



Digitised Content: universities, publishers, sharing, openness

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JISC

overview






jisc supports ICT in UK Higher and Further Education

the jisc digitisation programme has funded over
50 projects since 2004, at c. £24m





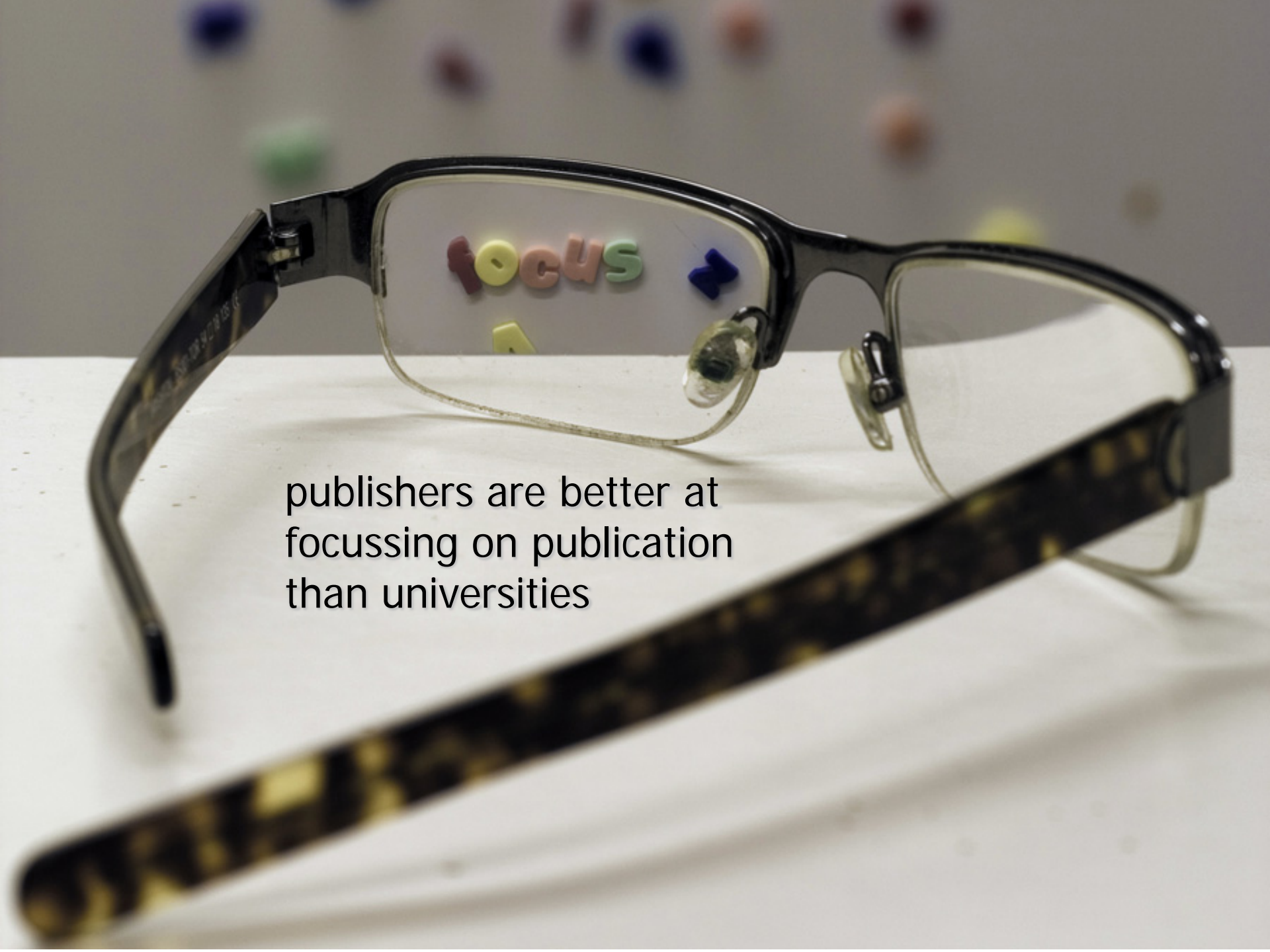
in the uk
numerous funders have created
too many digital resources,
but not got enough users



sustaining
digital
resources is
a problem

hey ... don't worry, be happy 😊

publishers are less surprised by problems with sustainability and usage numbers

A pair of black-rimmed glasses with a tortoiseshell pattern on the temples. The left lens has the word "focus" written on it using colorful beads. The letters are: 'f' (purple), 'o' (yellow), 'c' (orange), 'u' (green), 's' (blue), and 'x' (yellow). The glasses are resting on a white surface. In the background, there are several colorful beads scattered on a light-colored surface.


