

Sussex Family Historian - SFH44 Memory Stick

MS Windows & Apple Mac Operating Systems


Instructions to modify the programme to run with the updated web browsers

1. Windows operating system

The programme to search and display the information uses a web browser. Recently many of the suggested web browsers have been modified and as a result the search facility will not work correctly.

We have developed a simple modification that will enable two of the most popular web browsers: **Google Chrome** and the new 'Chrome based' **Microsoft Edge** to be used.

If your SFH44 USB stick is dated Dec 2019 (lower right rear corner of the card insert) the files and instructions for Chrome are already provided. See *Figure 2*.

If you have the 'old' Edge browser, logo:  continue to start the programme using SFH.htm.

If/when you have the 'new' Edge browser, logo:  you will need to create a 'shortcut' to run the programme.

The method of creating shortcuts for both Chrome and Edge are similar and are detailed below.

1. Insert the USB stick into the USB port. Use 'File Explorer' to navigate to the files on the USB Stick. The list will look like one of these, *Figure 1* or *Figure 2*, depending on the date of the USB Stick.

If there are files like SFH44 Chrome-H, see *Figure 2*, they are shortcuts for the Chrome Browser and you can run the programme with Chrome using the one that matches the letter of the port. You can also create a shortcut(s) for Edge if you wish.

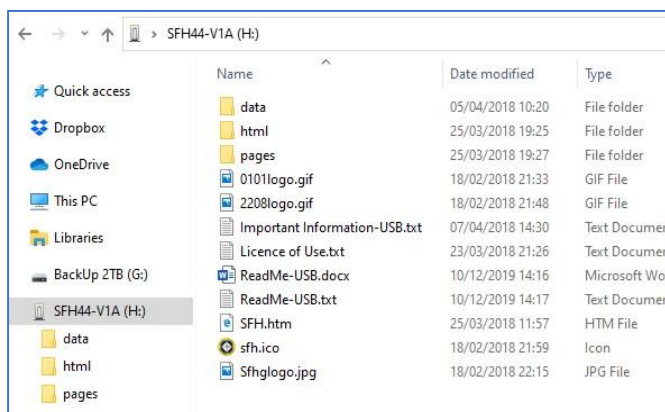


Figure 1

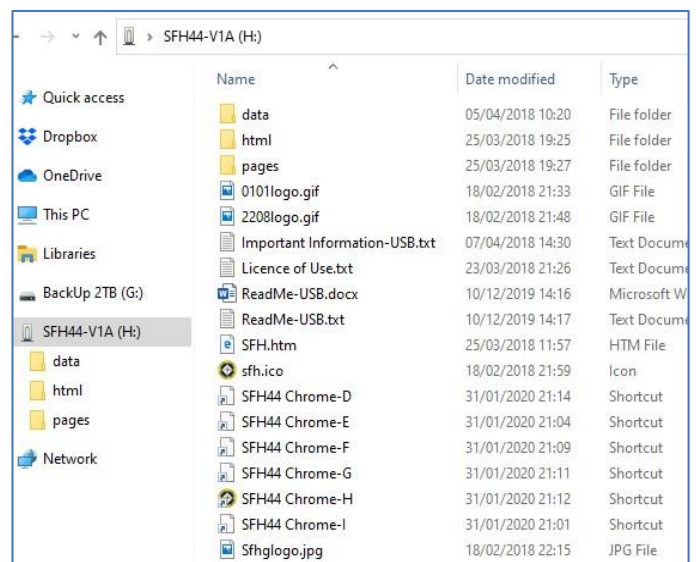


Figure 2

2. Insert the USB stick into the USB port you will be using. Note: the shortcut is specific to a port, however you may create shortcuts for more than one port.

In the example shown, the USB Stick is in USB port 'H'

3. Identify the file 'SFH.htm' and 'right click' to get a dropdown menu, then click 'Create Shortcut'. See Figure 3. The created Shortcut is shown in Figure 4.

