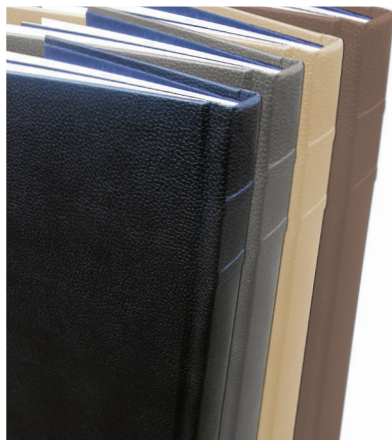
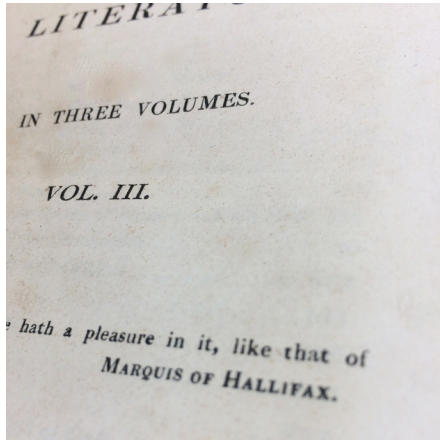
This company has carried out conservation work on a wide range of publications safeguarding the academic, historical, financial or sentimental value of collections, books and documents.

The specialist conservation services we offer also include fixing of fugitive inks, support of brittle and degrading papers, and relaxing of parchment and vellum.



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ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS

Our skilled conservators and bookbinders are able to restore and repair rare and valuable books, using traditional materials and techniques.

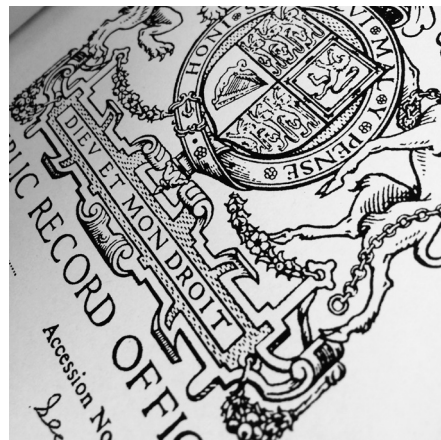
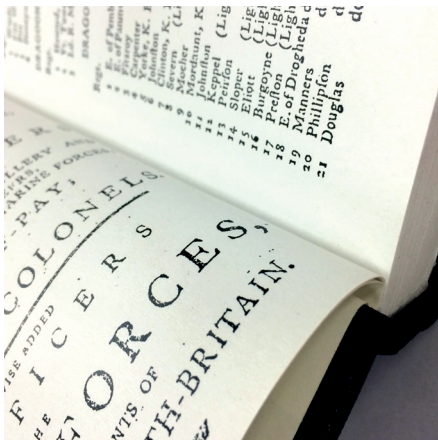
Our service takes a sympathetic approach to the careful restoration of books bound in either paper, cloth, leather or vellum.

From treasured family heirlooms to out-of-print books requiring a new lease of life, our staff are equipped with the passion and expert knowledge required to create stunning, high quality fine bindings using a variety of materials in a range of styles.



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REGISTERS & RECORDS

Many heritage organisations possess rare and irreplaceable registers and records in bound paper formats. These include births, deaths and marriage records as well as inventories and records of personnel, property, chattels and other items.

RDW can repair and restore these valuable resources thereby preserving important heritage records. We can also manufacture new registers to match existing formats and offer a wide range of styles and sizes.

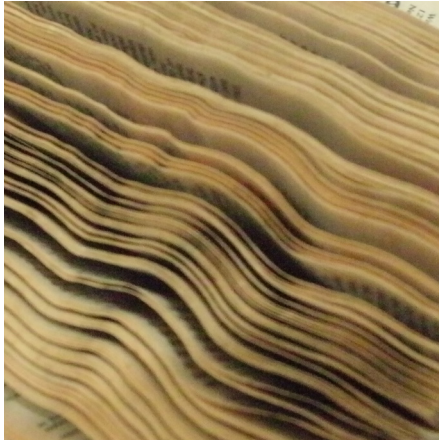
PRESENTATION BOXES

We produce a wide range of traditional and bespoke preservation boxes constructed by our highly trained staff from high quality, archival materials. The most popular of these are: Traditional Pamphlet Box; Regular Phase Box; Slip Case; Special Presentation Boxes.



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DISASTER RECOVERY



RDW OFFER A subscription-based priority disaster recovery scheme for libraries, archives, businesses, organisations and private individuals who require a dedicated and specialist service.

