



## New history of Freemasonry in Somerset

With [Freemasonry](#) increasingly emerging from under its cloak of secrecy, there has never been a better time to learn about the craft in this area and the newly published *Freemasonry in the Province of Somerset* is a good starting point.

The book provides an absorbing insight into the activities of the organisation and explains the contribution it has made to Somerset's social history.

The book also delves into the topic of Somerset's 88 current lodges and Masonic artefacts, many of which are steeped in great historical importance.

The production of this book was triggered as a result of the celebration of the 275th Anniversary of the Royal Cumberland Lodge in [Bath](#), and is the third book recording the history of Freemasonry in Somerset.



However, this book contains plenty of pictorial elements, which gives a deeper and more detailed account of the history compared to the two previous books.

Bath is at the forefront of Somerset's history of Freemasonry, with the earliest record of it being here in 1725. Bath's present Masonic Temple is housed in a beautiful listed building, formerly the original Theatre Royal at Old Orchard Street in Bath's historic centre.

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