

Early Nottingham and East Midlands gay & lesbian magazines.

Nottingham and the wider region was home to a number of freely accessible gay & lesbian magazines. It was more common at that time, that magazines and small press papers like these were only available via mail order membership and orders. In Nottingham, there were a number of shops and places where this literature was available to be readily picked up. Magazines represented here include: *Gay East Midlands (G.E.M)*; *Gay Nottingham*; *East Midlands Metro Gay*; *Outright*. The magazines from this era (mid 1980's - mid 1990's) mainly focussed on the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities.

On the wall with the *AIDS (Wallpaper)*, there are a number of enlargements of adverts that were found in these magazines that provided advice, guidance and both practical and emotional support to those with, concerned about or affected by the impact of HIV & AIDS. These services and their messaging were at odds with the wider fear and misinformation in society time.

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