

**U DDB****Papers of George de Boer****1231-2006****Accession number:** 2010/10**Biographical Background:**

George de Boer (1920-2011) and his elder brother Frank (1914-1969) were born in Hull to Hessel and Ethel de Boer. He is believed to have attended St George's Road School, Hull between 1925 and 1931 (see U DDB/1/2) before obtaining a scholarship to attend Hymers College, Hull (see U DDB/1/3). While there he was a prefect, Captain of the School XV, Swimming Champion and Head of House and took part in their Officers Training Corps. He was also involved with Varsity and Public Schools North of England Camps (see U DDB/1/4). In 1939 he was awarded a John Hymers' Scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge to read geography. In September 1939 he accompanied the school when it was evacuated to Burnby Hall, Pocklington (see U DDB/2/2/6).

George de Boer's studies at Cambridge, 1939-1941 and 1946-1947, were interrupted by World War II. He originally enlisted, but later registered as a Conscientious Objector (see U DDB/1/5). During the War he worked at A & G West, Farmers and Market Gardeners, Cottingham and in Civil Defence in Hull. In 1943 he assisted urban planner Max Lock on the Hull Regional Survey which resulted in detailed proposals of how the city should be rebuilt after the wartime bombing (see U DDB/1/8). George de Boer continued to study in his spare time and in 1944 published his first paper 'A system of glacier lakes in the Yorkshire Wolds' in the Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society (see U DDB/3/7/7).

Following the end of the war George de Boer was awarded a First Class Degree and Certificate in Education from Cambridge University. He returned to Hull as Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Geography at Hull University College (which became Hull University in 1954). He continued to teach physical geography for the next 38 years, having been made Lecturer in 1949, Senior Lecturer in 1964 and Reader in 1967, retiring in 1982, but continuing to teach part-time until 1985. He was also involved with Adult Education, Hull College of Higher Education and numerous associations and societies. This included becoming a member of the Yorkshire Geological Society in 1944, Hull Geological Society in 1945 and the Hull branch of the Geographical Association, holding various roles within them including President, Secretary and Vice-President (see U DDB/1/6 and U DDB/1/7). He taught geomorphology, the study of the physical features of the surface of the earth and their relation to its geological structures, in lectures, practicals and field courses and undertook research expeditions to the Lake District and Norway. In 1984 the George de Boer biennial public lecture on a topic connected to physical geography was inaugurated in his honour (see U DDB/1/6/4).

In 1952 he married Margaret Nield at Norbury Parish Church, Cheshire and settled in Cottingham, Hull. She had also been a student at Cambridge and went on to teach geography in York and then in and around Hull. They had two children, Bridget and John. Margaret de Boer died in 2000 after 48 years of marriage. George de Boer was a lifelong Methodist, being a local preacher for over 50 years. He was known as an outstanding bass singer, being in demand as a soloist. He was a member of the Hull University Choir and the Cottingham Methodist Church Choir. In 2009 he moved to a Methodist Home for the Aged in Hitchin, Hertfordshire where he died a week short of his 91st birthday in 2011.

George de Boer published numerous articles, papers, books and chapters, both alone and collaboratively with a variety of authors, including one of his ex-students Ada Phillips, later Ada Pringle. The collection contains examples of his publications and the research material used to inform his work for both an academic and wider audience (see U DDB/2 and U DDB/3). It provides extensive material that he collected both as research for his many publications based on Spurn

and its geology and also in his role as Chairman of the Spurn Management Committee. His research had begun in 1959 following a grant from Nature Conservancy for coastal investigations along the Holderness coast and at Spurn Head, later extended north to Filey Brigg (see U DDB/1/7/5). A further grant was awarded to the research group in 1962. George de Boer focussed on the historical evolution of Spurn Head, analysing historical data to provide a model of the evolution sequence of Spurn spits. His paper 'Spurn Head: its history and evolution' was published in 1964 and others related to Spurn lighthouses and early maps followed. His academic interests lead to his involvement with the Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust.

#### Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and Spurn

YNT was set up in 1946 following the purchase of Askham Bog, York. By the end of the 1950s the number of Trusts across the country had expanded and the national association, The Wildlife Trust, undertook the role to represent them. YNT is now known as the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

The Spurn Point National Nature Reserve was purchased in 1959 for £1500 by the Trust. It's situated on the east coast of Yorkshire, the southern point of the Holderness coast, and the 3.5 mile long sand and shingle spit forms a barrier where the North Sea and the River Humber meet. Spurn consists of 280 acres of land above and 477 acres below the high water mark and has been recognised as a site of Special Scientific Interest since 1957. It provides a mixture of coastal, marine and grassland habitats that are rich in bird, aquatic and coastal wildlife providing a resting place for migrating birds and for ornithological, botanical, entomological and physiographical study.

The Reserve also includes the Spurn Bird Observatory, two lighthouses, a manned Royal National Lifeboat Institution station, the remains of a railway track and First World War gun emplacements. All of which are represented in this collection.

#### **Custodial history:**

Deposited by George de Boer's daughter, Bridget Howlett, in May 2010

#### **Description:**

The collection includes minutes of meetings, newsletters, research notes by various authors, correspondence, draft and printed publications with comprehensive references, photographs, slides, maps, plans and cross sections. Many of the items have handwritten annotations and additions. A wide array of historical material has been used and items include projections and conjecture resulting from George de Boer's research.

#### **Arrangement:**

U DDB/1 Personal and professional life

U DDB/2 General research material

U DDB/3 Publications with research material

U DDB/4 Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and Spurn Management Committee

**Extent:** 5.5 linear metres

#### **Related material:**

Leases and Tenancy Agreements on Properties Let to the Corporation [C BRT]

Plans formerly the property of Associated British Ports and its predecessors [C DBAW]

Thomas Hamling & Co. Ltd. [C DBTH]

Records of the Humber Ports of the British Transport Docks Board, later Associated British Ports [C DPD]

Records relating to The Humber Conservancy Council [C DIMA]

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Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce [C DSCC]  
The Newington School Board (for records related to St George's School) [C SBN]  
Humber Conservancy Committee [C TCHC]  
Records of the Hull Harbourmaster [C TGH]  
Records of the City Planning Office [C TPP]  
Registration of personnel for Civil Defence Service [C TYR]  
Warden Service Records [C TYW]  
Hymers College, Hull [C WH]  
Hull Public Meetings, Town Committees [C WM]  
Eva Crackles [both currently (2013) uncatalogued] [L DIEC and U DEC]  
Research on the De Boer family [L 780.92]  
Papers relating to the case of Attorney General v Constable [U DCC]  
Papers of John Cordeaux [U DCR]  
Archives of Ellerman's Wilson Line (1825-1972) [U DEW]  
Documents relating to the seignory of Holderness presented by H. Stuart Moore [U DHO]  
Humber Pilots [U DPI]  
Records of Hull Trinity House [U DTR]  
Inclosure plan of Owthorne [U DX38]  
Herbarium compiled by William Whytehead [U DX68]  
Photocopies of 13th century reeves' accounts and other documents relating to East Yorkshire [U DX129]  
Papers of Professor Ronald Good [U DX214]  
Records of Humber Conservancy Board and the Ministry of War Transport [U DX226]  
Ravenser Odd: lost port of the Humber [U DX233]

Related material held at other repositories:

Max Lock, University of Westminster Archive

Godfrey Bingley, Leeds University

Corporation of Trinity House, London

Eva Crackles' Herbarium is held at the Hull and East Riding Museum, Hull

London Metropolitan Archives

### **Access conditions:**

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**Language:** English

U DDB/1	<b>Personal and professional</b> <b>Material covers George de Boer's background, childhood and working life. Related photographs can be found in U DDB/2/2.</b> <b>2 bundles, 20 files and 28 volumes</b>	<b>1887-2005</b>
U DDB/1/1	<b>Family History</b> <b>Material consists of items of a general nature that relate to George de Boer and his family. It includes certificates, letters, ration books and pamphlets. Photographs and postcards with family links can be found in U DDB/2/2/6.</b> <b>2 files</b>	<b>1887-1962</b>
U DDB/1/1/1	File. Victor George Grigson Page and Eveline de Boer Eveline de Boer was George de Boer's father's sister. She trained as a pupil teacher in Hull and taught for many years. Material comprises birth certificates for Victor George Grigson Page (1887) and Eveline de Boer (1893); letters of reference for Victor George Grigson Page from various sources (Sep 1912, Nov 1914, Nov 1922, Feb 1923, Oct 1927); letter to Mr Page from A. G. Bayne related to travels to Antwerp and finances (Oct 1914); two ration books: one stamped 'Brighton' and 'July 18' handwritten, other '27.6.18' handwritten, both have internal stamps from James Wilson & Sons, 108 Porter Street, Hull and one with 'A De Boer, 63 Walker St, Hull'; two baptism certificates for Eveline De Boer Free Methodist Chapel, Campbell Street, Hull (Nov 1893); marriage certificates between Victor George Grigson Page and Eveline de Boer (Dec 1921) and Victor George Grigson Page and Jane Ellen Wright (Feb 1915). 1 file	1887-1927

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U DDB/1/1/2	<p>File. George de Boer</p> <p>Material comprises Anlaby Road Wesleyan Church Monthly Magazine which shows George de Boer's baptism (Oct 1920); YHA membership card with photograph (1958); notes; pamphlets: 'Who's Who in The Pageant' with George de Boer playing 'Leader' and reverse signed by various members of the cast (1944), 'Co-operative Century', script (1944), two copies 'Bible History Pageant', one with script, George de Boer in Episode 12 (1938), Souvenir programme for stonelaying ceremony of New Methodist Church, Derringham Bank (1957), Souvenir Booklet for opening of Derringham Bank Methodist Church (1958); undated letter from George de Boer to father related to Town Planning Exhibition where George de Boer had accompanied Professor Abercrombie and others on a tour of the district. Further material related to town planning can be found at U DDB/1/7/1.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1920-1962
U DDB/1/2	<p><b>St George's Road School, Hull</b></p> <p><b>George de Boer is believed to have been a pupil between 1925 and 1931. The material consists of examples of his work and school reports.</b></p> <p><b>1 file</b></p>	<b>1927-1931</b>
U DDB/1/2/1	<p>File. George de Boer's attendance at St George's Road School</p> <p>Includes swimming certificate (1930); three geography and one poetry school exercise books; pamphlet 'The Story of Hull' with contribution from George de Boer (1929); two issues of 'The Georgian', school magazine with contributions by George de Boer (Nov 1928, Jun 1929); school reports for George de Boer (1927-1931); undated photograph of boys possibly at swimming baths (c.1930); geography test (1931).</p> <p>1 file</p>	1927-1931

<b>U DDB/1/3</b>	<b>Hymers College, Hull</b> <b>Material created when George de Boer was a pupil between 1931 and 1939. It consists of certificates, letters, programmes, newspaper cuttings, reports, school magazines and examples of George de Boer's work.</b>  <b>Photographs and postcards connected to George de Boer's attendance and associated activities, including Hymers College Officer Training Corp, can be found at U DDB/2/2/6 and U DDB/2/2/7. Further associated items can also be found in U DDB/1/5/1. 2 files and 28 volumes</b>	<b>1931-1940</b>
U DDB/1/3/1	File. George de Boer's attendance at Hymer's College including Officers Training Corps Contains certificate of Matriculation from University of London (1936); information and letter relating to Junior Entrance Scholarships (1931); Swimming certificate (1934); Officers Training Corps certificate (1936); letter to George de Boer from Hymers College Headmaster (c.1938); newspaper cuttings showing various school activities; Rugby Union Football Club Fixture List, annotated with George de Boer as captain; programmes of various concerts and dinners, some annotated, where George de Boer had a role, includes newspaper cutting, short musical score and postcard congratulating George de Boer on his success (1931-1939); booklet for memorial service for Eric Armitage Holmes with letter from him to George de Boer shortly before his death (1940); undated typed article entitled 'Shore Lines', no author. 1 file	1931-1940
U DDB/1/3/2	File. School Reports and copy of General School Examination Includes classwork and gymnasium reports, examination paper (1935) newspaper cutting about headmaster, W. E. Cavill, and allocation of Hymers Governors' Scholarships. 1 file	1931-1939

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U DDB/1/3/3	Volumes. Form Lists Lists each pupil and details their results, prefects and scholarships. 15 volumes	Dec 1931- Jul 1939
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U DDB/1/3/4	Volumes. Notebooks Includes Science, General Essays, English and loose sheets of Geography classwork. 6 volumes	1932-1938
U DDB/1/3/5	Volumes. The Hymerian Issues of school magazine with contributions and information related to George de Boer. 7 volumes	1935-1939

U DDB/1/4	<b>Varsity and Public Schools North of England Camps</b> <b>The camps aimed to provide a holiday for boys aged 12 to 16 from Public and Private Schools with a focus on developing a Christian character. A range of activities were undertaken from organised games to talks and excursions. George de Boer appears to have been an Officer and assisted in the organisation of some of the camps. The material consists of correspondence, booklets and notebooks. It includes references to the beginning of the Second World War and the impact it had on the 1940 camp. Photographs of camps can be found at U DDB/2/2/6.</b> <b>1 file</b>	1931-1952
U DDB/1/4/1	File. Varsity and Public Schools North of England Camps George de Boer appears to have been an Officer and assisted in the organisation of some of the camps. The material relates to various camps and mainly consists of correspondence between organisers and equipment and transport suppliers. Topics include lost property, the possibility of medical students being rushed through their courses and their exams made easier in the event of war (Sep 1938), opinion that attendance may be down due to conscription (Jun 1939) and postcard notifying cancellation of camp (1940).  Also contains booklets about the camp (1935, 1937, 1939, 1940), map and notes of geology of Yorkshire Wolds and Holderness areas, lists of occupants of each tent (1937, 1938), equipment required (1938), correspondence sent and excursions to be undertaken, train timetables (Aug 1938, Aug 1939), letter to Mrs De Boer from M. Bedford with family news (Aug 1952) and two notebooks with notes related to organisation of camps (1931, 1938-1940). <b>1 file</b>	1931-1952



U DDB/1/5

**File. Wartime service**

1938-1947

**George de Boer was at Cambridge University when the Second World War started. He originally applied for a commission, but later withdrew his application and registered as a Conscientious Objector. He worked in agriculture and the Civil Defence.**

**George de Boer also worked with urban planner Max Lock on the Hull Regional Survey in 1943 (see U DDB/1/8) and published his first paper 'A system of glacier lakes in the Yorkshire Wolds' in the Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society in 1944 (see U DDB/3/7/7).**

**1 file**

U DDB/1/5/1

File. Wartime service

1938-1947

Material related to registration and granting of status as Conscientious Objector (1939-1941) with supporting letter from George de Boer's parents (1943). Also includes Civil Defence Service material (1944-1945).

Other items comprise Intelligence test (1942); letter notifying passing of First Aid certificate with certificate (1941); unnamed and undated photograph of young girl, possibly Eveline de Boer; newspaper cutting detailing Hull's blitz; insurance certificates (1938, 1942, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1947); two letters providing character witness possibly for teaching job (1938); newspaper cuttings related to George de Boer exam and scholarship results (see also U DDB/1/3); printed information from St John's College, Cambridge related to attendance (1938); letter from Hymers College, Hull accepting repayment of University expenses (1940) (see also U DDB/1/3); letter notifying passing of Theoretical exam in University Certificate in Education (1946); letters releasing George de Boer from work at nursery in Cottingham (1946); letter certifying worked at A & G West, Farmers and Market Gardeners, Cottingham (1947); photocopy of letter from F. de Boer [brother] expressing sympathy and support for George de Boer's position and detailing his own war experiences (1940).