publishers are better at
focussing on publication
than universities



sharing is good



there is still the issue of digital resources being underused

An aerial photograph of a vast archipelago, likely a large lake or reservoir, featuring numerous islands and peninsulas of varying sizes. The land is densely forested with green trees, and the water is a deep blue. The perspective is from a high altitude, looking across the water towards the horizon. The text "the archipelago of digital content" is overlaid in the center of the image.

the archipelago of digital content

The Murder of Jean Alexander

A true and particular Account of the barbarous and cruel

Murder & Robbery

OF JEAN ALEXANDER & CHRISTIAN PEACOCK,

At KILMARNOCK, a few Days ago.

Edinburgh, Novr. 14, 1807.

Dear Friend,

I Am sorry I have nothing at present to inform thee of, that will either afford thee amusement or contribute to the gratification of thy benevolent mind. And, were it not that thou art qualified to extract good out of evil, and hast it also in thy power to give publicity to deeds of darkness, I would not, either in verse or prose, relate a circumstance, which must harrow up thy soul, freeze thy blood, and make thee shudder at the name of man! Allow me then to proceed to this painful talk.—

these erring miscreants will, ere long, be brought to a sense of their errors, and satisfy the demands of public justice.

From a deposition taken before the magistrates there is reason to suspect that William Burnsides, journeyman shoemaker in Kilmarnock, and Thomas Taggart, also a journeyman shoemaker, are the persons guilty of this shocking murder and robbery. These men are natives of Ireland, and, I understand, warrants of commitment are made out against them, and every possible exertion used to discover and apprehend them.

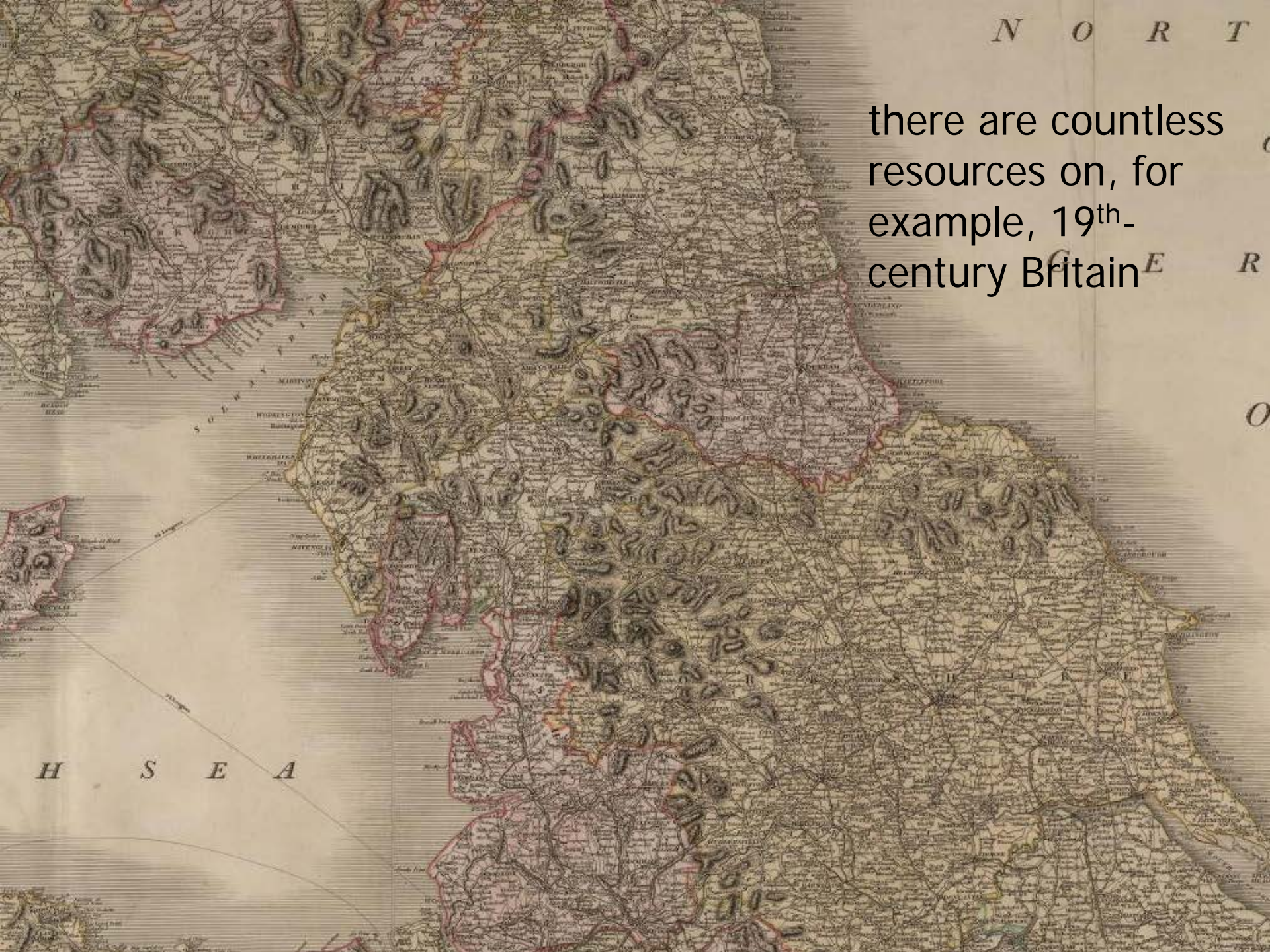
News sheet, from Edinburgh Nov 14, 1807 – from John Johnson Ephemera Collection