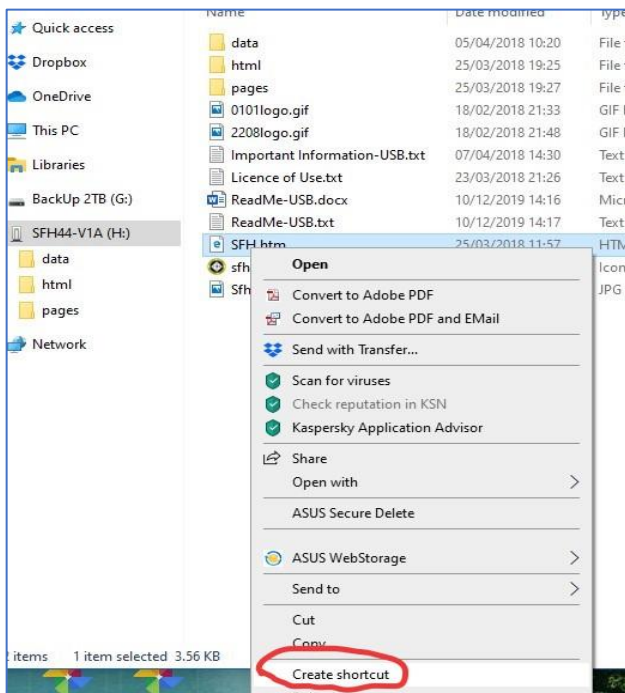


Figure 3

Shortcut created

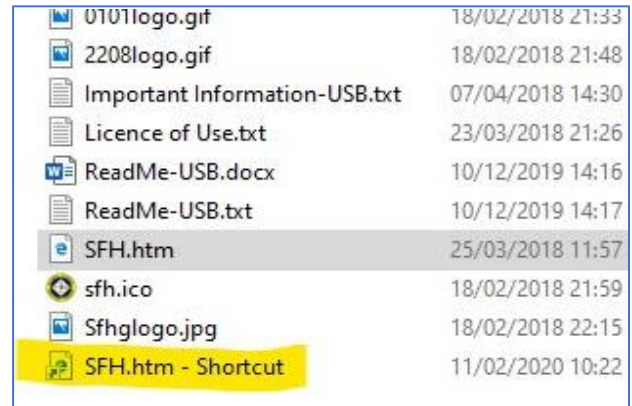


Figure 4

4. Now modify the new shortcut you have created. Right click on the new shortcut and select 'Properties', Figure 5. The next step is to change the 'Target'.