1 file

U DDB/1/6	<b>Teaching career</b> <b>Includes material related to George de Boer's teaching at University of Hull (also known as University College of Hull), University of Hull Department of Adult Education and Hull College of Higher Education that he contributed to in various capacities. It includes letters, notes, maps and articles. Associated photographs can be found at U DDB/2/8.</b> <b>5 files</b>	<b>1936-2005</b>
U DDB/1/6/1	File. Letters and cards related to teaching career Includes letters offering George de Boer different teaching posts (1967, 1979-1980, 1984) with details of part-time teaching at Hull College of Higher Education (1979-1980) and University of Hull Staff card. Also 'Thank you' card and picture wishing a long and happy retirement; copy of character references from Glyn E. Daniel of St John's College, Cambridge and W. C. Cavill of Hymers College, Hull (1947); handwritten note which appears to be a draft resume; letter of thanks from University of Hull Library for donation of collection of books (1987); letter from George de Boer applying for position as Chair of Environmental Sciences at University of Lancaster with CV (Jun 1967). 1 file	1947-1987

U DDB/1/6/2

1936-2005

File. Items written by and for the University of Hull  
Contains various letters including to Margaret [de Boer]  
from Dick Tanner detailing his life and career, possibly an  
ex-student of George de Boer (1994) and  
correspondence and handwritten notes related to the  
Ministry of Technology Hydraulics Research Station's  
request to University of Hull for students to help with their  
work making tidal observations on the Humber Estuary  
with names of students who volunteered however due to  
changes students were not used (1966).

Also includes 'The University of Hull Bulletin' with article  
'The Problems of Coastal Erosion' (Mar 1984);  
handwritten account of life of Alan Harris possibly for  
memorial service (1995); material related to annual  
meeting of Association for Science Education held at  
University of Hull (1967); extracts from Report of Senate  
concerning Geography Department (1960-1963); copy of  
article on Perth, Australia, by D. S. Houghton, possibly  
ex-student of George de Boer (May 1990); notes on  
Department of Geography First Year Introductory  
Excursion with maps; agenda for Department of  
Geography staff and student committee meeting includes  
items on textbooks, the new media in the library and  
student dissatisfaction (Nov 1973); details of coastal  
geomorphology of Holderness and Spurn Head survey  
with list of personnel, aims, methods and costs (c.1960),  
instructions on information to be collected and how,  
handwritten note (c.1959); details of excursions to Vale of  
Pickering and Tabular Hills (Oct 1956) and Yorkshire  
Wolds and North York Moors; list of books in the Library  
on local history and related subjects (Jul 1936); 'Facts  
about the Map Collection'.

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- U DDB/1/6/3 File. University of Hull Department of Adult Education and Hull College of Higher Education 1967-1994  
Material comprises correspondence, maps, geological information and itinerary related to Municipal Motor Club Study Tour with handwritten notes and draft (1967-1968); 'The Landscape of East Yorkshire' reading list; course programme for 'Understanding Landscape' (1979-1980); list of slides for Adult Education lecture 'Our changing coastline'; letter from Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies enquiring if George de Boer would be interested to contribute to possible course on the Humber Estuary at Grimsby (1983); list of slides for lecture on Background to Humber (1982); handwritten notes on lecture on History and General Features of the Estuary; letter related to equipment provided and numbers attending course (Oct 1982); letters and programme related to Coastal Waters course (1973); letter inviting George de Boer to give a course of lectures (1977) and overview of course; 'Understanding Landscapes' with names, possibly of students; information related to Humber Observatory Open Day organised by University of Hull (Mar 1994).  
1 file
- U DDB/1/6/4 File. A3 posters advertising University of Hull De Boer public lectures 1986-2005  
Posters for a number of George de Boer Lectures given by a number of speakers on geological and climatic topics.  
1 file (7 items)
- U DDB/1/6/5 File. Dossier on the dismissal of a probationary lecturer in the Pure Mathematics Department of Hull University Document was circulated to all staff. Sep 1974  
1 file

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- U DDB/1/7 Societies, Conferences, Associations and consultative roles 1909-c.2000**  
**Material consists of items related to various organisations and events that George de Boer attended and contributed to. It includes address books, programmes of meetings and events, journals, correspondence, articles and papers and reports.**  
**2 bundles and 8 files**
- U DDB/1/7/1 File. Hull Regional Survey 1909-1988  
Typed draft copy of Hull Regional Survey Preliminary Report with annotations. Includes details of the existing physical condition of the Humberside area and their social implications, particularly in regard to industry, housing and communications. Also contains loose letter from Yorkshire Conservative Newspaper Company Ltd to Max Lock of the Hull Regional Survey in relation to providing illustrations for the survey (1943); leaflet from exhibition 'Max Lock 1909-1988'; material related to Hull Urbanisation Survey (Oct 1943); 'Civic Diagnosis, Hull Regional Survey' directed by Max Lock (last page missing) with credit given to George de Boer on page 16 (1943); 'Civic Diagnosis' by W. S. Morrison showing George de Boer as part of the team undertaking the work (1943); undated printed Christmas card from Max Lock to unknown recipient with picture of Bower's plan of Hull, 1791; handwritten draft of 'Hull Regional Survey. Geographical Section. The Geographical Bases underlying the development of Kingston-upon-Hull and the surrounding district' Chapters I-III also 'The Transformation of the Yorkshire Wolds 1750-1850'; 'Labour Plans a Well Balanced City' detailing town planning, industry, schooling and housing in Hull with item about prospective Humber crossing (c.1946). See also U DDB/1/1/2 for related letter.  
1 file
- U DDB/1/7/2 Bundles. Yorkshire Geological Society (YGS) and Hull Geological Society (HGS) 1913-c.2000  
Includes circular from YGS detailing General Meeting held at University of Hull (Jan 1974); four address books that appear to have belonged to J. W. Stather and list members of HGS. They include names, addresses and expenses. Dates listed appear to show when member joined Society and the 1913 volume includes two visiting cards (1913, 1926, 1933, 1936); programme of meetings of HGS (1945); journal of HGS 'Humberside Geologist' Issues 2-10, 12 and 13 (1977-c.2000).  
2 bundles

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- U DDB/1/7/3 File. Hull University Geographical Society (HUGS), formerly known as Hull University Geographical Association (HUGA) 1951-c.1979  
Includes programme for HUGA Spring Conference with lecture by George de Boer (1951); details of various excursions by Hull branch (1953, 1954, 1974-1977) and Crewe and Nantwich branch (1959); correspondence related to visit to Cow Green Reservoir, County Durham (1968) with copy of 'Cow Green Reservoir Nature Trail' leaflet; two magazines of HUGS, 'Compass' (Jun 1956-Jun 1957); re-launched Journal of HUGS (c.1979); letter detailing annual excursion (Jul 1978).  
1 file
- U DDB/1/7/4 File. East Yorkshire Advisory Committee and Various Local Authorities 1952-1996  
Contains correspondence to and from various sources including Bridlington Rural District Council (BRDC), George de Boer, East Riding of Yorkshire County Archivist, Holderness Rural District Council (HRDC), Ministry of Housing & Local Government, Ministry of Technology Hydraulics Research Station, Urban District Council of Filey, Catherine R. R. Harris, John Dossor, Crown Estate Commissioners, Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Company Ltd., Hydrographic Department (Admiralty), East Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee for Coast Protection Works, Cleethorpes Borough Engineer's Office and Beverley Chief Constable's Office.  
  
Topics include Report to Public Health Committee (1970), discovery of a bed of clinker, with map (1970), sandbank outside Bridlington Harbour (1966-1967), dredging off the Lincolnshire Coast (1967), off Spurn Head (1966) and at Withernsea (1965), study on Filey and Bridlington Bays (1966), Float Observation Survey (1965), erosion of Holderness Coast (1964), request for possible hydrographic survey carried out in Bridlington Bay (1964), East Coast Flood Warning System (1961-1962) and supporting research material including maps, tables and paper extracts.  
  
Also Report from BRDC on proposed construction of improvised permeable sea groyne north of Barmston Drain (1970); newspaper cuttings (1966-1969); Report to Joint Finance and General Purposes Committee and Public Health Committee (BRDC) (Jan 1969); tables detailing coast erosion compiled by HRDC (1967); map of Bridlington showing low water spring tide (1966); pamphlet 'Eastern Yorkshire: The Geographical Background to Early Settlement' by George de Boer (1965); article from The Naturalist by George de Boer 'Spurn Point and its Predecessors' (1963); handwritten

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notes, possibly by Catherine R. R. Harris, relating to various district councils and recording activities carried out and to be done (1959).

Includes file 'Holderness Coast Erosion Local Authorities Figure' containing Bridlington Rural District Council (BRDC) Surveyor's report examining results of hydrometric survey (May 1970), invitation from East Yorkshire Joint Advisory Committee for Coast Protection Works to George de Boer to address Committee (Nov 1970), letter to George de Boer critiquing BRDC report, correspondence, data and plan related to coastal erosion at Easington and feasibility study for a proposed gas pipeline (1966, 1980), record of coast erosion measurements (1952-1970), study of coast erosion Bridlington Rural District (Apr 1969), letter from J. L. Smith to Councillor Faulkner concerning coast erosion and flooding (Apr 1996) and map of Bridlington (c.1978).  
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File. Conferences and Symposiums

1953-1994

Comprises information related to a number of events, including National Dock Labour Board Week-End Conference for Dock Workers with George de Boer lecturing (May 1953); draft proposal and programme for Conference on Conservation on Humberside, details of speakers not given (Apr 1967); programme for Coast Erosion Conference (Oct 1973); notes on excursion to Holderness and Humber Coast by Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference which appear to have been written by George de Boer (1978); details of excursion through southern part of the Yorkshire Wolds as part of Landscape Research Group Symposium, The Aesthetics of Landscape (n.d.).

Also includes volume of proceedings Humber Estuary Symposium detailing the uses, history, features and studies of the Humber Estuary (Dec 1973) with letter from Department of Zoology, University of Hull, asking for permission to print copy of George de Boer's contribution to Symposium (1973), information detailing short history and terms of reference of Humber Advisory Group, booking form, programme of events, contributors and list of delegates; volume of papers published for North Humberside Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference held at Hull University with contribution by George de Boer and article on History of Geography Department at Hull University (Jan 1978). Also contains a loose copy of an article from Paragon Review regarding maps prepared for the Land Utilisation Survey of Britain in 1931 (Oct 1994).

1 file

U DDB/1/7/6

File. British Association 1967 Leeds

1959-1968

Includes details of excursions to North East Yorkshire Moors and The Western Wolds (Sep 1959); letter asking George de Boer to review a draft paper (May 1967); two copies of typed paper, one edited, handwritten draft and summary of George de Boer's paper 'Land use problems in the North York Moors National Park' given at annual meeting in Leeds also copy of S. L. Vincent's paper (1967); correspondence related to possible publication of National Parks Symposium (1968); handwritten research notes; correspondence related to organisation of excursion as part of meeting (1966-1967).

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- U DDB/1/7/7 File. Nature Conservancy Council (NCC), formerly Humber Conservancy Board (HCB) and Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) 1959-1984  
Contains draft, handwritten, typed and annotated reports recording research undertaken on Holderness coast and Spurn with associated correspondence. They appear to have been funded by grants from NCC and NERC and written by George de Boer and possibly Catherine R. R. Harris; list of books added to University of Hull Library (Apr 1968); record of George de Boer's professional life and publications (c.1967); extract from report of the Nature Conservancy on Spurn Head (Sep 1959); correspondence between George de Boer and HCB concerning Spurn Point and lighthouse for George de Boer's book (1964-1965); correspondence related to research project to be carried out by Department of Geography at University of Hull (1959).  
1 file
- U DDB/1/7/8 File. Associations and Societies 1961-1988  
Comprises information related to a number of organisations including 'Hull Scientific and Field Naturalists' Club Bulletin': Two pamphlets with articles and edited by Frank de Boer, articles by Eva Crackles and drawings by Edna de Boer (Oct 1961-Apr 1962); East Yorkshire Local History Society: letter inviting George de Boer to give a lecture (1967) and programme for Spring Meeting (1969); East Riding Rural and Environmental Studies Association (Affiliated to the National Rural Studies Association): Journal number 3 containing details of committee with reports, recipes and articles, including 'The District Around Hull' by George de Boer; The Association for Science Education: typed information notes for visit to Spurn Nature Reserve; Yorkshire Philosophical Society: letters to George de Boer related to planned trip to Spurn. Includes request for talk at Spurn, draft hand-out for its members with information taken from material by George de Boer and copy of itinerary (1987-1988).  
1 file

U DDB/1/7/9

File. University of Hull Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies (IECS)

1978-1986

Includes programme of series of public lectures held at University of Hull; material related to Bridlington Conference 'Coastal Erosion and Tidal Flooding Risk on the Holderness Coast' by Humberside County Council (1978); synopsis of papers to be read at Royal Geographical Society 'Endangered Coastlines of Geomorphological Importance' (Nov 1981); invitation to contribute to book (Nov 1982); letters from IECS related to its creation and operation (1982); programme for Humber Estuary course held at Grimsby with list, possibly of slides to be used (1983-1984); report for IECS summarising its activities (1985-1986).

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U DDB/2	<b>General Research Material</b> <b>Original file order and titles have been retained, but may not be a true reflection of their contents. The series includes a range of material that does not appear to have been collected for a specific project or paper. This includes slides, photographs, postcards, maps, published material and correspondence. Some files were artificially created from loose items found within the Collection. The date range reflects the wide array of historical material used and includes projections and conjecture resulting from George de Boer's research. 22 files, 2 albums, 3 volumes, 22 items and c523 slides</b>	<b>1540-2006</b>
U DDB/2/1	<b>Slides</b> <b>Slides showing local, national and international geological features, maps and paintings. Many of the images appear to have been used for articles, lectures and books, such as 'A History of the Spurn Lighthouses' and 'The Two Earliest Maps of Hull'. Some of the slides appear to have had selective elements enlarged and reproduced as black and white photographs. Copyright ownership is unclear. A wide array of historical material was used and does include projections and conjecture resulting from George de Boer's research. c.523 slides</b>	<b>1540-1983</b>
U DDB/2/1/1	Slides. Views Holderness coast and copies of old maps Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. The date range reflects the wide array of historical material used and includes projections and conjecture for 400 AD and 1250 AD resulting from George de Boer's research. 21 slides	1684-1964
U DDB/2/1/2	Slides. Views of Barmston, Spurn, Godwin Battery and maps Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. 31 slides	1540-1978
U DDB/2/1/3	Slides. Graphs of geological characteristics Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. 20 slides	1809-1968

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U DDB/2/1/4	Slides. Maps, Spurn including lighthouses, fields and cottages Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. 48 slides	1818-1978
U DDB/2/1/5	Slides. Views of and from Spurn and maps Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. 32 slides	1823-1983
U DDB/2/1/6	Slides. Views of Spurn and Holderness coast Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. Includes oil spill from Conoco Britannia; buildings including warden's and Lifeboat cottages (before demolition and during construction), inn, coastguard tower, lighthouses, Pilot jetty, military buildings; original records including maps, charts and paintings (1066-1864) and Flamborough old lighthouse 199 slides	1959-1983
U DDB/2/1/7	Slides. Views Holderness coast and copies of old maps Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. 28 slides	1960-1979
U DDB/2/1/8	Slides. Views of Spurn, maps and graphs Includes images of ice floes in Humber (1963). Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. 28 slides	1960-1979
U DDB/2/1/9	Slides. Geological features including East and South coasts, Lake District and other national and international locations Mainly labelled with date and location or title of original source. Outside of box labelled 'Waller Coll'. 116 slides	1964-1971

U DDB/2/2	<b>Photographs and Postcards</b> <b>Material comprises a range of material of both personal and items that appear to have been used in lectures and publications. Some of the images in this sub-series are selective enlargements of images that can be found on slides in U DDB/2/1. Copyright is unclear.</b>	c.14th cent.- 1980s
U DDB/2/2/1	File. Black and white photographic reproductions of historic maps Contains enlargement of section of Polter's Chart 1584; Spurn (1818-1851); photograph of map of Hull (c.14th cent.); River Humber (1742); coastline from Orfordness, Suffolk to Flamborough Head, East Yorkshire (1646-1647); undated map of English, Dutch and French coastlines. 1 file	c.14th cent.- 1851
U DDB/2/2/2	File. Maps of Spurn Contains black and white photographic and printed copies of historical maps of Spurn, Yorkshire and Humber area; handwritten notes and lists which appear to relate to some of the images and may have been used for a lecture or illustrations for a book; copy of letter from Edward Page related to his 1818 map (Aug 1854). 1 file	1537-1866
U DDB/2/2/3	File. Postcard and photographs showing Spurn Lighthouse and various ships Material appears to have been collected for George de Boer's book on the history of Spurn Lighthouse (U DDB/3/2). It comprises a black and white postcard of Spurn Head showing lighthouse (Dec 1903); black and white photographs showing Spurn Lighthouse in the background of larger paintings, some are selected enlargements of bigger paintings and many have annotations on the rear (see also U DDB/2/1); leaflet from Ferens Art Gallery, Hull (1964); correspondence related to reproduction of photographs, definition of geographical terms and details about a painting (1962, 1971). 1 file	1776-1971

