

FACTS & HISTORY

OF REDDITCH

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of Newspaper Documents
(1841 – 2016)

This Document.....

We have been researching the history of Redditch as reported in newspapers as events happened. We have collected together over 15,000 clips of such events and these have been organised into about 200 categories. Each of these documents reports the newspaper clips for that category in chronological sequence. At the start of each document is an index to the contents of that document.

*This document represents the index for the “**Facts & History**” document which gives an overall view of the Facts & History of Redditch through the years 1841 – 2016.*

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