both the charges he was fully committed for trial.

MURDER.—Betwixt the night of Friday and morning of Saturday last, a most barbarous and deliberate murder was committed in the town of Kilmarnock, in the West of Scotland, on **Jean Alexander** and Christian Peacock, in the dwelling house of the former. It appears that they were strangled, the one with a cord, and the other with a handkerchief. The perpetrators robbed the house of 15l in silver, bank notes to the amount of 50l. two silver watches, and three plain gold rings. From a precognition taken, there is reason to suspect that William Bunsides, journeyman shoemaker, in Kilmarnock, and Thomas Taggart, also a journeyman shoemaker, are the persons guilty of this shocking murder and robbery. These men are natives of Ireland; and, we understand, warrants of commitment are made out against them, and every possible exertion using to discover and apprehend them.

PROVINCIAL THEATRE.—To a play-bill published by a Country Manager, in the vicinity of the metropolis

Morning Chronicle, London, 19 Nov 1807 – from BL Newspapers



there are countless
resources on, for
example, 19th-
century Britain

Study of 19th-Century Britain

- British Library Newspapers
- Research Libraries UK project – 1m pamphlets
- Electoral Data in Vision of Britain
- John Johnson Collection of Ephemera
- Old Bailey Proceedings
- 19th-Century Serial Editions
- Nineteenth-Century House of Commons Parliamentary Papers
- Nineteenth-Century UK Periodicals Online
- Microsoft Digitisation
- Google Books!



the great
war
archive
brought
the
university of
oxford in
contact
with a whole
new set of
users

Some URLs

- Ongoing registry of UK public sector digitisation projects - <http://web.me.com/xcia0069/uk-digitisation.html>
- JISC Digitisation Programme - <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/digitisation>
- British Library Newspapers - <http://newspapers.bl.uk/> (version for general public)
- Freeze Frame – <http://www.freezeframe.ac.uk>
- Nineteenth-Century Pamphlets - <http://www.britishpamphlets.org.uk/>
- First World War Poetry Archive - <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/>
- Mike Ellis presentation on opening up data - <http://www.slideshare.net/dmje/dont-think-websites-think-data>
- Flickr services - <http://www.flickr.com/do/more/>
- Brooklyn Museum API - <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/api/>
- BBC Backstage - <http://backstage.bbc.co.uk/>

Thanks!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/funksoup/403990660/>

<http://www.freezeframe.ac.uk/collection/british-graham-land-expedition-collection/p51-8-b114?gallery=ice>

http://visionofbritain.org.uk/iipmooviewer/iipmooviewer.html?fileName=smith_1806/smith4_1806%3DThe+British+Library&x=37&y=34

<http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/gwa/document/8756/2528#doc-desc>

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