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| U DDB/2/2/4 | <p>Photograph Albums. Yorkshire coast</p> <p>Two albums 'Yorkshire Coast Spurn-Sewerby' (1880-1927) and 'Yorkshire Coast Filey-Scalby' (1887-1922) which appear to have been compiled for British Association Committee on Geological Photographs (BACGP). They contain black and white photographs of geological features at a number of locations. Most are labelled with location and some include photographer's name and date taken. Most of the photographs appear to have been taken by Godfrey Bingley, a Leeds foundry owner and industrialist and respected photographer. Contains stamp from Yorkshire Naturalists Union. Includes BACGP forms at front of Spurn-Sewerby album with description of three photographs.</p> <p>2 albums</p> | 1880-1927 |
| U DDB/2/2/5 | <p>File. Photographs and postcards of various East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire locations</p> <p>Includes colour and black and white images of Hull, Beverley, Hornsea, Cleethorpes, Filey, Scarborough and Grimsby. Also image that appears to have been altered of search lights trained on an airship. Some annotated.</p> <p>1 file</p>  | c.1900s   |

U DDB/2/2/6

File. Photographs and postcards related to George de Boer and family members  
 Comprises colour, black and white and sepia photographs, many labelled and dated and sorted into sections. Includes photograph which appears to be of George de Boer with man, possibly brother Frank, on top of a hill; Hymers College staff and students, possibly showing George de Boer (Jul 1947); Boys Brigade, Derringham Bank about 1937 or 1938; group of women posed by bus, 'City' Photographers' stamp on rear (c.1950s-1960s); two class photographs labelled on rear stating position of 'Dad', possibly Hessel de Boer (c.1890-1910); two photographs of posed groups at Corporation Bazaar (1911), one marked 'Campbell St Chapel' and other with letter which includes condolences on death of George de Boer's mother (Dec 1957); various Varsity and Public Schools North of England Camps, including Swanland (1937 or 1938), Wawne (1937 and 1938), Buxton (1938 and 1939), Muker (1935 and 1936), Hilston (1937) and Seascale (1938-1939). They show a range of activities, excursions and camp life. One sent as postcard to George de Boer. One labelled 'Ray Williamson' (see also U DDB/1/4)

1905-1960s

Contains colour, black and white and sepia postcards of various locations including Spurn Lighthouse, Hull, Market Rasen and Kirkbymoorside. They appear to have been sent by and to members of the de Boer family, including between George de Boer's parents before they were married (1905-1933).

Also black and white postcards of Hymers College, Hull and Burnby Hall, Pocklington, the latter written by 'George' and sent to 'Ma' (1939); black and white photographs of various groups, individuals and sports teams at Pocklington and Buxton; Scientific Society outing to Goathland and pupils attending Coronation service, some annotated and dated and one with copyright stamp from Hull Daily Mail (1936-1939). Also black and white photographs of Hymers College Officer Training Corp '1934 Tweseldown? 1937-1938 Strensall', some annotated and dated (see also U DDB/1/3).  
 1 file and 1 roll

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U DDB/2/2/7	<p>Large photographs. Hull, and Hymers College Rugby Union Football Club</p> <p>Three photographs show view of street with people and trams. They appear to have been taken in the North Bridge area of Hull, looking into the city (c.1910s). The fourth photograph shows Hymers College Rugby Union Football Club team with names of players, including George de Boer as captain (1938-1939).</p> <p>4 items</p>	c.1910s-1939
U DDB/2/2/8	<p>File. Photographs of staff and students of University of Hull</p> <p>Contains photographs of handing over ceremony of Chancellor's throne showing George de Boer with Hull Daily Mail copyright stamp (Jul 1955); students and George de Boer in lecture theatre which appears to be in the Cohen Building (c.1960s-c.1970s); group of staff and students, possibly the Geography Department, posed outside what appears to be the Cohen Building with George de Boer in centre (c.1970s-c.1980s); possibly of lecturers at Hull University and signed on rear (c.1950s-c.1960s)</p> <p>1 file</p>	c.1950s-c.1980s
U DDB/2/2/9	<p>File. Photographs of Spurn and Holderness Coast</p> <p>Contains mainly black and white photographs including of the Duke of Kent's visit to Royal National Lifeboat Institute (c.Sep 1972), buildings, including Barmston Bungalows, geographical features, railway, birds and aerial views. Many are annotated and dated and copyright holder marked. Also includes postcard of Spurn and Louth Church, Lincolnshire and letter.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1908-1983
U DDB/2/3	<p><b>Newspaper and magazines cuttings, leaflets</b></p> <p><b>Mainly from Hull Daily Mail, but also wider local and national publications included. Topics include Holderness coast, East Yorkshire, George de Boer and University of Hull.</b></p> <p><b>5 files</b></p>	<b>1959-1997</b>
U DDB/2/3/1	<p>File. Holderness Coast Erosion Newspaper Cuttings</p> <p>Contains newspaper cuttings, printed sources and handwritten account of newspaper entry (Jul 1959) related to issues about Holderness coast and Humber estuary.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1959-1997



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U DDB/2/3/2	Artificial File. Newspaper, magazine and journal cuttings related to Holderness coast and East Yorkshire. Artificially constructed file of loose material found in the collection. 1 file	1963-1997
U DDB/2/3/3	Artificial File. Printed publications Artificially constructed file from loose material found in the collection. Includes two copies of The Dalesman (Dec 1965, Jun 1966), 'Yorkshire Life' (Aug 1966) and copy of The Lifeboat magazine (Autumn 1983) with articles about Spurn. 1 file	1965-1983
U DDB/2/3/4	File. Cuttings Newspaper cuttings related to George de Boer, University of Hull and stories related to Holderness coast and East Yorkshire. 1 file	1967-1984
U DDB/2/3/5	File. Newspaper, magazine and journal cuttings Material related to Holderness coast and East Yorkshire including Holderness Coastal Management Project leaflet (c.1986), copy of Yorkshire Wildlife and Natural Environment (Jan 1996) and copies of Yorkshire Wildlife magazine with articles on Spurn (Winter 1989/1990, May 1994, May 1995). 1 file	1967-1996
U DDB/2/4	<b>Maps, charts, plans, cross-sections and bird's eye-views</b> <b>Contains a range of material depicting mainly East Yorkshire locations and used for research by George de Boer and Spurn Management Committee matters. The date range reflects the wide range of historical material used and projections and conjecture of George de Boer's research.</b> <b>1 file and 18 items</b>	<b>1797- c.20th cent.</b>
U DDB/2/4/1	Artificial File. Maps and plans Artificially constructed file of material that mainly comprises East Yorkshire locations and details excursions, geological features, alterations to buildings at Spurn and research for publications and lectures. Comprises originals and copies from printed sources, Trinity House and accompanied engineer's reports. 1 file	1797-c.1980

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U DDB/2/4/2	<p>Ordnance Survey maps            Maps are annotated 'Walks, Malham, Malham Tarn, Bedale, Cole' and 'York, Selby, Thirsk, Leeds, Skipwith, etc.' and have hand colouring additions that appear to indicate geological features with pencil sketch on rear of one (1840, 1859).            2 items</p>	1840-20th cent.
U DDB/2/4/3	<p>Maps and plans            Contains hand drawn cross section showing geological features 'Dimlington Moss Bed'; copy of map of Bridlington Bay (c.1842-c.1850), copy of section of map showing coast from Wrangle to Warkworth and hand drawn cross section showing geological features, Hornsea to Skipsea.            2 rolls (4 items)</p>	c.1842-20th cent.
U DDB/2/4/4	<p>OS map of Spurn            Map with later pencil annotations and key.            1 item</p>	1928-late 20th cent.
U DDB/2/4/5	<p>Plans and cross sections of Pilot Station, Spurn Point            Includes location and arrangement of facilities, survey of accommodation and proposed walkway and landing for launches.            5 items</p>	1971
U DDB/2/4/6	<p>Plan. Pilot and Coastguard Control Tower, Spurn            Shows internal and external general arrangement. See also U DDB/4/3/21.            2 items</p>	1974
U DDB/2/4/7	<p>Plans. Interpretation Centre, Spurn            Shows proposals for centre, including details of furnishings and fittings. See also U DDB/4/2/6, U DDB/4/3/30 and U DDB/4/3/38.            4 items</p>	1976

U DDB/2/5	<b>General correspondence</b> <b>Comprises correspondence to and from a variety of authors including Geological Survey of Great Britain, Yorkshire Geological Society, British Museum, Public Record Office, Bodleian Library, Spurn Management Committee (SMC), Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and various individuals. Relates to a range of topics including advice and information, visits to repositories and museums, reproduction of images and SMC matters (see also U DDB/4/3).</b> <b>3 files</b>	<b>1942-2006</b>
U DDB/2/5/1	File. Correspondence Comprises correspondence from a number of sources including W. Anderson of Geological Survey of Great Britain, W. S. Bisat, Sidney Melmore, Yorkshire Geological Society and letters from members of various Cambridge Colleges. They relate to submission of articles, arranging meetings and talks and exchanges of ideas on geographical features, especially in relation to marginal drainage channels. Also includes handwritten notes and drawings. 1 file (c.48 items)	1942-1945
U DDB/2/5/2	File. British Museum Comprises correspondence related to visits to the British Museum, Public Record Office and Bodleian Library and permissions to reproduce images and information (1960, 1963).  Also includes correspondence with the British Records Association, the National Portrait Gallery, National Register of Archives, Department of Geography at University of Birmingham, Crowhurst Vicarage, Professor Smith, Hull Trinity House, British Association of Numismatic Societies and English Place-Name Society in relation to various research projects being undertaken (1963-1965) 1 file (c.13 items)	1960-1965

U DDB/2/5/3

File. Correspondence

1965-2006

File artificially compiled from correspondence found loose within the collection. It comprises a wide range of material relating to George de Boer's research and publications, matters relating to Spurn Management Committee and personal letters asking for George de Boer's help and advice on various projects. Authors include Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and its members, John Gau Productions, University of Hull, Hull Town Planning Officer, National Maritime Museum, BBC, John Maynard MP, Ada Phillips, Spurn Heritage Coast Project, Social Science Research Council, The Royal Geographical Society and 'Past & Present'.

Also contains news release about John Pethick's report on Spurn Peninsula with conclusion included (Jan 1992), plans for work to be carried out at Spurn (Oct 1976), annotated black and white photographs which appear to be of Spurn and the lighthouse and staff conditions of service for the warden at Spurn (Jul 1972).

1 file (c.67 items)

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U DDB/2/6	<b>Articles, extracts and reports by other authors</b> <b>Material from a variety of authors possibly collected by George de Boer for research purposes for articles, papers and books.</b> <b>6 files and 3 volumes</b>	<b>1869-1987</b>
U DDB/2/6/1	File. Articles and reports from various authors Contains 'Outfall of Humber' by William Shelford from Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers (1869) with letter from Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (Jun 1969); 'Section II - Other Selected papers' by Robert Pickwell from 'The Encroachments of the Sea', Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers (1878) and comparative tables of tide times and heights at Hull (1864); 'Back of Beyond Life in Holderness before the First World War' by Alice M. Markham (1979); article reprinted from The British Museum Quarterly 'A Victorian Connoisseur and his manuscripts' (1972); report 'The Loss of Land in Holderness' (c.1975); 'The Humber Estuary', selection of papers on knowledge of estuary and its future potential arranged by the Humber Advisory Group and the University of Hull with contribution by George de Boer (1979) with typed History of the Port of Hull by British Transport Docks Board (1975); 'Coastal Erosion and Accretion in the Bay of Holderness', paper given by John Dossor at Hull and East Riding Branch of the Yorkshire Association of the Institution of Civil Engineers at Beverley (1966) which also includes report on proposed application for Coast Protection Order prepared by John Dossor & Associates, Consulting Civil Engineers (1966). 1 file (7 items)	1869-1979
U DDB/2/6/2	File. Printed publications and reports from various authors Contains 'Memories of Spurn in the 1880's' by George A. Jarratt; 'The Spurn Head Railway' by Kenneth E. Hartley and Howard M. Frost (1981); 'A Sunk Island Miscellany' compiled by John Meadley (Jun 1988); 'Multiple Land Use of Spurn Nature Reserve' by M. Pitt. A report based on interviews with visitors to Spurn between July and October 1970 to determine how the area used which includes two letters from Michael [Usher] in the Department of Biology at University of York (1971); A Short Sedimentological Report on Spurn Head by J. Hardisty which includes information on the effects of sea defence constructions (1980s). 1 file (5 items)	1880-1980s

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- U DDB/2/6/3 File. Articles, reports and extracts from various authors 1888-1985  
Contains 'Historical Records of Glacier Fluctuations in Mt Cook National Park, New Zealand: A Century of Change' by Anne F. Gellatly (1985); two copies of 'Marine Life at Spurn' by Peter Morgan, one annotated (c.1968); 'The Prospects for Developing the Coast'; 'The foreshore at Cleethorpes. The situation and character of the area and the processes operating.' Includes accompanying letter from University of Nottingham (1965); letters to George de Boer from John Dossor with copy of article 'The Coast of Holderness and some Associated Problems Coast Erosion' and work on Flandrian Sea Level Changes. Includes associated research material and tables (1978); letter from British Transport Docks Board, Hull accompanying report on the Distribution of Recent Sediments of the Humber Estuary by Dr R. C. van Bellen (1969); extracts from 'A History of the Foreshore and the Law Relating Thereto' by Stuart A. Moore (1888).  
1 file
- U DDB/2/6/4 File. Articles and reports from various authors 1902-1987  
Contains 'Tracer Experiments at Spurn head, Yorkshire, England' by Ada Phillips from 'Shore and Beach' (Oct 1963); 'Sea-bed water movements in Morecambe Bay' by Dr Ada Pringle (1969); 'Re-interpretation of Devensian Till stratigraphy of eastern England' by P. A. Madgett (1975); coast erosion in Holderness, east England by Valentin (1954); 'The East Coast' from 'The Sea Coast' by W. H. Wheeler (1902); 'The Spurn' from Bird Haunts and Nature Memories by T. A. Coward (1922); 'The Brunel University Transport Photographic Collection, The Mowat Station Views' by W. R. Burton; 'The Spiders of Spurn Promontory' Recorded up to December 1978; 'The Humber and Humberside in Historical Times A Survey of Estuary Development (Jan 1939); 'The Terrestrial Invertebrate Fauna of Spurn Head, East Yorkshire' by S. L. Sutton (Aug 1974); 'The age of the British chalk grassland' by M. B. Bush and J. R. Flenley (Oct 1987); 'Brief Historical Background of Agriculture in Humberside' from Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Aug 1980); 'Spurn - a battle with the sea' by Ian Carstairs, (c.1983); 'Humber Words' by A. L. Binns; Bibliography of works related to Lincolnshire dialect with maps showing regional variations for selected terms (c.1974); Humber Conservancy Board Engineer's Report of survey of Humber from Blacktoft on the River Ouse and Burton Stather on the River Trent to Stallingborough on the River Humber with map (1948); 'The Effects of the Floods of 1953 on the Aquatic Insect Fauna of Spurn (Yorkshire)' by P. M. Butler and E. J. Popham (1958); 'Spatial Distribution and Niche Separation of Woodlice and Millipedes in a Dune Grassland Ecosystem' by R. C.