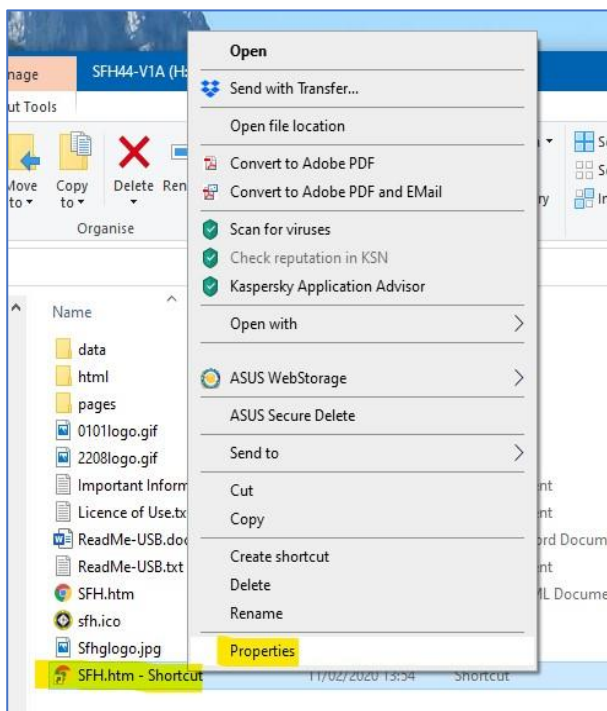


Figure 5

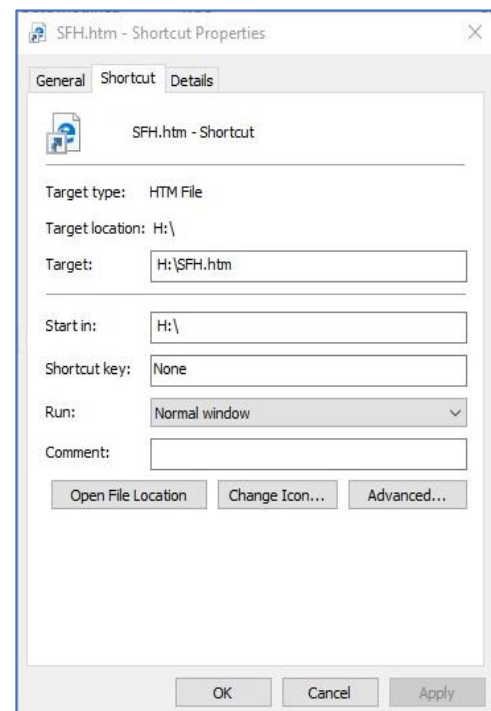


Figure 6

Copy and paste (or type) one of the following lines into the 'Target' to replace the existing text.

"C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application\chrome.exe" --allow-file-access-from-files "H:\SFH.htm"

"C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Edge\Application\msedge.exe" --allow-file-access-from-files "H:\SFH.htm"

Choose the one for the browser you will be using: either Chrome or Edge.

Important, you must copy and paste (or type) all of the line, exactly including spaces and the " " at each end. Copy and pasting is easier and recommended.

Replace the 'H' with the letter of the Port you are using.

Click 'Apply' at the bottom of the window.

The beginning of the 'Target' should now look like one of these, depending on your choice of browser:

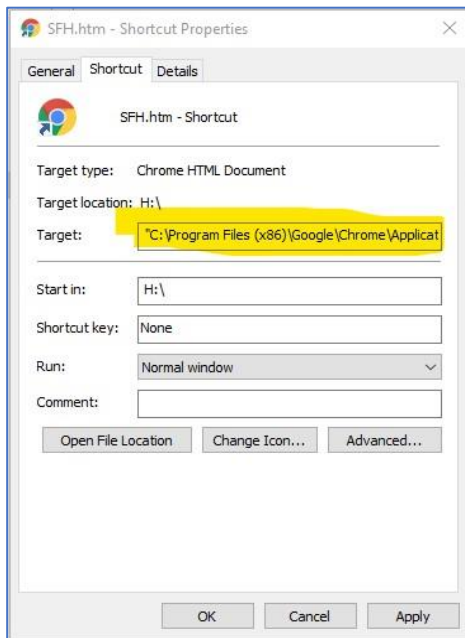


Figure 7

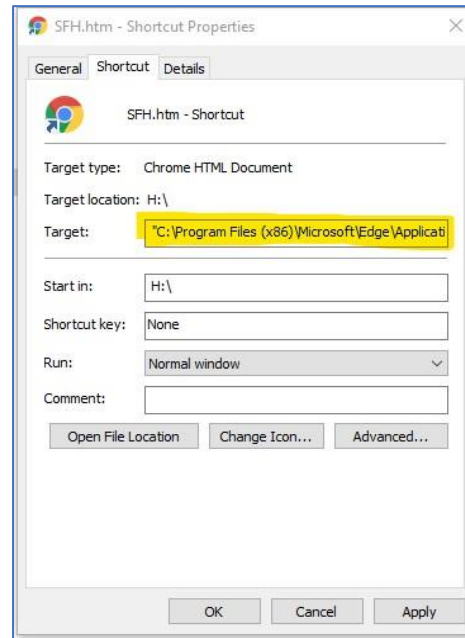


Figure 8

6. It is a good idea to give the new shortcut a more descriptive name.

Click on the 'General' tab and change the name to something like: 'SFH44-H Shortcut' to identify the port letter. Don't forget to 'apply' the change. Click OK to close the window.

