

Records of the Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes, 1919-1996.
(48 vols, 14 bdl)

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[*Note:* The UK branch of the Women's Institute was founded in 1915 and the Berkshire Federation four years later. The WI's aims were to develop the rural economy and to encourage women to help the war effort through food production. It now engages in a wide range of cultural, social and practical activities. Until 1932 meetings were held at several Reading venues including the Girls' Friendly Society, Chain Street, and the Ladies Club, Cross Street. The Federation headquarters moved in 1932 to Watlington House, Reading, and to its present location at Mortimer in 1989. At its membership peak the Berkshire Federation included over 150 branches. The WI is still the largest women's organisation in the country.]

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1	<u>Minutes of Council Meetings</u>		
1/1	Minutes of Council meetings.	1 vol	1920-1951
1/2	Minutes of Council meetings.	1 vol	1952-1975
1/3	Minutes of Council meetings.	1 vol	1975-1996
2	<u>Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees</u>		
2/1	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1919-1925
2/2	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1925-1929
2/3	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1929-1932
2/4	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1932-1935
2/5	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1936-1938
2/6	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1938-1941
2/7	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1941-1943
2/8	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1943-1945
2/9	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1945-1947
2/10	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1948-1949
2/11	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1949-1950
2/12	Minutes of Executive Committee and Sub-committees.	1 vol	1950-1953
2/13	Minutes of Executive Committee.	1 vol	1953-1960
2/14	Minutes of Executive Committee.	1 vol	1960-1968
2/15	Minutes of Executive Committee.	1 vol	1969-1977
2/16	Minutes of Executive Committee.	1 bdl	1977-1980
2/17	Minutes of Executive Committee.	1 bdl	1981-1984
2/18	Minutes of Executive Committee.	1 bdl	1985-1987
3	<u>Minutes of Office and Finance Sub-committee</u>		
	[For earlier minutes <i>see</i> D/EX 2007/2/1-12.]		
3/1	Minutes of Office and Finance Sub-committee.	1 vol	1951-1977
3/2	Minutes of Office and Finance Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1977-1987

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Minutes of Office and Finance Sub-committee (cont.)

3/3	Minutes of Office and Finance Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1987-1991
4	<u>Minutes of other Sub-committees</u>		
	[Earlier minutes will, in some cases, be found in D/EX 2007/2/1-12.]		
4/1	Minutes of Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-committee.	1 vol	1930-1941
4/2	Minutes of Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-committee.	1 vol	1941-1945
4/3	Minutes of Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-committee.	1 vol	1945-1949
4/4	Minutes of Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-committee.	1 vol	1949-1960
4/5	Minutes of Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy (also known as Agriculture and Produce Guild) Sub-committee, 1960-1973; Home Economics Sub-committee, 1973-1987. [For later minutes of Agriculture and Rural Domestic Economy Sub-committee <i>see</i> Environment and Agriculture Sub-committee, D/EX 2007/4/6.]	1 vol	1960-1987
4/6	Minutes of Environment and Agriculture Sub-committee, 1973-1975; (superseded by) Education, Environment and Public Affairs Sub-committee, 1975-1992.	1 vol	1973-1992
4/7	Minutes of Art Sub-committee.	1 vol	1964-1974
4/8	Minutes of Art Sub-committee.	1 vol	1974-1995
4/9	Minutes of Handicrafts Sub-committee.	1 vol	1937-1947
4/10	Minutes of Handicrafts Sub-committee.	1 vol	1947-1954
4/11	Minutes of Handicrafts Sub-committee.	1 vol	1955-1984
4/12	Minutes of Crafts Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1984
4/13	Minutes of Crafts Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1985-1995
4/14	Minutes of Music and Drama Sub-committee.	1 vol	1924-1929
4/15	Minutes of Music and Drama Sub-committee.	1 vol	1937-1947

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4/16	Minutes of Music Sub-committee, 1947-1949; Drama Sub-committee, 1947-1949; Joint Committee for Music and Drama, 1948; and Music and Dancing Sub-Committee, 1948-1949.	1 vol	1947-1949
4/17	Minutes of Drama Sub-committee, 1949-1950, and Music and Dancing Sub-committee, 1949-1961.	1 vol	1949-1961
4/18	Minutes of Drama Sub-committee, 1950-1964, Combined Arts Sub-committee, 1964-1974, and Music Sub-committee, 1974-1984.	1 vol	1950-1984
4/19	Minutes of Music and Dancing Sub-committee.	1 vol	1961-1964
4/20	Minutes of Drama (also known as Drama and Dancing) Sub-committee, 1974-1987; Combined Arts Sub-committee, 1987-1991; Music and Drama Sub-committee, 1991-1992.	1 vol	1974-1992
4/21	Minutes of Music Sub-committee.	1 vol	1984-1985
4/22	Minutes of Health and General Education (from 1948 Education and Public Questions) Sub-committee. [For earlier minutes <i>see</i> D/EX 2007/4/25.]	1 vol	1946-1951
4/23	Minutes of Education and Public Questions (also known as Education and Public Affairs) Sub-committee. [For later minutes <i>see</i> D/EX 2007/4/6.]	1 vol	1951-1975
4/24	Minutes of Exhibition Sub-committee, 1925-1926, and Novices' Handicraft Exhibition Sub-committee, 1939.	1 vol	1925-1939
4/25	Minutes of Produce Exhibition Sub-committee, 1928; Royal Counties Show Sub-committee, 1937; Health and General Education Sub-committee, 1937-1946.	1 vol	1928-1946
4/26	Minutes of Home Economics Sub-committee. [For earlier minutes <i>see</i> D/EX 2007/4/5.]	1 bdl	1987-1995
4/27	Minutes of International Sub-committee.	1 vol	1957-1988
4/28	Minutes of International Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1988-1996
4/29	Minutes of Organisation Sub-committee.	1 vol	1951-1961
4/30	Minutes of Organisation Sub-committee.	1 vol	1961-1976
4/31	Minutes of Organisation Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1977-1988

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Minutes of other Sub-committee (cont.)

4/32	Minutes of Organisation Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1988-1991
4/33	Minutes of Produce Guild Sub-committee.	1 vol	1952-1966
4/34	Minutes of Produce Guild Sub-committee.	1 vol	1967-1973
4/35	Minutes of Sport and Leisure Sub-committee.	1 bdl	1986-1996
4/36	Minutes of Watlington House Garden Committee, 1951, and Whist Drive Committee, 1951-1976. (Includes, at front, notes on history of Watlington House.)	1 vol	1951-1976
4/37	Minutes of Watlington House Management Committee.	1 bdl	1982-1989
5	<u>Miscellaneous papers</u>		
5/1/1-16	Miscellaneous papers. (Includes exhibition programmes, 1931, 1933, 1938-1940, 1946, 1958, 1959; programme for Combined Arts Festival, 1946; Standing Orders of Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes, 1952, 1957; list of sub-committees, 1956 and n.d.; nomination leaflet for 1956-1957 Executive Committee; drawing of interior [of Watlington House, Reading?], n.d., C20.)	1 bdl	1931-1959