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U DDB/2/6/4 continued	Davis and S. L. Sutton (1977); 'On a Boring at Kilnsea, Holderness' by G. W. Lamplugh (1919); 'Geography', a pamphlet which accompanied BBC school programme (1961); 'Coastal Erosion in the East Riding' by G. M. Hines and C. Pinsent (Jul 1947); Summary and Report of Informal Working Group of Technical Officers (1976). 1 file	
U DDB/2/6/5	'Report on the condition of Hull Roads in the River Humber, as to the proposed training wall near Paull and as to changes in the conservancy lines' Includes index, multiple maps and plans. Marked 'Private and Confidential' and signed on the front cover by A. E. Butterfield, the Engineering Assistant, and L. Kirk. Also copy of Hull Joint Dock Bill included (1906). 1 volume and 1 loose item	1904-1906
U DDB/2/6/6	River Humber Disposal of Dredgings Report Includes pencil annotations and signature on front cover. Also includes map of Upper Humber showing position of proposed training wall (1913). 1 volume and 1 loose item	1909-1914
U DDB/2/6/7	File. Reports from Humber Conservancy Board Contains typed and annotated copy of report from Humber Conservancy Board in relation to Deposit of Dredgings Report. Appears to be A. E. Butterfield's copy (Aug 1913). Also 'Report on the Erosion between Broomfleet Estate and Brough Haven and also on the North Side of Read's Island' by Humber Conservancy Board (Mar 1914). 1 file (2 items)	1913-1914
U DDB/2/6/8	Humber Conservancy Board Report on the Improvement of the Upper Humber and Trent Falls Front cover annotated 'Engineer's Copy'. 1 volume	1913-1971
U DDB/2/6/9	'Non-marine Invertebrates of Spurn' by P. M. Butler First and second drafts with accompanying letters from P. M. Butler asking for George de Boer's comments. Also memorandum from 'Derrick' critiquing first draft. 1 file	1965

<b>U DDB/3</b>	<b>Material written by George de Boer with associated research</b> Contains research material that appears to have been collected and used in numerous publications, talks and lectures resulting in overlap between the items in this series. U DDB/3/1 consists of material that was collected for a book that does not appear to have been published. However some of the material was used to inform subsequent published articles so they have been included in this section. U DDB/3/7 comprises single articles and research material that does not appear to have a clear published outcome.	<b>1231-1999</b>
	<p>The material has been left in the folders it was deposited in and the titles used, although this may not be a true reflection of the file's content. Some duplicates have been removed. Material that explicitly refers to a publication has been grouped together, but other material has been listed separately, but may still be connected. 31 files and 3 volumes</p>	
<b>U DDB/3/1</b>	<b>Material related to unpublished book about Spurn</b> Consists of material that appears to have been collected for a book that George de Boer was compiling about Spurn with contributions from other authors. The book does not appear to have been published. There are multiple versions of the content and chapter headings, but the following has been used as the structure for this catalogue 'Section A Evolution and History of Spurn' comprising 'Introduction', 'Beach Pebbles' by J. A. Catt, 'Winds, waves, tides and their effects' by AWP [Ada W. Phillips] and George de Boer, 'Evolution of Spurn', 'Spurn 1608-1851', 'Predecessors of Spurn' and 'Spurn 1851-.'  A number of published articles appear to have arisen from this research including 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution', 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution - a summary' and 'The Predecessors of Spurn Point'.  Comprises handwritten research notes from original records, correspondence, copies of articles and draft chapters, maps and illustrations. 8 files	<b>1231-c.1990s</b>



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U DDB/3/1/1	<p>File. Correspondence with prospective authors for book on Spurn Contains details of chapters for book about Spurn with potential authors, handwritten research notes, copies of 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution' and 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution - a summary' by George de Boer, correspondence related to book and various chapters, including one about birds, and the book's production (1962-1967), notes related to exhibition at the British Museum 'The Mapping of Britain, 13th-19th centuries' (Apr 1966) and newspaper cutting (Jun 1962). 1 file</p>	1962-1967
U DDB/3/1/2	<p>File. Typed and edited chapters for unpublished book about Spurn Contains file entitled 'Spurn Book: Draft of Winds, Waves, Tides &amp; their Effects', but includes typed and edited chapters 'Introduction', 'The Beach Pebbles', 'Winds, waves, tides and their effects', 'The Evolution of Spurn', 'The Predecessors of Spurn Point' with maps and illustrations. 1 file</p>	c.1960s-1990s
U DDB/3/1/3	<p>File. Introduction chapter for unpublished book about Spurn Contains typed and annotated Spurn Head chapter 'Introduction' with file 'Spurn Point 1600-1850 top copy + others' containing handwritten 'Conclusion' and 'Introduction' chapters. 1 file</p>	c.1960s-1990s
U DDB/3/1/4	<p>File. Chapter I for unpublished book about Spurn Contains typed 'Chapter I The Beach Pebbles' which was possibly written by J. A. Catt. Also includes handwritten breakdown of chapters for 'Spurn Head: Its evolution, history and natural history' 1 file</p>	c.1960s-1990s
U DDB/3/1/5	<p>File. 'Waves, Winds etc MS + TS for revision' for unpublished book about Spurn Contains handwritten and typed 'Winds, waves, tides and their effects'. Also letter from Ada [W. Phillips] at University of Lancaster in relation to Robinson's missing typescript (Dec 1966) and annotated article 'The Geomorphology of Spurn Head' by Ada W. Phillips. 1 file</p>	c.1960s-1990s

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- U DDB/3/1/6 File. 'The Evolution of Spurn' chapter for unpublished book about Spurn c.1960s-1990s  
Includes handwritten draft and annotated typed copies of chapter under the titles 'Spurn Head Chapter III The Evolution of Spurn', 'Spurn Point c.1608-1850' and 'Chapter V Spurn Point 1608-1851 1849'. Also list of illustrations for chapter.  
  
This chapter appears to have been developed into an article, 'Spurn Head: its history and evolution', that appeared in 'Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers' in 1964.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/1/7 File. 'The Predecessors of Spurn Point' chapter for unpublished book about Spurn 1231-c.1990s  
Contains handwritten and edited draft and typed and annotated chapter under the titles 'Chapter VI The Earlier History of Spurn: Predecessors of Spurn Point' and 'The Predecessors of Spurn Point'. Also includes handwritten notes from a wide date range of original records, photograph of 1560 map and letter from Granada Television related to George de Boer's contribution to programme (Nov 1992).  
1 file
- U DDB/3/1/8 File. Chapter 7 for unpublished book about Spurn 1850-1999  
Contains various handwritten draft and edited versions of Chapter 7 which appear to have been written for the book on Spurn, but have different titles. These include 'Spurn Point 1849-1862 The Admiralty in charge', 'Spurn Point 1849 to the present day' and 'Chronology of Spurn 1850 on'. Handwritten research notes are also included.  
1 file

U DDB/3/2	<p><b>Material related to 'A History of the Spurn Lighthouses'</b>  <b>Contains research material and copies of account printed by East Yorkshire Local History Society (1968 reprinted 1975). Comprises maps, correspondence, research notes from original records and newspaper cuttings (see also U DDB/2/1 and U DDB/2/2/3). 2 files</b></p>	1567-1969
U DDB/3/2/1	<p>File. Handwritten, typed and edited and published versions of 'A History of the Spurn Lighthouses' Contains maps, figures, correspondence related to book (1966-1967), photocopies, transcriptions of poems and letters of Andrew Marvell (1567-c.1968) and handwritten and typed research notes including sections 'Trinity House Hull Spurn Lights File', 'History of Spurn Lights MS - conclusion' and 'Detailed references'. Also programme for Leeds Centenary Musical Festival (Oct 1958). 1 file</p>	1567-1975
U DDB/3/2/2	<p>File. 'A History of the Spurn Lighthouses' research material          Comprises handwritten research notes from a wide date range of original records mainly sorted into sections 'Constable v Angell c.1750', 'Reports etc leading to Act 1836 &amp; Purchase 1841 &amp; new lighthouse of 1892-1895' with letter from Newcastle Upon Tyne Trinity House (May 1963), 'Bills of Complaint, Answers, Deposition of witnesses, 1768-1778', 'Angell v Constable 1684-c.1700', 'Summary of History of Spurn c.1600-early 19th century', 'LTH', 'Constable v Milner, Robinson, Glinlir [Glenton] &amp; Worth c.1767 and after', 'Character of J. Angell', 'Letters Iveson &amp; Jewson November 1829, July 1830', sections 'Constable &amp; Angel c.1704-1706', 'Various extracts from Constable papers etc' and 'Angel Constable Litigation 1717'.</p> <p>Also contains undated newspaper cutting, correspondence related to research enquiries including related to John Smeaton and Sir George Saville and request for George de Boer to referee paper (1962, 1968, c.1969) and printing of pamphlet (1969), details of captions and figures, draft copy of 'The Spurn - Spurn Point c.1610-1860' (see U DDB/3/1) and copy of Report to the Nature Conservancy on the progress of the Holderness and Spurn coastal research project for the year 1961-1962. 1 file</p>	c.1600-1969

- U DDB/3/3**                      **Material related to articles and conference about early maps**                      **c.1537-1976**  
**Contains draft and published articles by various authors including George de Boer, research notes, correspondence and illustrations. Relates to articles 'The Two Earliest Maps of Hull', 'The earliest English chart with soundings' and 'The historical variations of Spurn Point: the evidence of early maps' and conference 'Early Maps as Historical Evidence for Coastal Change' (see also U DDB/2/1, U DDB/2/2/1, U DDB/2/2/2 and U DDB/2/4).**  
**5 files**
- U DDB/3/3/1                      File. 'Early maps of Hull and Humber Drafts, correspondence and photocopies'                      c.1537-1972  
Comprises edited, typed, untitled article, handwritten draft 'A brief outline of the history of the charting of the River Humber' by George de Boer, correspondence related to research material mainly with British Museum and concerning C. W. Wing (1971, 1972), handwritten research notes, edited typed copies of 'The earliest two maps of Hull' and copies of historical maps and plans of Newcastle and Tynemouth with an account of an ancient plan of Tynemouth by Reverend John Hodgson.  
1 file

U DDB/3/3/2

File. 'The Two Earliest Maps of Hull'

1592-1976

Comprises correspondence related to paper and proposed book, 'Lands Lost to the Sea' (see also U DDB/3/7/11), permission to reproduce images and research questions, including related to Mr C. W. Wing (1971-1974); multiple typed and handwritten edited versions of 'The two earliest maps of Hull', one with photographs, also galley proof of paper with images (Jun 1973) and pamphlet of paper reprinted from Post-Medieval Archaeology (1973); handwritten research notes by various authors with captions for figures; copies of original records, some with transcriptions, including an item in Dutch (1592).

Also includes handwritten draft 'The three earliest maps of Hull and District' with letter suggesting edits (Dec 1971), typed copy of 'A brief outline of the history of the charting of the River Humber' by George de Boer, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust notes for 1976 (see also U DDB/4), copy of map of East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, notes for contributors to the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal (1971), Cottingham Local History Society Journal with AGM agenda showing George de Boer giving lecture (Oct 1975) and pamphlet 'The development of Kingston upon Hull as shown through contemporary maps and views' (1973).

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U DDB/3/3/3

File. Conference on the History of Cartography: 'Early maps as historical evidence'  
The conference was held at the Royal Geographical Society on 21 and 22 Sep 1967. Material relates to paper given by George de Boer entitled 'Historical variations of Spurn Point: the evidence of early maps'.

1967-1969

Includes correspondence related to changes to George de Boer's typescript (May 1967), permission to examine The Royal Society's Library (May 1968) and related to conference and subsequent publication of papers (1967-1969); information related to conference (Sep 1967); handwritten research notes and copies of maps; 'Explanation of figures'; handwritten and typed drafts of 'Historical variations of Spurn Point: the evidence of early maps'; lists of footnotes and references; published reprint from 'The Geographical Journal' 'Early Maps as Historical Evidence for Coastal Change' by George de Boer and A. P. Carr containing George de Boer's paper 'The historical variations of Spurn Point: the evidence of early maps' (Mar 1969).

Also contains summary for British Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting 'Land use problems in the North York Moors Park' by George de Boer (Sep 1967); abstracts from paper also given at conference concerning Orford Spit [by A. P. Carr]; list 'Jewels from the Royal Geographical Society's Collection'.

1 file

U DDB/3/3/4

File. 'The earliest English chart with soundings' by George de Boer and R. A. Skelton  
Comprises correspondence asking permission to reproduce images for paper 'Early maps as evidence of coastal change' and requests for information about Edward Barlow (1968, 1969); handwritten draft and typed and annotated copy of 'The earliest English chart with soundings' with 'Imago Mvndi A review of early cartography' containing the paper.

1968-1969

1 file

U DDB/3/3/5	<p>File. Material related to articles about early maps Comprises handwritten research notes and drawings including transcriptions and copies of original records; articles 'An early Tudor Sketch Map' by B. K. Roberts (c.1967), 'The Value of Early Maps as evidence for English Urban Topography' by M. D. Lobel (c.1967) and 'Antiquity and the Earth Sciences' (May 1969); typed and edited transcription of 'Tape 2 Birkbeck College - History of Cartography' which appears to be an interview with George de Boer; correspondence thanking George de Boer for his donations of different publications to various institutions, related to issues arising from research of various papers and books and future projects (1969-1971). 1 file</p>	c.1967-1971
U DDB/3/4	<p><b>Material related to articles about the history of Spurn Consists of draft and published articles, research notes, correspondence and report. It relates to a number of articles including 'Cycles of Change at Spurn Head, Yorkshire, England', 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution', 'The Evolution of Spurn Head', 'Spurn Point and its Predecessors' and 'Spurn Head and its Predecessors'. 1 file</b></p>	1962-1967
U DDB/3/4/1	<p>File. Material related to articles about the history of Spurn Contains handwritten and typed copies of 'Cycles of Change at Spurn Head, Yorkshire, England' with copy of the published article in 'Shore &amp; Beach' (Apr 1967); multiple handwritten and typed copies of 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution'; multiple typed copies of 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution - a summary'; handwritten and typed copy of 'Spurn Head and its Predecessors' and typed article 'Spurn Point and its Predecessors' by George de Boer from 'The Naturalist' (1963); handwritten copy of 'The Evolution of Spurn Head'.  Also includes handwritten research notes and illustrations of maps of Spurn; statement of account for Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference 1963; typed article for 'YNT Bulletin' [Yorkshire Naturalists Trust] 'Coastal Physiography: research work at Spurn'; Wensleydale Society's magazine with article by George de Boer 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution' with annotations (Nov 1961); article 'At the world's end' by Ann Holt from 'The Countryman' (Autumn 1988); booklet 'Sunk Island' edited by Chris Unwin and Liz Arnold for South Holderness Countryside Society (May 1988); handwritten report to East Riding Joint Planning Committee on coast erosion and accretion by County</p>	1962-1967

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U DDB/3/4/1 continued	Planning Officer (c.1942); leaflet from YNT 'The Spurn Fund' detailing names and donations and shows George de Boer as a new member (Nov 1959); list of potential chapters for Spurn Head book with possible authors; newspaper cutting detailing living conditions at Spurn; correspondence related to the editing of an unnamed article (Feb 1964), to research questions (1959, 1962, 1964), a reference to George de Boer interview for Aber Chair (Feb 1964) and an invitation to lecture to Nottingham University Geographical Society (1963). 1 file	
U DDB/3/5	<b>Material related to chapter 'The Spurn - Spurn Point c.1610-1860'</b> <b>Consists of drafts of chapter, research notes, postcard, map and letters. Chapter possibly intended for unpublished book about Spurn (see U DDB/3/1).</b> 1 file	1849-c.1990s
U DDB/3/5/1	File. 'The Spurn - Spurn Point c.1610-1860' Multiple copies of handwritten and typed and edited chapter, 'The Spurn - Spurn Point c.1610-1860', handwritten research notes including for 'The History of Spurn Lighthouses c.1610-' and 'The Predecessors of Spurn Point', handwritten drafts of 'History of Spurn Lighthouses' (see also U DDB/3/2), handwritten partial draft version of untitled article, postcard of The Church, Crowhurst, Surrey, map of Schematic Evolution of Spurn with annotations and letters including one related to definition of medieval units of measurement (Jan 1962).  Also contains section 'Spurn Point 1862 - Board of trade takes over' which includes open letter to Spurn Management Committee from George de Boer related to possible laying of pipeline from BP Easington gas Terminal to Spurn (1980); handwritten research notes; untitled draft chapter; list of Sunk Island lecture slides. 1 file	1849-c.1990s



