

The Children's Society
Records and Archives Centre



Catalogue of records relating to St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex



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St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, was opened in 1938 as a replacement for St Agnes' Hostel For Girls, Croydon, London. It was closed in 1972 and the residents were moved to Harvey Goodwin House Home, Cambridge.

In 1974 the building was reopened in as a holiday home for small groups of children in the care of The Children's Society. It was sold the following year.

More information about St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, can be found on the Hidden Lives Revealed website:
<http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/PEVEN01.html>

This catalogue lists records held at The Children's Society Records and Archives Centre that relate to St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex.

There are two parts to the catalogue:

- **TCS/F/02/081** (pages 3-4) – Records that were created and used by the home itself.
 - **TCS/F/07** (page 5) – Records relating to the home that were created and used by the Homes Department as part of its “Green files” series.
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The following records held by The Children's Society Records and Archives Centre also relate to St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, but are not listed in this catalogue:

- Records relating to St Agnes' Hostel For Girls, Croydon, London, can be found in TCS/F/07/41 and TCS/F/08/122.
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A note on the name of The Children's Society:

The Children's Society has undergone a number of name changes during its lifetime. From its founding in 1881 until 1883, it was known as *The Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays*; from 1883 until 1893, it was known as *The Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays*; and from 1893 until 1946, it was known as *The Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays*. Throughout this time, from 1881 until 1946, The Children's Society was commonly called *The Waifs and Strays Society*.

In 1946, it gained the name which is still its legal title, *The Church of England Children's Society*, even though it was renamed *The Children's Society* in 1982.

In order to avoid confusion in this catalogue when referring to The Children's Society and its previous incarnations, *The Children's Society* has been used for all records that date after 1946, and *The Society* has been used for all records that date before 1946.

How to access the records listed in this catalogue

Open records

It is possible to view, in person, any of the records in this catalogue that have their access status listed as open.

These records will be made available, by appointment only, at our Records and Archives Centre in London.

Please note: Because we have a limited number of staff, it will not be possible to view records without an appointment. It is preferred that requests reflect bona fide interests or projects.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Records and Archives Centre and outlining the research you wish to undertake. You can contact us using any of the methods below:

- **Email:** archives@childrenssociety.org.uk
 - **Telephone:** +44 (0)20 7232 2966
 - **Post:** Records and Archives Centre, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London, WC1X 0JL.
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Closed records

Some of the records in this catalogue may have their access status listed as closed. These records have been closed because they contain personal information relating to living individuals. All closed records have been given a closure date to show when they will be transferred to open access.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible to view closed records before the closure date has passed. Decisions to grant access to closed records will depend on the records themselves and the nature of the research to be undertaken, and so will be made by the archivist on a case-by-case basis. The Children's Society reserves the right not to make certain records available.

Please contact the archivist at the Records and Archives Centre for further information:

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TCS/F/02/081:
Records of St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex

These are records that were created and used by St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex.

[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Minutes of the local committee, 1952-1968

TCS/F/02/081/01/01:
[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Minute book of the local committee
Apr 1952-May 1956

Contains signed minutes (including minutes of the first meeting of the committee held on 21 April 1952).

Extent: 1 volume

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2057

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

TCS/F/02/081/01/02:
[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Minute book of the local committee
Jun 1956-Dec 1958

Contains signed minutes.

At the front of the volume, contains a list of names and addresses of committee members.

Extent: 1 volume

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2059

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

TCS/F/02/081/01/03:
[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Minute book of the local committee
Jan 1959-Apr 1962

Contains signed minutes.

At the front of the volume, contains a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of committee members.

Extent: 1 volume

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2063

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

TCS/F/02/081/01/04:

[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Minute book of the local committee

May 1962-Oct 1965

Contains signed minutes.

At the front of the volume, contains a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of committee members.

Extent: 1 volume

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2066

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

TCS/F/02/081/01/05:

[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Minute book of the local committee

Nov 1965-Dec 1968

Contains signed minutes.

At the front of the volume, contains a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of committee members.

Extent: 1 volume

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2069

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Admissions registers, 1947-1972

TCS/F/02/081/02/01:

[St Agnes', Pevensey Bay] Admissions register

1947-1972

Register of children admitted to the home, 1947-1972. For each child, the register gives their name, date of birth, date of admission to the home, date of discharge from the home, and reason for discharge from the home.

At the back of the volume, contains a list of names and addresses of the parents or guardians of some of the children.

Extent: 1 volume

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2070

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

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TCS/F/07 – Head office home management files (Green files) relating to St Agnes' Home,
Pevensey Bay, Sussex

TCS/F/07:
Head office home management files: "Green files"

The "Green files" are a series of files compiled by the Homes Department relating to individual children's homes. The file listed below is the only file in the series that relates to St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex.

TCS/F/07/72:
File of correspondence and documents relating to the running of St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, as a holiday home

1974

Correspondence between The Children's Society, East Sussex Fire Brigade and the London Borough of Southwark, and notes, regarding the reopening and use of the home as a holiday home, with reports from members of staff about their stay.

Also contains:

- Blank form for parents to consent to their child staying at the holiday home.
- A list of bookings, giving the week the holiday home was booked and the member of staff making the booking, August-September 1974.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2055

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.