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The screenshot shows the BBIH search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "Search anywhere" and a dropdown menu. Below it, there are filters for "Period covered" (yyyy - yyyy) and "Themed search" (Subjects and Places). The "Subjects" filter is expanded, showing a list of categories like "Social history", "Emotions and mental states", "Medical history and health", etc. The "Places" filter is also expanded, showing categories like "UK (pre-1922 boundaries)", "Ireland", "Africa", etc. At the bottom, there is a "SEARCH (#60152 HITS)" button.

- ▶ **Citation information** available through a new citation plugin, sourced from *Perspecti*, Brepols' upcoming database on research in the Humanities. See: [www.perspecti.net](http://www.perspecti.net).
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The screenshot shows the BBIH search results page. At the top, there's a large banner that says "60,152 hits\*". Below it, there's a search bar with the text "SEARCH ANYWHERE: Subject: Science OR Subject: Technology OR Subject: Medical history and health". The results are displayed in a list format, with each entry showing the title, author(s), and publication information. For example, the first result is "A Consideration of John Davy's 'Analysis of the Snake-Stone'" by Rachael Pymm & John Davy, published in *Antibio* 72:2 (2025) 173-193. The second result is "A cordwainer's wife in high politics: a microhistory of Mrs Caute" by Laura Seymour, published in *Seventeenth Century* 40:3 (2025) 511-529. The third result is "A Historical Framework for Understanding Public Service Media and Children's Education in the UK: BBC School Broadcasting 1924-2024" by Steven Barclay, published in *Journal of British Cinema and Television* 22:2 (2025) 186-211. The fourth result is "A. John Jovett (1939-2024)" by Allan M. Findlay, published in *Scottish Geographical Journal* 141.1-2 (2025) 291-295.

\*Record count: May 2026

## New Interface, incl. Citation Details on the Record Page

From December 2025, BBIH includes citation information through a new citation plugin. This tool is available in the hitlist and on the record page, providing the total number of citations along with the bibliographical details of the citing publications.

The image shows a screenshot of the BBIH interface. On the left, a hitlist displays three records:

- Record 9: **A social history of madness : stories of the insane** by Roy Sydney Porter, 1987. It has 6 citations.
- Record 10: **Disease, medicine and society in England, 1550-1860** by Roy Sydney Porter, 1987. It has 6 citations.
- Record 11: **Patients and practitioners: lay perceptions of medicine in pre-industrial society** by Roy Sydney Porter, 1985. It has 13 citations.

Each record includes buttons for 'CITE', 'FIND A COPY AT BREPOLS PUBLISHERS NV', and '+ ADD TO SELECTION'. A callout box points to the citation count, stating: "Detail of a bibliographical record with citation information displayed on the right-hand side. By default, two citations are visible. To view all citations, please contact us to upgrade your subscription."

The detailed record for Record 11 is shown in the center. It includes the title, editor, place, publisher, year, and notes. Below this, there are sections for 'Classification details' (Subject tree, Period covered, Other Subject) and 'See articles from miscellany' with a list of citing publications. A callout box points to the '13 Citations' count, stating: "Hitlist of a bibliographical search, including citation counts".

### Reflections on using BBIH

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Professor Catherine Clarke, Institute of Historical Research, UK

“BBIH is an invaluable, long-established, hand-curated resource. It not only provides powerful tools to help students and scholars find relevant secondary content, but also makes possible large-scale, quantitative and qualitative surveys of whole fields of historical study.”

Professor Joanna Innes, University of Oxford, UK

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