U DDB/3/6	<p><b>Material related to 'Lonsdale Documents' edited by Elizabeth Playne and George de Boer</b></p> <p><b>Consists of correspondence, research notes, family trees, drafts and newspaper cuttings related to book about Sunk Island and the Lonsdale family (Surtees Society, volume 188, 1976). It comprises chapters I The Documents; II The Lonsdales; III Sunk Island; Letters and William Whitelock's Survey of Sunk Island. The volume contains a full transcription of the letters owned by Elizabeth Playne with historical notes.</b></p> <p><b>Also includes items related to Sunk Island and information to be used at Humber Bank Heritage Centre.</b></p> <p><b>6 files</b></p>	1626-1988
U DDB/3/6/1	<p>File. Research material and correspondence related to 'Lonsdale Documents'</p> <p>Unlabelled folder which contains handwritten research notes, including family trees; correspondence from Elizabeth Playne to George de Boer, multiple handwritten and typed copies of chapter and handwritten and typed 'Footnotes to the Lonsdale letters'.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1626-c.1970s
U DDB/3/6/2	<p>File. Research material and correspondence related to Sunk Island</p> <p>Artificially constructed file of loose items found within the collection that contains draft versions of 'The Humber Estuary'; correspondence by various authors and recipients and related to a number of topics, including the production of a book based on an Adult Education course (Jul 1984), the closure of Holy Trinity Church, Sunk Island (1982), research questions, in relation to pamphlet 'A Sunk Island Miscellany' compiled by John Meadley (Jun 1988), related to book publication (Sep 1988) and request for information to be included in display at Humber Bank Heritage Centre (Feb 1986).</p> <p>Also includes folder with handwritten research note and family trees.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1667-1988

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| U DDB/3/6/3 | <p>File. Research material and correspondence related to 'Lonsdale Documents'</p> <p>Original file, 'George de Boer Letters', which contains handwritten and typed copies of various Lonsdale letters; handwritten transcription of William Whitelock's Survey; copy of 'An Account of the Sunk Island in Humber, some years since recovered from the Sea. Being an Extract of a Letter Communicated to the Royal Society by John Chamberlayne' from Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London (1717); handwritten transcriptions of original records; handwritten research notes.</p> <p>Also includes a folder titled 'Sunk Island Transcripts from Hull University Manuscripts' with copies of maps, handwritten notes from original records and notes related to Cherry Cobb and claim to Newsam Sands.</p> <p>1 file</p> | 1717-c.1972 |
| U DDB/3/6/4 | <p>File. Research material and correspondence related to 'Lonsdale Documents'</p> <p>Original file, 'Sunk Island PRO + other transcripts', which contains handwritten research notes including a section entitled 'John Lonsdale in Letters Feb-July 1799'; handwritten draft chapter; correspondence; newspaper cutting (Feb 1974); typed biography of John Lonsdale 1737-1807; typed list 'Footnotes to the Lonsdale letters'.</p> <p>1 file</p>  | 1796-1974   |
| U DDB/3/6/5 | <p>File. Research material and correspondence related to 'Lonsdale Documents'</p> <p>Original file, 'Sunk Island', which contains handwritten list of slides for 'History of Sunk Island'; handwritten list 'Sunk Island &amp; Cherry Cob'; correspondence by various authors and recipients related to Lonsdale letters and Sunk Island book; family tree; copies of maps of Sunk Island; typed and edited versions of chapters including copies of letters [Lonsdale] (1798-1804).</p> <p>1 file</p>  | 1798-1975   |

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U DDB/3/6/6	<p>File. Research material and correspondence related to 'Lonsdale Documents'          Unlabelled file which contains typed account 'Reminiscences of Sophia Bryans (nee Lonsdale) in her 78th year 1902'; correspondence by various authors and recipients related to Lonsdale letters and Sunk Island book, including Surtees Society and from Elizabeth Playne (1971-1975); typed and edited article 'Sunk Island'; multiple lists entitled 'Footnotes to the Lonsdale Letters'; handwritten research notes.          1 file</p>	1971-1975
U DDB/3/7	<p><b>Published articles and research material          Comprises single articles and research material that does not appear to have a clear published outcome.          1 file</b></p>	c.13th cent.- 1996
U DDB/3/7/1	<p>File. Research material not related to specific publication          Artificial file comprising two notebooks which appear to include handwritten fieldwork notes taken on Holderness and Spurn (1960-1964); copy of original record from British Museum with transcription (Latin)(c.13th cent.); articles 'Scalby - The Romance of Yorkshire's Sea-Cut' by Malcolm Barker, 'Experiment on the Movement of Material on Old Den' (Aug 1962) and 'Notes on the Geology of the Malham Area' (Feb 1959); handwritten notes and printed material for research including leaflet from British Transport Docks Board detailing Hull's inward and outward cargoes (1972), maps, cross sections, statistical information, research suggestions and notes for excursions.          1 file</p>	c.13th cent.- 1989
U DDB/3/7/2	<p>File. Research material not related to specific publication          Artificial file containing material related to Spurn and comprises mainly handwritten research notes by various authors from a wide date range of original records and published material, but also newspaper cuttings. Includes sections 'Spurn Cobble and Gravel Accounts' and 'Historical Records of Storms'. Also correspondence related to Easington and Kilnsea sea banks (Sep 1964), letter related to erosion of Spurn (Feb 1964), article 'Appendix Chilnesse, Kilnese or Kilnsea' from 'A History of the Church and Priory of Swine in Holderness' (1824), extracts from 'History of the Foreshore', guidance notes for papers submitted to Institute of British Geographers and handwritten draft of untitled article or chapter.          1 file</p>	1362-1999

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U DDB/3/7/3	<p>File. Lifeboat</p> <p>Contains handwritten research notes from original sources sorted into sections 'Spurn Lifeboat' and 'Trinity House, Spurn Point &amp; Lifeboat File'.</p> <p>1 file</p>	1533-1855
U DDB/3/7/4	<p>File. Research material not related to specific publication</p> <p>Artificial file containing handwritten research notes mainly sorted into sections and labelled, including 'Constable Papers TS &amp; MS' with typed partial untitled chapter, 'Constable, Thompson, Angell 1750', 'Journals of House of Lords and Commons 1766-1772' and 'Smeaton - summary' with copy of Spurn Point Plan in 1786.</p> <p>Also includes slide sequence for 'The History of Spurn Lighthouses' (see also U DDB/3/2).</p> <p>1 file</p>	1646-1981
U DDB/3/7/5	<p>File. Research material not related to specific publication</p> <p>Artificial file containing handwritten research notes written by various authors and copies of printed material. Some material loose, but most sorted into sections, including 'PRO Chancery Lane'; 'Spurn Breach 1849, Capt James Vetch Report etc' with newspaper cutting and printed map; 'Spurn Lifeboat'; 'PRO (Kew) Board of Trade'; 'MT/9 etc. Dealings of Admiralty, B of T, Treasury etc relating to Spurn breach and erosion defences' with letters from The Survey Production Centre related to ownership of Spurn (Dec 1967); 'Spurn Point Bill c.1854'; 'Treasury papers relating to AG v Constable 1878-1898'; 'Report of the Royal Commission on Coast Erosion, The Reclamation of Tidal Lands and afforestation (1907-1911)'; 'LRRO 11/5'; 'Sons of Clergy Court Books'; 'References to Saltagh in Meaux Chronicle' (in Latin).</p> <p>1 file</p>	1665-1967

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- U DDB/3/7/6 File. Research material not related to obvious specific publication 1724-c.1983  
Artificial file containing loose handwritten research notes, but some sorted into sections including 'Spurn Customs Watch house', 'Newspapers. Particularly Hull Advertiser & references to military works' with letter from Hull Library (May 1959), 'Waterfalls' and 'The Enclosure of the Yorkshire Wolds'; material related to George de Boer's section of 'The Landscape of Britain' (1980); list 'Understanding Landscape' that appears to show slides to be used in Adult Education course (see also U DDB/2/1); copy of Act for removal of Lighthouses at Spurn and erection of new one (1766) (see also U DDB/3/2); notes on excursion 'Southern Holderness' with details of the geology; list of chapters for Spurn Head book (see also U DDB/3/1); copy of 'Chapter 2: Measurements of the Rate of Retreat of the Holderness Coast'.  
  
Also draft and printed articles 'Coast Erosion', 'General Introduction to Spurn Head', 'The Future of Spurn as a physical feature - a prognosis', 'Spurn Head' (Nov 1978), 'Spurn Head: an assessment' (post 1983), 'Spurn Point - Topography, Geology and Hydrology'.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/7 File. 'Glacial Lakes in East Yorkshire Wolds' 1944  
Copy of article by George de Boer 'A System of Glacier Lakes in the Yorkshire Wolds' from the Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society on Glaciation in the Yorkshire Wolds.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/8 File. 'Chapter 20 Rural Yorkshire' by George de Boer c.1962  
From 'Great Britain: Geographical Essays' edited by Jean B. Mitchell, a volume on British geography covering human and physical areas.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/9 File. 'Hydrological Investigations on Spurn Head' 1964-1965  
Contains handwritten, typed and offprint copies of article by George de Boer and R. C. Ward with charts. Also correspondence related to publication of article in The Naturalist (Apr-Jun 1965).  
1 file

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- U DDB/3/7/10 File. 'Physical Landscapes - Some Aspects of the Geomorphology of the Yorkshire Dales' by George de Boer 1966  
From 'Yorkshire Philosophical Society, Annual Report and Transactions'.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/11 File. 'Land lost to the sea' 1969-1971  
Contains correspondence between George de Boer and publishers David & Charles and handwritten notes related to possible writing of book 'Lands lost to the sea: An Historical Geography of Coast Erosion in Britain' (1969-1971). It is unclear whether this volume was published (see also U DDB/3/3/2).  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/12 File. 'Accretion and Reclamation in the River Humber' 1970-1976  
Includes pamphlet 'Accretion and Reclamation in the River Humber' by George de Boer from East Yorkshire Field Studies No.3 (1970); printed and edited version for Hull Geological Society possibly a galley proof, handwritten draft copies of article, research notes and copies of maps.  
  
Also contains letter related to Sunk Island from John M. Meadley with research information, plan and photograph of Mr Lonsdale's Church (Dec 1976) (see also U DDB/3/6)  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/13 File. Reports related to recreational use of Spurn 1970s  
Unlabelled file includes letter from Social Science Research Council related to report carried out by George de Boer on public use and recreation on Spurn Peninsula with typed copy of report (1973-1974). Also handwritten report related to Spurn detailing 'The Sites and Their Visitors' and 'Internal variations in Recreational Usage'.  
1 file

- U DDB/3/7/14 'A Cartographic Analysis of the Changing Bed of the Humber' 1973  
Three volumes compiled by the Department of Geography at the University of Hull at the request of the Humber Estuary Research Committee. Volume 1: Analysis of sources, methods and procedures with results, description of physical changes in the Estuary and factors affecting bed of Estuary and major conclusions; Volume 2: maps, diagrams and tables; Volume 3 draws on analysis and contains comments on the methods employed and on some of the results obtained.  
3 volumes
- U DDB/3/7/15 File. 'Chapter 11 The Physiographic Evolution of Yorkshire' c.1974  
Typed copy and reprint, with illustration, from 'The Geology and mineral resources of Yorkshire' edited by D. H. Rayner and J. E. Hemingway.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/16 File. Material related to 'Spurn Point: Erosion and protection after 1849' and Spurn 1979-1981  
Original file, 'Penny Book MS & TS of Spurn after 1849' of material related to production of volume of Quaternary Essays marking retirement of Dr L. F. Penny from Hull University. Comprises correspondence and multiple versions of George de Boer's contribution 'Spurn Point: Erosion and protection after 1849'. Copy of published article in U DDB/4/1/1.  
  
Also includes letter from Lewis [Penny] thanking George de Boer for his contribution to book and inviting him for a visit (Aug 1981); copy of newspaper cutting related to Spurn (Mar 1980); letters related to dating ownership transactions on Spurn (Jul 1980), reproduction of maps in a paper (Jul 1980) and visit by member of the Nature Conservancy Council to Spurn (Jun 1980).  
1 file  
  
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- U DDB/3/7/17 File. 'Automobile Association (AA) Correspondence' 1979-1985  
Comprises correspondence related to AA's production of volume 'The Landscape of East Yorkshire' which aimed to be a three volume descriptive atlas of Britain. George de Boer was asked to undertake the northern half of 24 map quadrants covering the Wash to south of Bridlington with Philip Ogden covering the southern half. The volumes were not published due to the economic climate (1979-1980). Includes untitled annotated draft, possibly of George de Boer's contribution with research notes and author guidelines.
- Also contains letter from AA asking for permission to forward George de Boer's material to the BBC for their Domesday project (1985); letter from BBC inviting George de Boer to contribute to Domesday project with guidelines for text writing (1985); letter from Countryside Commission about possibility of George de Boer writing 'Wolds Way Official Guidebook' (Apr 1980).  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/18 File. 'History of the Humber coastline' Jul 1984-c.1988  
Includes letter in relation to producing book, 'The Humber Estuary', based on Adult Education course with proposed chapters and contributors (Jul 1984) and annotated typed draft of George de Boer's chapter 'History of the Humber coastline'. Volume appears to have been published in 1988 as 'A dynamic estuary: man, nature and the Humber, Hull', edited by N. V. Jones.  
1 file
- U DDB/3/7/19 File. George de Boer's response to Spurn Heritage Coast Study [by John Pethick] 1992-1997  
Includes multiple versions of handwritten critique of Final Report; unpublished reply to Pethick report and handwritten draft version; letters from various interested parties stating they will read and respond to George de Boer's response to study (1992); draft letters from George de Boer to various newspapers about items related to Spurn; details of Spurn's possible inclusion on television programme 'Fragile Earth'; handwritten list which appears to show insects found at Spurn; newspaper cutting (1993).  
1 file



U DDB/3/7/20	<p>File. 'An Historical Atlas of the East Riding of Yorkshire' Original file, '(Copies of Exam)', includes letter from University of Hull School of Geography &amp; Earth Resources related to George de Boer's contribution to volume (Jul 1994, Apr 1996) with annotated maps for illustrations. 1 file</p>	Jul 1994- Apr 1996
U DDB/4	<p><b>Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and Spurn Management Committee (SMC)</b>  <b>Various people and organisations have been tenants of Spurn under the ownership of YNT. The names documented on the records have been used, but may relate to subsequent organisations, such as the formation of the National Environment Research Council in 1965 which brought together environment research organisations, including the Nature Conservancy Council. In 1981 the British Transport Docks Board was renamed the Association of British Ports.</b></p> <p><b>Material comprises research notes, images, plans, publications, correspondence and minutes. See also U DDB/3/7/19.</b>  <b>62 files and 1 volume</b></p>	1768-1995
U DDB/4/1	<p><b>History of Spurn and Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust purchase</b>  <b>Contains copies of original records, images, plans and printed material.</b>  <b>2 files</b></p>	1768-1968
U DDB/4/1/1	<p>File. Material related to Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust Ltd v Corporation of Trinity House re: Spurn Lighthouse Artificial file comprising eight envelopes of material that appear to have been collected for a court case (see also U DDB/4/3/1). Comprises copy of letter and Memorandum from Board of Trade (Fisheries &amp; Harbour Department) in relation to Compromise Order (Aug 1898); copy of Compromise Order Constable v Constable with associated indentures (Aug 1897); image of plan of Spurn Point in 1786 with its variations during the preceding 20 years; image of plan of Spurn Point drawn from a survey in 1768; article 'Spurn Head: Its History and Evolution' by George de Boer from Transactions IBG [Institute of British Geographers] (Jun 1964); article: 'Spurn Point: Erosion and Protection after 1849' by George de Boer reprinted from 'The Quaternary in Britain' edited by John Neale and John Flenley (1981); Spurn Point Lighthouse site plan (Jan 1942); pamphlet 'A History of the Spurn Lighthouses' by George de Boer for</p>	1768-1968

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- U DDB/4/1/1  
continued  
East Yorkshire Local History Society. Signed by George de Boer 'With the author's compliments' with passages marked (1968).  
1 file
- U DDB/4/1/2  
File. Conveyance and speech c.1960  
Contains copy of Conveyance of land at Spurn Head from the War Department to Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust at the cost of £1500, with map (Jul 1960) and handwritten draft of possible speech given by George de Boer at opening of Spurn as National Nature Reserve.  
1 file
- U DDB/4/2  
**Minutes of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and Spurn Management Committee (SMC)** 1965-1981  
**Contains information for various meetings, which were mainly held in York or at Spurn, including Business Committee; joint YNT and Spurn Bird Observatory Committee; between SMC and British Transport Docks Board; Sub-Committee; Executive Committee; Council, Finance Committee; Annual General Meeting; Area Group Leaders; Spurn Peninsula Management Committee; Scientific Committee; Ordinary General; Council; meeting of the Chairmen of the Reserve Management Committee; Extra-ordinary meeting.**  
**Topics include issues related to the running of Spurn, such as coach access, maintenance and erection of buildings and coastal erosion, but also wider Trust matters.**  
**Other material includes correspondence, articles, reports and product leaflets. See also U DDB/4/3/7.**  
**7 files**
- U DDB/4/2/1  
File. Spurn Management Committee (SMC) 1965-1967  
Comprises various minutes, proposed minutes, account of meeting and agendas for SMC mainly held at Spurn (Apr 1965-Oct 1967). Topics include, issues related to various buildings, buckthorn, removal of the submarine defence boom, Little Terns, proposals to investigate educational aspects and permitting coaches on to peninsula.  
  