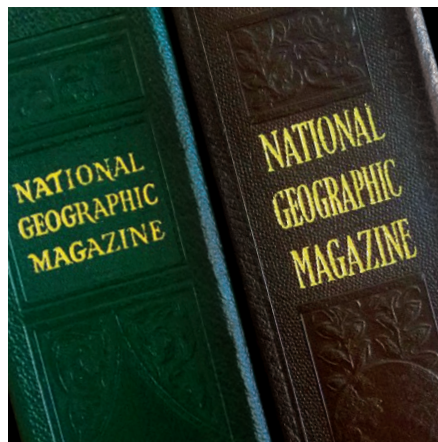
The scheme provides:

- Access to a 24 hour telephone advice line
- Priority access to RDW services in the event of a disaster
- Rapid response teams of trained staff
- Immediate on-site assessment following any disaster
- Salvage recommendations and estimated costs
- Sorting, listing and stabilisation of damaged material
- Arrangements for recovery and transportation of damaged material
- Organisation of deep freeze and freeze drying facilities
- Preferential treatment to carry out restoration
- A visit by a member of our team to your premises
- Liaison with your insurance company and loss adjuster



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PERIODICAL BINDING



RDW HAVE WORKED with many of the country's most highly regarded libraries, museums and archives, as well as local studies organisations and learned societies.

We offer a range of specialist binding services for libraries, museums, archives and other academic organisations. Bound publications can include new endpapers, incorporating library stationery if required, and features such as ribbon markers and foil blocking can be added. In addition, we are able to craft hard-wearing presentation and storage boxes and slipcases.

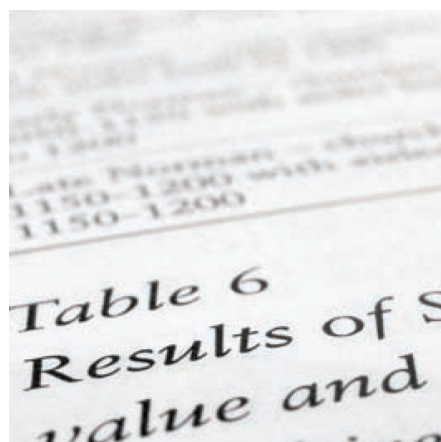
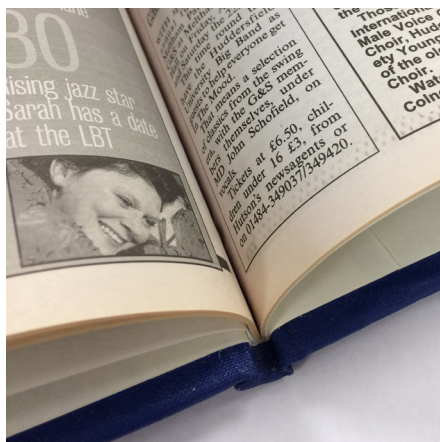
PERIODICALS

Periodicals, journals, magazines, newspapers and other items can be bound to individual specifications. For periodicals, adverts can be removed and title pages, contents and indexes inserted. Security triggers and barcodes can be added if required, and pockets added for CDs, maps or inserts. Degraded newspapers can be conserved, and a microfilming service is also available.



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PERIODICAL BINDING



RDW ONLINE

Lettering and binding requirements can be quickly and easily submitted to us electronically using our online service. To register, please contact our sales team.

NEWSPAPERS

High quality and attractive bound volumes of newspapers help to preserve the integrity of publications in an easy-to-use format, whilst assisting in protecting vulnerable newsprint from excessive damage caused by regular referencing and handling.

Bindings are sewn and bound using waterproof library buckram or leather and are suitable for both broadsheet and tabloid formats. As an alternative to full binding we also provide storage boxes and folders to accommodate any sized newspaper.

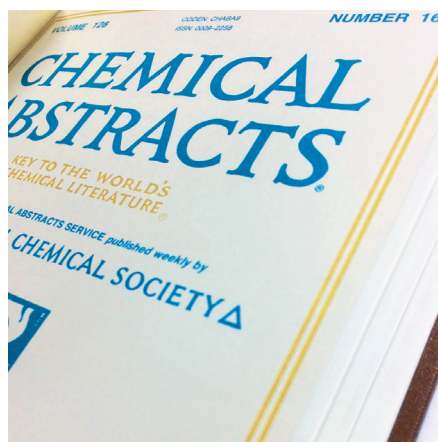
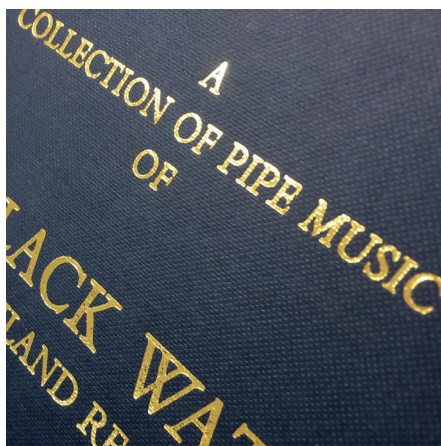
A full scanning and digitisation service is also available for newspapers should this be required.

Older, degraded copies of newsprint and bound volumes of papers can be conserved. Estimates can be supplied following close examination by our conservation staff.



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PERIODICAL BINDING



MUSIC

Our staff are able to rebind music or convert it from paperback to hardback, binding either in cloth or using the original cover. Music can be repaired or re-sewn if necessary, allowing it to lie flat when open. Pockets can be incorporated for individual scores, which in turn are rebound using stiff card covers or cloth, and the parts lettered in black or gold.

