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The English Catholic History Association seeks to encourage interest in the Catholic history of England and Wales. The Association also aims to provide a support system for researchers.

The Association developed from the English Catholic History Group which was formed in 1991. At our 1997 Annual General Meeting a new Constitution was agreed with a view to obtaining charitable status. This changed the title to 'English Catholic History Association'. After a slight modification to the constitution Charitable Status was granted in November 1998.

We hold meetings, at various venues, with eminent speakers. We also organise visits to places of Catholic interest. Our biennial Conferences have been held at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, Middlesex; St Gildas Christian Centre, Langport, Somerset; St Joseph's, Upholland, Lancashire; Belmont Abbey, Hereford; Ampleforth, N. Yorkshire; Torquay, Devon; Ushaw, Durham; Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury and Llandudno, North Wales.

The A.G.M. is usually held in October during a day Conference at Downside Abbey, Somerset. The venue may be changed to alternative locations.

Quarterly newsletters provide a facility for publication of short articles by members, in addition to circulating Association information.

Regional co-ordinators have been appointed, in most areas, to arrange regular meetings and activities in their localities.

We aim to assist in preventing the destruction of material relating to Catholic history and have our own small archive library.