

Ariane Langreder, a specialist from Canterbury Cathedral came to view our exhibition room. She has made the following recommendations to help with the preservation of our documents:

STAGE 1

We currently have 2 prosorb cassettes in our dehumidifier units under our main cabinets. She has suggested we put 4 each side to decrease the humidity in the room.

The cost for 4 extra cassettes would be £230.40

We do not have a dehumidifier unit under the maps and these have shown changes because of the humidity levels, so she has suggested we place dehumidifier beads into the front of the unit. The cost for 1kg of beads would be £21.54

To further decrease the humidity in the room during the summer months, she has suggested we purchase a portable dehumidifier unit to plug in.

The cost for a 50l unit would be £297.00

This will incur further costs to install a socket into the wall for the dehumidifier unit to be plugged in to. Quote received from J&S Electrical Service £232.80

A hygrometer to go in the Oyster Fishery Map Case £20.40

TOTAL COST: £781.74

STAGE 2

We would purchase 8 new prosorb cartridges every year at a cost of £460.80

We would purchase new beads every year at a cost of £21.54

TOTAL Annual Cost £482.34 (subject to annual price changes)

FURTHER WORK

We have also been advised by Sarah Stanley from the Kent Archives. She has suggested that it might be possible to flatten our Oyster Fishery Maps before re-mounting them. Sarah has offered to take them to the archives one at a time for treatment. Ariane Langreder suggested that rather than being pinned back into place it would be better to have them mounted onto card.