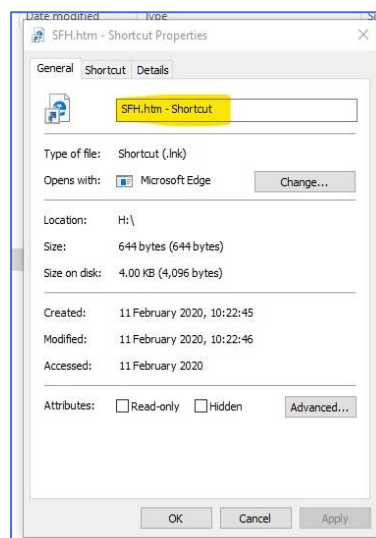


Figure 8

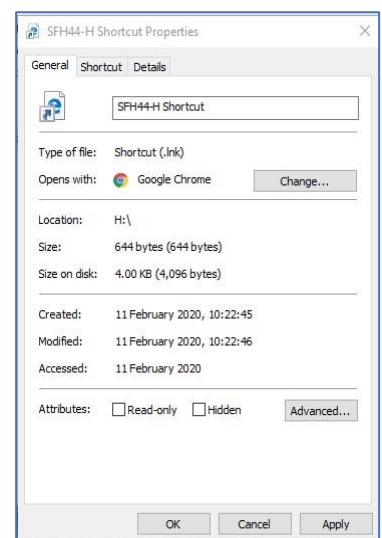


Figure 9

7. Your list of files should look similar to this with the new Shortcut:

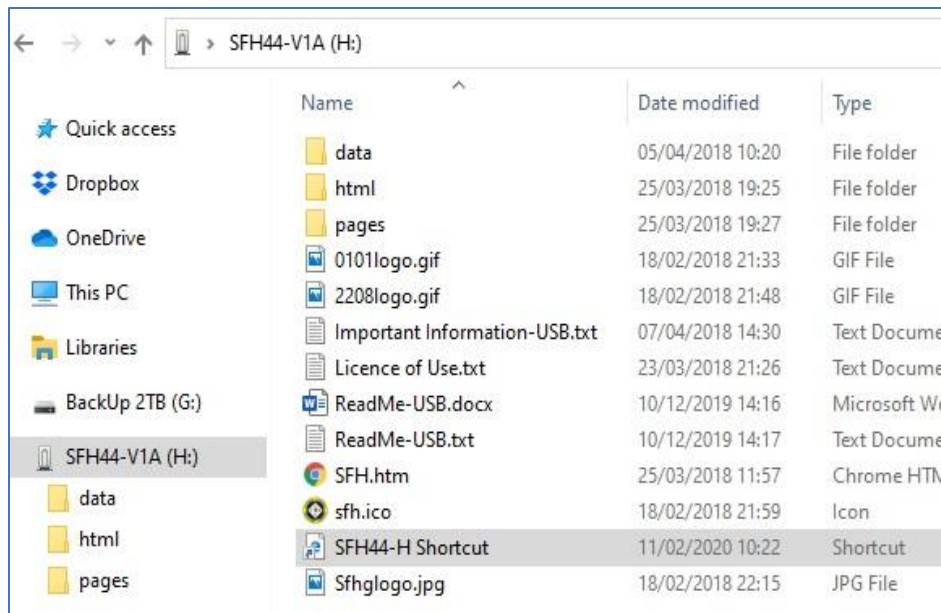


Figure 10

8. Click/double click on the Shortcut to run the programme. The search facility should now work correctly.
IMPORTANT. Close the browser you will be using, before you run the programme.
9. If you sometimes use other USB ports, you may wish make shortcuts for those ports/drive letters as well.
10. You can also copy the shortcut(s) onto the desktop and open the programme from the desktop.

Important Note

Depending on the resolution of the screen etc. some of the search window may not be visible or too large.

If this is the case, please adjust the screen 'zoom'.

Hold down the 'Ctrl' key and either roll the wheel on the mouse or use the '+' and '-' keys to adjust the zoom so that all the features are visible.

We hope you will continue to find the SFH44 useful in your research.

In case of problems with running this programme, please send full details by email to publicity@sfhg.org.uk and we will try to resolve it for you.

Suggestions for improving these instructions are welcomed. Please email to publicity@sfhg.org.uk

2. Apple Mac Computers

If your USB Memory Stick is named "Historian" please just follow the instructions supplied.

If your memory stick has a different name, typically "SFH44..." , SFHG can provide a simple update. This is straightforward and simple to apply.

Please message publicity@sfhg.org.uk for this update.

An addition file and instructions will be sent to you by email.

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