Includes correspondence related to George de Boer's appointment to SMC committee with mention of proposal to dredge for gravel off Holderness coast and the mouth of the Humber (Apr 1965), George de Boer's appointment as chairman of SMC with guidance notes on duties (Oct 1967), to Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) members

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detailing activities of Trust, related to student obtaining map for hypothetical scheme to design a Field Studies Centre (1967) and installation of gabions at Spurn (1966, 1967).

Also contains short history of YNT at Spurn (Apr 1967) and details of Gabion manufacturing company.

1 file

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U DDB/4/2/2

File. 'Spurn Management and Development Plan Species List'

1967-1975

Contains details of agreement reached between Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and Spurn Bird Observatory (SBO) over SBO use of Spurn (Mar 1973); accounts of Spurn Working Party meetings (1974, 1975), letter from YNT to Humber Pilots Steam Cutter Co. Ltd. giving permission to clear sand from the end of the pier (Feb 1967) and handwritten report for Spurn Management Committee detailing events of 1975.

Also includes numerous lists detailing articles written about Spurn, Yorkshire Naturalist's Union Meetings (1884-1967), Marine Organisms, Terrestrial Plants, Birds and Other Terrestrial Animals.

1 file

U DDB/4/2/3

File. Minutes Spurn Management Committee (SMC)  
Handwritten and typed minutes and some agendas with annotations mainly for SMC, but also Business Committee (Oct 1975), joint Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and Spurn Bird Observatory Committee (Mar 1972), between SMC and British Transport Docks Board (Jun 1972) and Sub-Committee (Feb 1974).

1968-1981

Venues include Spurn Point; Library of Department of Plant Biology, University of Hull; Cottingham; Beverley; Roos; University of Hull; Castlegate, York.

Topics discussed include rights of way, reclamation of Spurn Bight, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) cottages, requests for research studies to be carried out at Spurn, damage caused by bait diggers, matters arising from wider YNT meetings, provision of an exhibition centre, possibility of pipe line from BP Easington Gas Terminal to Spurn, creation of a nature trail and Spurn Bird Observatory.

Also includes handwritten notes, précis of developments related to RNLI cottages, notes documenting work carried out at Spurn (1978), annual report (1980) and lists of Spurn Nature Reserve finances (1973, 1974, 1975).

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U DDB/4/2/4

File. Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) Council and Committee

Jan 1969-  
Nov 1974

Contains minutes for meetings held by the YNT including Executive Committee, Council, Finance Committee and Sub-Committee, Annual General Meeting and Area Group Leaders.

Venues include Clifford Chambers, Clifford Street, York; York University; 20 Castlegate York.

Topics discussed include general business of the Trust, warden's duties at Spurn, creation of potential reserves, revision of Articles of Association, list of Council members (1970), membership numbers and recruitment, the Trust's move to new offices (Aug 1972), coastal erosion, building of new houses at Spurn (Sep 1972), purchase of a tractor and trailer (Apr 1973), litter and staff responsibilities.

Also includes correspondence between YNT members, memorandum to Finance Sub-Committee and Executive Committee from Hon Treasurer (1969), report on Low Eilers Inquiry (1971), material marked Strictly Confidential 'A New Look at the Voluntary Nature Conservation Movement' presented by Royal Society for Protection of Birds, Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves and the Association of Nature Conservation Trusts (Oct 1971), report on the proceedings of Public Inquiry into proposed siting of a prison at Full Sutton or Riccall (Dec 1972), balance sheet and accounts (Jan 1972), report 'Hard Rock Resources in the Craven District of Yorkshire' (Feb 1973), notes on requirements for appointment of a Field Officer (c.1973), copies of 'Reserve News' (1973, 1974) and Education Policy (Jun 1974).

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U DDB/4/2/5

File. Spurn Management Committee

1970-1979

Contains handwritten and typed minutes of meetings of Spurn Peninsula Management Committee (1970s), meeting agendas, handwritten notes, blank Spurn Point Survey (1970) and first draft of Spurn Management Plan (1976).

Also contains correspondence to and from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) staff and members, Editor of 'Practical Camper', George de Boer, KUHCOE Canoe Club, Department of Pure and Applied Zoology and Yorkshire River Authority.

Topics include error in magazine (1979), issues between YNT and Spurn Bird Observatory, production of Spurn leaflet, warden employment issues (1972), application to use slipway at Spurn Point (1972), possibility of establishing a field study centre at Spurn (1972), application to carry out a geomorphological survey at Spurn Head Spit (1972) and construction of an embankment (1973).

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U DDB/4/2/6

File. Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) Council and Committee Minutes

Mar 1973-1977

Comprises minutes and some agendas for various meetings of the YNT including Executive Committee, Council, Scientific Committee, Business Committee, Ordinary General and Spurn Management Committee.

Venues include University of York and 20 Castlegate, York.

Topics include reserves and potential reserves, completion of Information Centres at Spurn and Moorlands (Apr 1975), election of officers, conservation, cottages at Spurn, grants received, financial report, use of buildings at the Point by Spurn Bird Observatory (Dec 1975), matters related to lifeboat cottages at Spurn, Holderness coast erosion, financial details and membership numbers.

Also includes report marked private from the University of East Anglia on impact of tourism (1975), guidance notes for Chairman and Committee, Aims of Management of Skipwith Common (Mar 1973), correspondence related to dissolving of Wheldrake Ings and Skipwith Common Nature Reserves Management Committees (1975), letter re RNLi cottages (Jan 1976), proposal for policy towards the collecting of specimens on Reserves, list of contact details for Council 1976/1977, creation of Interpretative Centre at Spurn, policy on allowing fox hunting on YNT reserves, Manpower Services Commission - Working Party, proposed boundaries for formation of new group (Jul 1976), list of Area Group functions and copies of Reserve News marked 'For the Information of Management Committees only' (1975-1976).

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U DDB/4/2/7

File. Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) Council Business and Scientific Committee

1976-1980

Comprises minutes for various meetings of the YNT including Business Committee, Scientific Committee, Council, Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting, meeting of the Chairmen of the Reserve Management Committee (Nov 1978) and Extra-ordinary meeting.

Venues include Spurn; York University; Castlegate, York.

Topics include provision of Portaloos at Spurn, finances, reserves and potential reserves, membership, staff duties, Spurn and Moorlands admission fees, grants, bequests, appointment and election of officers, Spurn road maintenance, Wheldrake Ings Management policy, erosion and contingency plan at Spurn, demolition of derelict buildings, Management Aims of the various Reserves, granting of permits, Heritage Coast status (Sep 1978), Askham Bog Book, proposed Cleveland Nature Conservation Trust, protective measures for the Little Terns at Spurn.

Contains correspondence related to various topics including Spurn Point playground (Oct 1978), Little Terns and creation of new habitat (Feb 1978), prospective volunteer (Jan 1978), postponement of demolition work at Spurn (1978), work to be carried out and request to install a water meter (May 1979).

Also includes newspaper cuttings in relation to demolition of wartime buildings at Spurn (1978), details from Humberside County Council Technical Services Department detailing Specifications of demolition, handwritten notes, list of YNT Council members with contact details 1977/1978, copy of income and expenditure account (1977), draft consultation document concerning Corporate Planning (Aug 1977), report on SPNC Administrative Conference (Nov 1977), Manpower Services Commission Project (1978), document marked urgent detailing YNT investments (1978), Second draft of Corporate Plan (Jan 1978), report of the Council (1977-1979), Newsletter from British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, First Corporate Plan (Feb 1978), notes for the Council related to Junior wing being transferred to the Watch Club (Jun 1978) and Reserve News (Oct 1978).

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U DDB/4/3	<p><b>Correspondence</b> <b>Comprises correspondence mainly associated with matters relating to Spurn. The various sources include George de Boer, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) staff and members, Trinity House Lighthouse Service, University of Hull, War Office, British Transport Docks Board, Humber Pilots Office, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Nature Conservancy, Humber Pilot's Steam Cutter Co. Ltd. and different businesses, television companies, MPs, visitors and Councils.</b></p> <p><b>Also contains reports, plans, leaflets, minutes and images.</b></p> <p><b>See also U DDB/2/5 for general correspondence. 45 files</b></p>	1841-1997
U DDB/4/3/1	<p>File. Correspondence Unlabelled folder contains annotated copy of report 'The Former High and Low Lighthouses at Spurn Head. Revised Opinion' (Mar 1988) with accompanying and related letters (1993-1997); draft letter to Trinity House Lighthouse Service from solicitor of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust in relation to Spurn Lighthouse (Jan 1994); lists possibly detailing images to be used in talks; letter from Trinity House Lighthouse Service abandoning claim to compound and refusal to contribute to provision of automatic barrier (May 1982); letters from Burstalls Solicitors to George de Boer related to Spurn Lighthouse (Aug 1993, Jan 1994, Oct 1995, Dec 1997); handwritten notes, possibly related to a report; copy of entry in Equity Cases in the Court of Exchequer 'Ex parte Angell In the matter of the Trinity House Lighthouse Act' (1841). 1 file (c.13 pieces)</p>	1841-1997
U DDB/4/3/2	<p>File. Correspondence Unlabelled folder which includes correspondence related to building of lighthouse (1978), copy of Conveyance of Freehold (Mar 1925) and handwritten research notes. 1 file (c.5 pieces)</p>	1925-1978

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- U DDB/4/3/3 File. 'Spurn Hydrology' 1954-1965  
Includes letters from a number of authors including editor of The Naturalist, Roy [Ward], Chairman of Spurn Management Committee and George de Boer. Topics include issues related to publication of article, arrangements for carrying out work at Spurn and ordering appropriate materials (1962-1965).  
  
Also instruction leaflet for installation and service of Liquid Level Bulb Fixtures (c.1960) and plan of driving equipment for tubular earths (1954-1959).  
1 file (c.10 pieces)
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- U DDB/4/3/4 File. 'London Trinity House' 1959-1968  
Contains correspondence related to the renting, maintenance and vacating of the lighthouse cottage at Spurn Head which was rented by the University of Hull and used as a Field Centre. Also information provided by Trinity House concerning the history of the lighthouse and geological conditions. Refers to paintings that may be included in U DDB/2/1.  
1 file (c.50 pieces)
- U DDB/4/3/5 File. Correspondence 1959-1973  
Includes letter with copies of list of names and amounts donated to Spurn Appeal and letters from War Office related to sale and occupation of Spurn in April 1959 (May 1973); précis of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) correspondence 1959-1967 compiled by Dr Wilfred Taylor with letter stating that hopes the information will be used as appendix to Management Plan (May 1973); 'YNT Spurn Promontory' details history of land.  
1 file (c.5 pieces)
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U DDB/4/3/6

File. 'Spurn Air Photography'

1959-1982

Material relates to photographing Spurn and producing maps and images. It contains correspondence from a number of sources including Hunting Aerosurveys Ltd., University of Cambridge Committee for Aerial Photography, YNT and Simon Engineering Laboratories and University of Manchester.

Also includes notes related to air surveys carried out, leaflets of aerial photography companies, report on excursion 'Southern Holderness' with details of the geology, copy of Deed of Conveyance of Spurn (Jul 1960), map of Spurn showing cycle of erosion, maps of Keld and Muker area, report 'The Age and Origin of Lake Gormire' by M. A. Blackham (May 1979), draft copy 'Spurn Head: Its history and evolution' by George de Boer (Dec 1962), copies of articles about geological formations and coastline study to be carried out and sea defences (Jun 1982).

1 file (c.21 pieces)

U DDB/4/3/7

File. Correspondence

1961-c.1992

Artificial file of correspondence related to possibility of extending the jetty by the Humber Pilots' Society (1967), granting of visiting permits, coaches using road to Spurn Point, agreement to install toilets in old Coastguards building with quote for work (Dec 1966, Feb 1967), related to University of Hull's use of a Field Station at Spurn and proposed installation of a generator (Oct 1968), BBC's filming of drama series 'The Expert' at Spurn with newspaper cutting (1968), rights of way at Spurn (1961, 1984), to Granada Television Ltd discussing possible educational film about coastal processes at Spurn (Jun 1981), coastal protection (1981) and maintenance issues.

Includes minutes of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust Executive Committee (Jun 1968, Feb 1969), Business Committee meeting (Apr 1981) and Council (Apr 1969). See also U DDB/4/2.

Also contains illustration of map of Spurn showing historical High and Low water marks and sand and shingle banks, chapter 'Coastline management: Some general comments on management plans and visitor surveys' by Michael B. Usher (1977), account of visit to Spurn by the Association for Science Education (Jan 1980), itinerary of HRH The Duke of Kent's visit to Royal National Lifeboat Institute at Spurn, includes biographical notes on attendees (c.Sep 1972), report detailing Spurn Management Committee business (1976), 'Spurn Report' with annotations (1966) and typed and handwritten notes

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on meeting about Power Line to Lifeboat Station on Spurn (Apr 1969).  
1 file (c.47 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/8

File. 'Spurn correspondence various about assistance etc'

1958-1967

Contains correspondence with a number of people and organisations requesting information about local history and related to George de Boer's research and Spurn Management Committee activities, including poem about Ravenser, thanks for George de Boer's contribution to a children's book and use of students in Humber Model Investigation project; handwritten notes; press release from British Transport Docks Board in relation to use of Humber by 200,000 ton vessels (Feb 1967).  
1 file (c.38 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/9

File. 'George de Boer'

1972-1974

Contains letters related to erection of a beacon at Spurn Point by British Transport Docks Board and letter and plan related to construction of a new jetty at Spurn Point (1972).  
1 file (c.4 pieces)

U DDB/4/3/10

File. 'Spurn Literature'

1963-1974

Comprises correspondence related to historical records available for research, information about beetles, spiders, insects, lepidoptera and chalcids found at Spurn Point (1963-1964) and hand drawn and coloured map showing geological features of Spurn.  
1 file (c.22 pieces)

U DDB/4/3/11

File. 'Spurn - a management policy and actions'  
Correspondence from various sources including George de Boer, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) staff and members, Easington Parish Council, John Prescott MP and Humber Pilots Office.

1964-1983

Topics include Trinity House's responsibilities for coastal maintenance (Jun 1976), road access at Spurn Peninsular (1973), lifeboat cottages (1975) and criticism of the running of Spurn Nature Reserve by writer to The Times (May 1970).

