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Dear Brigitte

The Lewes History Group would like to take this opportunity to endorse your Edward Reeves Archive project and HLF grant application.

We see it as not only a valuable contribution to Lewes's historical record and cultural heritage, but also with specific value to our own Street Stories project because of the ledger information about individuals and their home addresses that the project will unlock.

The Street Stories project is now underway involving about 35 LHG members. Several of the Project teams are already acquiring photos from residents as an aid to their research. The Reeves archive, if made publically available, would offer LHG members in general (now almost 200), as well as the Street Story researchers, a enormously rich and valuable resource. In addition to our members the LHG also has in excess of 200 'friends' on our contact list who we know from our public meetings will greatly appreciate the availability of the Reeves Archive.

The value of your project was further emphasised by your recent talk (March 9th) to the LHG group as our featured talk for the month. You attracted 180 attendees. To date this is the largest audience the LHG has ever had for a monthly talk. There were also many expressions of interest in helping the project as volunteers.

Yours sincerely

Ian McClelland
Chair, Lewes History Group