REFERENCE

Reference and local studies binding is designed to extend the useful life of valuable or rare books that are likely to need a strong, long-lasting binding.

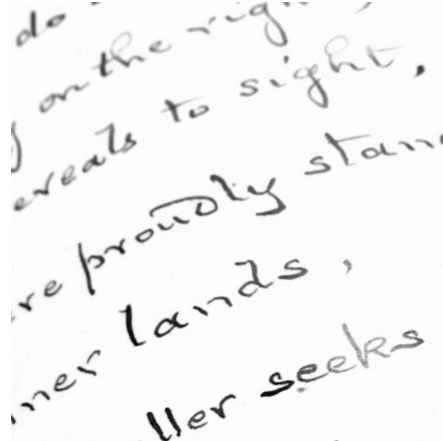
Books are bound using waterproof library buckram as standard, but we can use other cloths and leathers if requested.

Pockets can be added on the inside back board to house loose inserts, folded maps or CDs. Security triggers and barcodes can also be added to books before returning them.



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PERIODICAL BINDING



REGISTERS

Records, registers and minutes can be neatly and securely organised by having loose items bound into one tidy volume. Our bindings are covered by a 10-year guarantee and provide a sturdy, hard-wearing case.

As well as providing protection from the general wear and tear of handling, the benefits of binding are:

- Easier location of single documents
- Presentable and attractive storage
- Reduced loss of loose papers, reports and documents
- Extended life of records, preserving them for future reference needs



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LEATHER AND SPECIAL EDITIONS



SPECIAL BINDINGS

Our highly experienced staff is able to produce leather and part leather bindings that range from a small edition to substantial runs of a thousand or more copies. We are one of only a very few companies in Europe with such capacity for hand-bound, and special craft bindings.

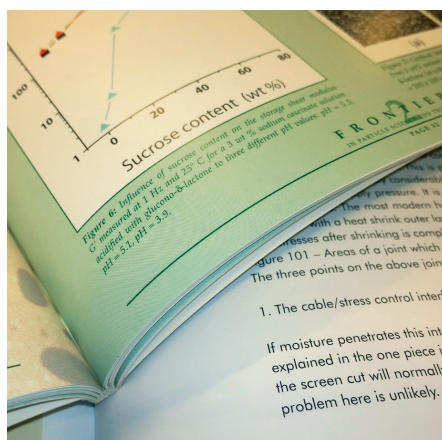
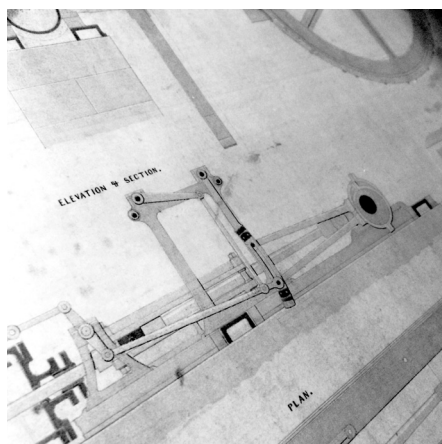
We have a long-standing tradition of creating fine edition bindings for particularly special, treasured or valuable publications in both traditional and contemporary styles.

Our customers include some of the leading heritage, library and specialist publishing organisations and the Company enjoys a reputation second-to-none.



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HERITAGE SCANNING AND DIGITISATION



The risks associated with venting structures

- Venting may increase the fire's burning rate;
- Firefighters or occupants may be caught by rapid fire progress;
- Fire development may overpower the available flow at the nozzle;
- May increase smoke production inside the structure;
- May allow wind to enter and 'blow-torch' the fire.

The risks associated with NOT venting structures

- Heavy smoke-logging;
- High heat build-up, particularly at the floor;
- Under-ventilated fire;
- Poor visibility;
- Potential for rapid fire progress;
- Potential for rapid fire progress with low O₂ levels where occupants may be;
- CO levels rising with 'unplanned' ventilation whilst firefighters are working;
- Potential for 'unplanned' ventilation whilst firefighters are working.

Venting structures – A safe system of work

A safe system of work for ventilating structures would follow responsibility for who can vent what, how and when, calling communication (timing), coordination (timing) and:

- There must be a primary purpose (objective) in venting;
- There must be a directive for any vent opening be made;
- It must be clear who is responsible for making opening;
- Wind direction and force must be a primary consideration;
- Where is the fire located and what conditions are present;
- Where are the occupants (if any) most likely located?
- Where is the primary attack line located?
- Where are other known locations of firefighters?

RDW PROVIDES AN efficient and high-quality heritage scanning and digitisation service to libraries, museums and archives.

We offer state-of-the-art scanning, digitisation and presentation services, using highly sophisticated equipment and software to help safeguard and disseminate literary and graphic materials including papers, maps, plans and bound books.

HANDLING AND SECURITY

Our conservation studio is one of the largest privately owned operations of its kind in Europe. The Company is familiar with storing, caring for and securing important, rare documents and we have on-site, lockable and fireproof storage.

Books can be expertly handled and scanned intact or where advisable, disbound and rebound to exacting specifications by our highly skilled staff.



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