Also contains newspaper cuttings (Apr 1976, 1983); policy on the acquisition of reserves (Mar 1973); copy of Notice informing visitors of the acquisition of Spurn Peninsula by YNT and conditions of use by the public; article 'Recreational Pressures in the Summer Months on a Nature Reserve on the Yorkshire Coast, England' by George de Boer, Michael B. Usher and Michael Pitt (1974); article 'A Survey of Visitors' Reactions on Two Naturalists' Trust Nature Reserves in Yorkshire, England' by Michael B. Usher, Ann E. Taylor and Deborah Darlington (1970); map of Spurn with proposed car park extension marked; leaflet detailing work and objectives of YNT (1965); account of British Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting (1967); material related to Spurn Management Plan; handwritten draft version possibly of a talk 'Nature Reserve Management: The Example of Spurn'; handwritten notes which appear to be for various reports and talks; timetable of lectures for Applied Geography Spring Term course (1972) with possible bibliography; Spurn Bird Observatory information leaflet; list of slides for a lecture; memorandum with contact details for potential volunteer on reserve (1980).

1 file (c.59 pieces)

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- U DDB/4/3/12 File. Correspondence 1965-1980  
Unlabelled folder of correspondence related to various topics including permission for a research student to carry out a project (Jul 1980), advice about the bird account being undertaken (Mar 1970), pipeline (Jul 1980) and the footpath along east side of Spurn Head (Mar 1980).
- Also contains report of meeting of representatives of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust, BP, Nature Conservancy Council to discuss possibility of laying pipeline from the Gas Terminal at Easington to Humber Pilots' jetty at Spurn Point (Jun 1980), newspaper cuttings detailing tanker crash (Jun 1980), list of captions for figures, syllabus for University of Hull Department of Adult Education course 'Exploring Yorkshire The Yorkshire Dales with George de Boer as tutor (1965-1966) and handwritten notes.  
1 file (c.17 pieces)
- This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2056. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact [archives@hull.ac.uk](mailto:archives@hull.ac.uk).**
- U DDB/4/3/13 File. 'Robertson-' 1966-1967  
Comprises correspondence asking for advice on control of buckthorn and enquiring about availability of a possible research student (Dec 1966), from Nature Conservancy suggesting possible experts to contact in relation to buckthorn (Dec 1966), from Humber Pilot's Steam Cutter Co. Ltd. asking for permission to carry out work at the Military Pier (Jan 1967) and from Lincoln and District branch of the Geographical Association asking for permission to visit Spurn (Jan 1967).  
1 file (c.14 pieces)
- This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2043. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact [archives@hull.ac.uk](mailto:archives@hull.ac.uk).**

U DDB/4/3/14

File. Correspondence

1966-1967

Unlabelled folder of correspondence between Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust members and staff, Spurn Bird Observatory, E. Barker Ltd., various schools and groups, Withernsea Police, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Yorkshire Electricity Board and Eva Crackles.

Topics include matters related to maintenance of Spurn and its buildings, visitor permits and staffing issues, coastal erosion defences including gabions, ideas for a possible leaflet, requests for permission to sell teas and to apply for an Off-Licence (1966), acceptance to join Spurn Management Committee by D. J. Boatman (Jul 1966), toilet facilities and electricity supply (1966) and congratulations to lifeboat crew on their bravery award (Dec 1966).

1 file (c.138 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/15

File. Correspondence

1966-1981

Artificial file of correspondence to and from various sources Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and its members, Humber Docks Board and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

Topics include visits to Spurn, car parking and passing places, apologies for non-attendance at meetings, issues to be put to Management Committee, requests to launch fishing boats from coastguard station (1981), response to newspaper story (1968), an issue of trespass at Spurn Promontory to deal with a wreck off the Point (Jun 1971), wrecked cars and a potential exchange visit to Yugoslavia, formation of a Nature Conservancy and the spread of Buckthorn (1966).

1 file (c.32 pieces)

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- U DDB/4/3/16 File. 'Planning Status of Spurn' 1966-1974  
Contains correspondence related to Countryside Commission's report 'The Coastal Heritage' (1970); issues raised at Executive Committee (Sep 1972); from East Riding County Council (ERCC) to George de Boer thanking him for comments related to extension of Heritage Coast designation and possibility of grant for improvements at Spurn (1973, 1974); from ERCC in relation to clearance of eyesores (Aug 1972).
- Also two black and white photographs which appear to be of mud flats; minutes of meeting between Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and County Planning Departments in order to aid future co-operation (Jan 1971); Coastal Preservation Policies Map (Mar 1973); Coastal Preservation Policies Map Explanatory Statement (Jul 1966).  
1 file (c.14 pieces)
- U DDB/4/3/17 File. 'SL Reader' 1967-1968  
Contains correspondence from a variety of sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) staff and members, Ministry of Social Security, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Kingston upon Hull College of Education, University of Hull, printing companies, various schools and groups, Humber Pilot's Steam Cutter Co. Ltd. and East Riding Fire Brigade.
- Topics consist of various maintenance, staffing and visitor issues at Spurn including closure of right of way due to foot and mouth outbreak (Jan 1968), removal of beacon marking sewer outfall (Jul, Dec 1967), issues related to payment of National Insurance by staff member, details of rents due with names and addresses (Oct 1967), investigation into use of artificial seaweed for erosion defence (Feb 1967), exhibition boards and display materials (Feb 1967), installation of toilets in old Coastguard station (Feb 1967), removal of sand from end of Military Pier (Feb 1967), deterioration of cable to Spurn Point Beacon (Mar 1967), explanation of YNT's work, especially at Spurn (Apr 1967), invitation to form Education Committee (Apr 1967), placing of brushwood to prevent erosion (Mar 1967), result of court case concerning foreshore at Durham and possible impact on fishing restrictions at Spurn (Jul 1967), lights on the jetty (Sep 1967) and permission to drill survey holes (Sep 1967).
- Also includes reports on Spurn including details on visitors, birds and foot and mouth (Jan 1968), list of recoveries of birds ringed at Spurn, copies of permits, account of YNT meetings held with Local Authorities,



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U DDB/4/3/17  
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Planning Officers and interested Societies concerned with need to provide leisure and recreation opportunities (c.1967), short history of YNT's ownership of Spurn (Apr 1967) and details of field excursion by Pontefract Boys' Secondary School to Spurn (Aug 1967).  
1 file (c.149 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/18

File. 'Borehole logs'  
Includes plans of borehole composition and location (Sep 1971), correspondence related to BP Survey and borings with details of depth and formation (1967, 1971)  
1 file (c.11 pieces)

1967-1971

U DDB/4/3/19

File. 'British Transport Docks Board'  
Contains correspondence from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, Hull & Yorkshire Times, Humber Pilots Steam Cutter Co., Ltd., Humber Conservancy Board (HCB) and Pilotage Authority.

1967-1981

Topics include item in media (Mar 1974), lease to Pilots and Department of Environment for Meteorological Station and Coastguard tenancy (Jul 1975), Trust activities, Agreement between YNT and HCB (Sep 1967), Spurn Peninsula road (Aug 1976), jetty and pilotage facilities at Spurn (1971), invitation to formal opening of Spurn Pilot Station (Jul 1976), discontinuation of the light on the sewer outfall (May 1967), summary of recommendations in report on proposed Pilot Station at Spurn with copy of technical report (Mar 1972) and proposed new coastguard station (Jan 1973). Also includes memorandum from Business Committee (Jun 1975) and details of planned improvements to Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) quarters (Nov 1981), newspaper cutting (May 1976) and copy of incomplete Deed of pier or jetty between YNT and Humber Conservancy Board (1967).  
1 file (c.27 pieces)

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- U DDB/4/3/20 File. Correspondence 1968-1969  
Unlabelled folder which includes letters from a number of authors including Dr Ada Pringle, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust, Yorkshire Electricity Board and Dr S. L. Sutton.
- Topics include a request for materials to construct a mercury vapour moth trap in order to carry out a study, installation of an overhead electricity line to supply Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) at Spurn Point and matters related to buildings and staff at Spurn.  
1 file (c.19 pieces)
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- U DDB/4/3/21 File. 'Ternan PhD' 1968-1975  
Contains correspondence from a number of sources including between Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) staff and board members, British Transport Docks Board, GT Electrical and Humber Pilots Steam Cutter Co. Ltd (HPSCC).
- Topics comprise matters related to Spurn, including maintenance, leases, staffing and permit requests and YNT business including notification of George de Boer's election to YNT Council (May 1968), requests for permission to erect navigation beacon with map and drawing (Sep 1974) and Meteorological Station (May 1975).
- Also includes notes of interview discussing tenancy between YNT and HPSCC (Nov 1974) and Defence Land Agent, Catterick (May 1975), plan and draft copy of lease between YNT and HPSCC (c.1974) and planning permission application to convert Tower Building No. 5 to provide radar and control room facilities with plan and decision (1974).  
1 file (c.49 pieces)
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U DDB/4/3/22

File. 'Spurn Rights of Way'

c.1968-1975

Includes pamphlet 'A Practical Guide to the Law of Footpaths' by Ian Campbell (c.1968); map showing Rights of Way at Spurn Point; newspaper cuttings (1975); correspondence related to ownership and use of Spurn Peninsula (1975); letter asking to purchase spiral staircase from one of the buildings at Spurn (Jan 1974).  
1 file (c.20 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/23

File. 'Royal National Lifeboat Institution' (RNLI)  
Relates to RNLI, Trinity House and Humber Pilots  
presence at Spurn.

1968-1976

Contains correspondence to and from RNLI, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, Easington Parish Council, Burstalls Solicitors, Post Office, Lewis & Duvivier Consulting Engineers, Trinity House, Humber Pilot's Steam Cutter Company Ltd., British Transport Docks Board Humber, Spurn Bird Observatory, Ingleby and Horner Architects and International Council of Scientific Unions International Biological Programme.

Topics include provision of playground for lifeboatmen's children (1976), RNLI housing and building of Coastguards Look-Out (1970s), condition of the road to Spurn Head, possible provision of an incinerator (1976), concerns raised about possible use of public money to clear old military buildings and payment of rates (1976), requests to visit Spurn (1968), closure of the Humber Tidal Model (1975), demolition of the old cottages (1975, 1976), the keeping of pets by the lifeboat crew and discussions about terms of lease.

Also includes accounts of meetings with RNLI (May 1973, May 1975); artists impression of Lifeboat Crew housing (1972); newspaper cutting (1971); plans of locations and layouts for intended RNLI buildings; Report on Crew Housing for the RNLI Spurn Point (May 1973); lease and related papers between YNT and RNLI (1974); document assessing potential uses of Lifeboatman's Cottages.  
1 file (c.97 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/24

File. 'Gibraltar Point'

1969-1976

Contains material that appears to have been sent prior to a visit to Gibraltar Point possibly as research for building of centre at Spurn. It includes handwritten account of visit to Gibraltar Point by Spurn Management Committee (Mar 1976); letter from visitor complaining about lack of provision for dogs at Spurn Point (Mar 1976); leaflet by Lincolnshire Trust 'Nature Trail Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve'; booklet 'Nature Conservation in Lincolnshire' by A. E. Smith (1969); booklet 'Gibraltar Point Field Station' by Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation with list of charges for 1976; Development Plan by the Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation for Gibraltar Point - Skegness Nature Reserve; application by Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation to Carnegie UK Trust for interpretative facilities at the Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve Visitor Centre (Sep 1973); letter from Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves which appears to have accompanied the material in this file (Mar 1976) and handwritten notes.

1 file (c.10 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/25

File. 'Duckett etc'

1969-1985

Contains correspondence to and from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, British Transport Docks Board, George de Boer, Nature Conservancy Council, Environmental Officer at BP Petroleum Development Ltd, Yorkshire Evening Press Nature Correspondent and Department of Trade and Industry.

Topics include George de Boer's retirement from Spurn Management Committee (SMC) (Dec 1982); estuarial planning, in particular the likelihood, location, consequences and suggestion for prevention of a breach at Spurn (Jul 1969); North Sea Storms 1690-1800 (Mar 1980); proposal for gas condensates pipeline at Spurn Head (Jul 1980); criticism of SMC and YNT; damage Humber Pilots' cars had done to birds; car parking; raising car admission fees; plans to install a portable giant Heligoland trap (Feb 1980); request for statistical information about erosion at Spurn and comments on state of northern end of peninsula (Jun 1978); bait digging (Aug 1979); new Coast Rescue Headquarters at Spurn Point (Mar 1973).

Also includes handwritten research notes 'References to Ravenser in Icelandic Literature'; notes from Spurn (c.1978, 1979, 1980, 1981); newspaper cuttings (1980, 1981); agenda for Spurn Bird Observatory meeting (Mar 1980); details of North Humberside Biological Data Scheme from Kingston upon Hull Museums and Art Galleries (Apr 1979).

1 file (c.27 pieces)

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- U DDB/4/3/26 File. 'Visitor Survey' 1970-c.1974  
Comprises letter detailing changes to Social Science Research Council (SSRC) grants (Aug 1970), letter from SSRC in relation to possible press release (Jun 1970), letter informing YNT of grant from SSRC (Jun 1970), copy of George de Boer's CV, application for research grant (Apr 1970), Final Report on completion of project, typed and edited copy of article 'Recreational Pressures in the Summer Months on a Nature Reserve on the Yorkshire Coast, England' by Michael B. Usher, Michael Pitt and George de Boer (c.1974).  
1 file (c.14 pieces)
- U DDB/4/3/27 File. 'Statement of project' 1970-1971  
Contains letter from Peter Morgan to George de Boer related to book about Spurn (Jun 1971) and letter to John from George de Boer related to book (Mar 1970).  
1 file (c.2 pieces)
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- U DDB/4/3/28 File. 'Spurn Bird Observatory' 1970-1974  
Contains correspondence related to contractors, problems with parking and perception that money is not being ploughed back into the Reserve (Nov 1974), bait digging (Nov 1970), criticisms of progress being made at Spurn (Jul 1971), clearance of eyesores on Spurn, letters related to maintenance and upkeep of buildings at Spurn (1971) per capita charges (Dec 1970), details of poor state of affairs at Spurn Reserve (Nov 1973) and draft response from Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT).  
  
Also draft headings for Management Plan, handwritten notes, report on the conversion of the brick building at the Warren at Spurn, details of arrangements between YNT and Spurn Bird Observatory (SBO) (1973) and minutes of joint YNT and SBO Committee held to resolve issues between two groups (Mar 1972).  
1 file (c.19 pieces)
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U DDB/4/3/29

File. Correspondence

1970-1975

Unlabelled folder which contains correspondence between a number of sources including British Transport Docks Board, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, University of York, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Department of Environment.

Topics include proposed Pilot Station at Spurn (Mar 1972), request to build meteorological data collection sites (1975), Spurn matters, survey of rabbit population at Spurn (Dec 1970), response to article in The Times (May 1970) and erosion (Dec 1974).

Also annotated Statement of Management Policy (Apr 1970), article 'Management of Sea Buckthorn at Spurn', recommendations of Study Group on Dune Conservation, North Berwick (Apr 1970), YNT newsletter (Dec 1975), list of Spurn Research Projects 1926-1974, typed articles 'Vegetation', 'Climate', handwritten article 'The History of Land Use at Spurn', YNT position on impact of proposed Finance Bill on the environment (Feb 1975), Spurn income and expenditure (1971-1974), list of Official and other bodies involved in Spurn Working Party and 'Reserve News' (Dec 1974).

1 file (c.29 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/30

File. 'Observatory Sundries'

1970-1980

Contains correspondence to and from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, Spurn Bird Observatory (SBO), British Trust for Ornithology, British Isles Bee Breeders' Association and Rothamsted Experimental Station.

Topics include bait digging (1975), asking for support for the building of an interpretative centre at Spurn (Jan 1977), installation of bee hives, Little Terns (Mar 1978), expressing importance of traps at Spurn Head and includes maps showing population changes of certain species (Oct 1972), speed limit being ignored on the Spurn Road (Sep 1974), possible provision of a shop at Spurn (Feb 1975), changes to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) cottages and the re-siting of the Bird Observatory (Dec 1975), article in 'The Angling Times' about night fishing at Spurn (Dec 1970) and repairs to Warren Cottage and the moving of the sea watching hut (Dec 1977).

Also includes information on status of Bird Observatory written for YNT and Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, handwritten minutes of meeting of SBO detailing issues with the old Lifeboat Cottages and Management Plan (Dec 1975), yearly reports from SBO Committee (1973-1974, 1974-1975), list of insects found at Spurn (Sep 1975), two copies of proposed running order of BBC TV programme 'In the Country' to be filmed at Spurn, one annotated (Jun 1980), list of the duties of the Spurn Warden, summary of lecture 'Spurn Head, Yorkshire, as a nature reserve, with special reference to the Lepidoptera' (Feb 1972) and notes detailing activities of birds and insects (1970, 1973).

1 file (c.41 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/31

File. 'Heritage Coast'

1970-1982

Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including Countryside Commission, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, The Angling Times, Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves, The Times and East Riding County Council.

Topics include invitation to Heritage Coast meeting in Dorset (Sep 1976); fishing and bait digging at Spurn (Jan 1977); road at Spurn Peninsula (Sep 1976); criteria for grants (Jan 1972); removal of derelict structures at Spurn Point (Mar 1978); rent increases at Spurn; responses to media stories; coastal erosion, possible sale of telegraph cable and potential changes to road at Spurn (Feb 1970); clearance of eyesores (Feb 1972); possible installation of a security barrier at Spurn (Mar 1982).

Also contains report and correspondence from Humberside County Council on proposed definition of Spurn Peninsula as 'Heritage Coast' and responses from YNT and other interested parties (1978); report by Reserves Officer concerning relationship between Wardens, Management Committee and office staff of YNT (Sep 1974); details from YNT to Spurn Management Committee of scheme for an information centre at entrance to Spurn Nature Reserve; leaflet from Countryside Commission 'No.2 Interpretative Planning' (Oct 1977); handwritten annual report for Spurn (1981).  
1 file (c.39 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/32

File. 'Coast Erosion Spurn NFU & Local Authority'

1971-1973

Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including East Riding Council, National Farmers' Union (NFU) and Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust Ltd.

Topics include the clearance of derelict fortifications, gun emplacements and buildings on the Spurn Peninsula (Aug 1972) and Coast Erosion Conference (Oct 1973).

Also includes programme for Coast Erosion Conference (1973), Datum Post Readings for a number of locations (c.1972) and report into the existing sea defence system at Kilnsea (1971).  
1 file (c.5 pieces)

U DDB/4/3/33

File. 'BTDB & Coastguard Post (later stages)'

1971-1974

Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, East Riding County Council and British Transport Docks Board (BTDB).

Topics include work being carried out without permission (Jun 1971, Nov 1973); proposed building of a new Humber Lifeboat Station (Nov 1971); overhaul of fire hydrant (Mar 1974); concern about Spurn Point management (Jan 1974); proposal for new building and car parking at Spurn Pilot Station (Jan 1974); possible sharing of the old radar tower by the Coastguards and Pilots (Oct 1973); permission to carry out test bores at the jetty by BTDB (May 1971); building of the proposed Coastguard's Look-out and potential damage to approach road (Aug 1973, Oct 1974); tenancy of Spurn (Mar, Apr 1973); responses to media stories.

Also contains minutes for meeting held at Kingston House, Bond Street, Hull with various parties to discuss proposals for new Coastguard Look-out Station (Dec 1973); partial report from BTDB on accessibility of Humber by ships, plan of proposed Pilot and Coastguard Control Tower (Aug 1974); details of headings of proposed lease to Humber Pilots' Steam Cutter Co. Ltd. for Pilot Station, report and valuation of Spurn Promontory from Todd & Thorp, Chartered Surveyors (Jul 1973); plan of Spurn Head showing proposed buildings; two copies of plan showing possible proposed pilots' accommodation, one hand coloured; copy of elevation of jetty.

1 file (c.43 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/34

File. 'Coastguard Lookout'

1971-1978

Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves and S. J. Weston.

Topics include proposed Lookout Post on Spurn Point (1973); possible grant for the maintenance of the road at Spurn (Aug 1978); oil spill (Jul 1973); issues with the removal of a wall and interference with Heligoland traps (Mar 1972); plans for HRH The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), to visit Spurn (Sep 1972); proposals for new Pilot Station and lifeboat crew accommodation (1972); increases in car park charges; two boys caught poaching; oil washed ashore; permission given to Department of Environment to continue their meteorological experiments (Jun 1975).

Also contains list of buildings on Spurn; newspaper cuttings (Nov 1971, Nov 1973); copy of 'Conservation Review' for members of the County Trusts for Nature Conservation (Autumn 1973); hand written account by George de Boer of oil pollution at Spurn Point following breakdown of Conoco Britannia (Jun 1973); copy of plan of proposed lifeboat cottages.

1 file (c.35 pieces)

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- U DDB/4/3/35      File. 'Spurn Coast Erosion'      1971-1983
- Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including Humber Pilots, Lewis & Duvivier (Consulting Engineers), Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT), Yorkshire River Authority, Spurn Bird Observatory, Department of Environment and Joan Maynard MP.
- Topics include road repairs and sea defence work at Spurn (1981); donation to YNT from The Sir James Reckitt Charity (1974); East Coast Protection Sea Defences in Barmston and Kilnsea Areas (1972); possible plans to create a Coast Protection Board (1974); response to article in The Guardian by Patrick Oldfield on Spurn Point (1983); District Council's responsibilities for coastlines and in particular Spurn Head (Feb 1976); sea defence repairs carried out 1850-1860 (Aug 1983); upkeep of the road to Spurn Point (1973); rental of the land at Spurn Peninsula (1976).
- Also includes minutes of meeting held at Spurn Peninsula to discuss sea defences and protection of Spurn Road (Mar 1981); report of preliminary investigation into sea defence system at Kilnsea (1971); site plan of North Sea Secondary Floodbank Defence at Kilnsea (Apr 1973); minutes of YNT meeting to discuss storm damage and contingency plans for Spurn Peninsula (Dec 1977); handwritten notes; annotated copy of proposed article on Spurn Nature Reserve for YNT (1976); record of meeting on Coastal Erosion between Flamborough Head and Spurn Point (1976); report on the condition of the River Humber (1974).
- 1 file (c.31 pieces)
- U DDB/4/3/36      File. 'Clearance of eyesores'      1972-1976
- Comprises correspondence in response to article in Hull & Yorkshire Times (Mar 1974), related to offer by Friends of the Earth to pick up litter at Spurn, to clearance of derelict wartime buildings at Spurn and to reclamation of derelict land.
- Also includes Statement of Management Policy, list of buildings on Spurn and newspaper cuttings about work to be carried out at Spurn.
- 1 file (c.25 pieces)

U DDB/4/3/37

File. Correspondence

1973-1977

Unlabelled folder which contains correspondence related to Spurn staffing and maintenance; requests for permits for visits (1973-1974); from Humberside County Council related to possible Order under the Protection of Birds Act 1954 (Oct 1977); from ERCC in relation to Heritage Coast status (Oct 1972); memorandum related to election of new Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) President (Sep 1977).

Also includes YNT newsletter (May 1977); possibly YNT minutes - p1 missing; 'Reserve News' (Sep 1977); Spurn Peninsula information card; handwritten notes which appear to be for leaflet or card; minutes between YNT and various interested parties to discuss storm damage at Spurn (Dec 1977, Jan 1978).

1 file (c.21 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/38

File. 'Interpretative Centre'

1973-1981

Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including Ingleby and Horner Architects, Holderness District Council, Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) and its members, Spurn Bird Observatory and Countryside Commission.

Topics include issues related to cottages at Spurn (1975); permission to lease derelict building at Spurn Point for youth project centre (Jul 1981); matters arising from committee meetings; grant to purchase Portaloos (Aug 1976).

Also contains Preliminary Report on the provision of new and improved accommodation at Spurn (Sep 1973); draft report of working party to Spurn Management Committee in relation to car parking at Spurn (Mar 1974); report detailing Association of Nature Conservation Trusts programme and priorities for 1979-1984 (Apr 1979); 'An Appreciation of the Trust Buildings adjacent to the Wardens cottage at Spurn Nature Reserve'; instructions to 3rd year Architecture students for project to design a Field Centre at Spurn (1973-1974); report by YNT in relation to creation of an interpretation centre at Spurn; handwritten notes.

1 file (c.22 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/39

File. 'Reclamation of Spurn Bight - waste disposal'  
Includes letters from Humberside County Council to George de Boer asking for comments on report 'Coastal Protection - a Discussion Document' (Oct 1976), details of bad behaviour of party of children and a recent cliff fall (c.1976) and from Easington Parish Council to Department of Environment answering queries raised about proposed reclamation of Spurn Bight (Oct 1974).

1974-1976

Also contains report to Planning Committee concerning report 'Coastal Protection - a Discussion Document' (Sep 1976) and extract from Docks Board Feasibility Report on Humber.

1 file (c.6 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/40

File. 'Spurn Bight Reclamation'  
Comprises correspondence to and from various sources including Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and its members, East End Sea Angling Club, Holderness District Council and Department of Environment.

1974-1981

Topics include concerns about Spurn Bight (1974) and its possible reclamation (May 1981) and coastal protection at Spurn Peninsula (May 1981).

Also contains newspaper cuttings; blank copy of petition against reclamation of Spurn Bight; progress report of the Waste Disposal Working Group with accompanying letter (Jul 1975); reports detailing reclamation of Spurn Bight by the Disposal of Solid Waste (1974).

1 file (c.14 pieces)

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- U DDB/4/3/41 File. 'Spurn oddments c72-' 1974-1981  
Contains correspondence to and from Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), British Trust for Ornithology and Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and its members.  
  
Topics include proposal by British Petroleum Easington to lay pipework to Spurn Point (1980); cars speeding on the Reserve (1981); dampness in the new houses (1981); member's resignations (1975, 1981); requests for permission to carry out studies related to rabbits grazing (1974), snails (1976) and cockles (1976).  
1 file (c.7 pieces)  
  
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- U DDB/4/3/42 File. 'Task Force North' (TFN) 1975-1976  
Contains letters detailing how TFN to be used on Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) Reserves and the associated arrangements and detailing Spurn road access and repairs; application to Job Creation Programme by YNT for work at Spurn; Agenda for Spurn Management Committee meeting (May 1976); list of potential work to be carried out; list of buildings at Spurn with their potential uses and the work needed to be carried out on them; leaflet 'Become a Conservation Ranger' from TFN.  
1 file (c.17 pieces)
- U DDB/4/3/43 File. Correspondence Dec 1976- Nov 1977  
Contains letters related to Humberside Wildlife Conservation Subject Plan with details of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust's commitments in Humberside as basis for possible grant applications.  
1 file (c.6 pieces)
- U DDB/4/3/44 File. 'Spurn Nature Trail' 1978  
Material relates to proposed nature trail at Spurn and includes notes and maps. Also contains letter to Easington Parish Council concerning Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust's objection to building of a pond on land at Kilnsea (Sep 1978), partial response from IRK [IR Kibble] in relation to unnamed report, possibly in connection to Heritage Coast status (Aug 1978).  
1 file (c.6 pieces)

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U DDB/4/3/45	File. 'Misc Letters' Contains correspondence between George de Boer and Dr Charles Tuxford of North Western Universities Consortium for Marine Technology arranging a meeting to discuss Holderness Coast and compilation of a list of relevant publications (1982-1983); handwritten notes; lists of references and publications. 1 file (c.9 pieces)	1982-1983
U DDB/4/4	<b>Reports and Management plans</b> <b>Material comprises annual accounts of events, details of meetins, correspondence, research material and drafts.</b> <b>5 files and 1 volume</b>	<b>c.1959-1995</b>
U DDB/4/4/1	File. 'Crowther' Contains format for preparation of Reserve Management Plan; account of year at Spurn (c.1959, 1967, c.1968, c.1970); notes for Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) Reserve card; handwritten article and notes detailing history of Spurn Point possibly for leaflet; matters related to Management Plan; draft outline of the Management Plan with list of spiders at Spurn; Chapter 4 of Spurn Management Plan 'The Aims of Management'; account of meeting between YNT and Spurn Executive (Oct 1972); list of buildings on Spurn; article detailing topography, geology and hydrology of Spurn with handwritten draft and bird section of Spurn Management Plan.  Also includes correspondence related to permission to visit (Jun 1974), between YNT members related to matters at Spurn and draft response to The Times from YNT in response to criticism from a Spurn visitor (May 1970). 1 file	c.1959-1974

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- U DDB/4/4/2 'Proposed Shore Based Pilot Station at Spurn Technical Report' by British Transport Docks Board Humber (BTDB) 1967-1972  
Report is an investigation into the possibility of obtaining authorisation for the implementation of a shore based boarding and landing service at Spurn. Includes costings, photographs and plans (1971).  
  
Also contains loose papers which include letters from BP Petroleum Development Ltd detailing seismic survey carried out at Spurn (Oct 1967), from BTDB summarising Report recommendations (Mar 1972) and re-siting of Hi-Fix Radio Navigational Station and two slave stations (May 1970), from Dr S. L. Sutton of Department of Zoology, University of Leeds to George de Boer in relation to book on Spurn Natural History, lab facilities at Spurn and research students (Jun 1971). Also notes of Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust meeting concerning leases to BTDB and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) at Spurn Peninsula (Dec 1972).  
1 volume and loose papers
- U DDB/4/4/3 File. 'Spurn Management Plan Copy' 1976-1984  
Contains 'Management Plan for Spurn Nature Reserve (Jan 1977-Dec 1981)'; letter from Nature Conservancy Council to George de Boer thanking him for assessment of Spurn Head with draft copies of assessment (Sep 1984); handwritten copy of 'The future of Spurn as a Physical Feature - a prognosis'.  
1 file
- U DDB/4/4/4 File. 'Spurn - Report of 1992 My rejoinder' 1992  
Typed copy of George de Boer response to Spurn Heritage Coast Study; Final Report with maps and diagrams; copy of Spurn Heritage Coast Study; Final Report with annotations.  
1 file
- U DDB/4/4/5 File. Draft of Spurn Management Plan 1994  
Contains first draft of Spurn Management Plan, with annotations (c.1994) and letter from Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust to Hull Geological Society asking for any information to aid the writing of the Spurn Management Plan (Jul 1994).  
1 file

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U DDB/4/4/6	File. 'PH Scott' Contains copy of Public Consultation Document 'Spurn Heritage Coast Management Strategy' (Feb 1995) and letters from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (formerly Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust) related to Spurn Management Plan. 1 file	1994-1995
U DDB/4/5	<b>Publicity</b> <b>Comprises newsletters and leaflets promoting Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust and Spurn. Also correspondence, notes and drafts.</b> <b>3 files</b>	1960-c.1992
U DDB/4/5/1	File. Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) Newsletter Issues include details of YNT business at their various reserves with contributions from members, including George de Boer (Nov 1960, Nov 1961, Summer 1966 and May 1976). Also possible partial newsletter with article by Miss F. E. Crackles (Dec 1962).  Includes correspondence related to proposed content for possible set of cards designed for each Reserve (Jul 1968, May 1969). Also contains form asking for assistance with collecting information for Flora of the East Riding of Yorkshire (c.1971), Ecological Report on Spurn and list of nationwide Nature Trails for National Nature Week. 1 file	1960-c.1971
U DDB/4/5/2	File. Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust (YNT) leaflet and pamphlet and leaflets about Spurn Nature Reserve Includes YNT leaflet detailing the Trust's work and contains small piece about each of its Reserves (1968). Spurn Nature Reserve pamphlet includes map and details of its history, plants, birds, animals and features of interest (c.1970). Two leaflets about Spurn (c.1992). 1 file (4 items)	1968-c.1992
U DDB/4/5/3	File. Spurn Brochure Letters from a number of sources mainly concerning possible alterations to proposed pamphlet on Spurn written by George de Boer (1971). Includes notes and multiple drafts of leaflet text; information related to birds spotted at Spurn; request for information about the latest erosion and visitor survey results; handwritten notes on effluent; article 'Spurn Point and its Predecessors' by George de Boer; handwritten notes on the Management Programme and Reserve Card for Spurn Point. 1 file	1971