Sources for the Study of Sheffield's Battle for Clean Air









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Introduction

This Guide lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of the battle for clean air in Sheffield.

Concern over Sheffield's air quality stretches back at least 400 years. As early as 1608 Sir John Bentley expected to be 'half choked with town smoke' while visiting Sheffield¹.

By the 19th century it was apparent that measures were necessary to reduce atmospheric pollution in urban areas. In 1843 the Select Committee on Smoke Prevention issued its report. Locally, the Borough Council's Watch Committee was directing the police to enforce the Smoke Byelaws in the 1840s (Sheffield City Archives: CA-WAC/1/1). The Sanitary Act of 1866 permitted local sanitary authorities to take action against smoke nuisances. It was not until 1875 however, with the passing of the Public Health Act, that attempts were made to control air pollution across the whole country.

Nevertheless, air pollution problems persisted into the 20th century, partly due to the fact that most smoke pollution came from less regulated domestic coal fires rather than industrial processes. In a debate in Parliament on 16 July 1924 Lord Newton claimed 'that airmen, when they rise from London on a clear day, can at once distinguish the smoke of Sheffield in the far distance, and can direct their course to it without the need of compasses or anything else¹².

The Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act 1926 allowed local authorities to form joint committees to tackle air pollution from industry. Sheffield joined with Rotherham County Borough Council, Rotherham Rural District Council, Stocksbridge Urban District Council, Rawmarsh Urban District Council and Greasborough Urban District Council to form the Sheffield, Rotherham and District Smoke Abatement Committee. The Committee used the services of the councils' smoke inspectors. It later became the Sheffield and District Clean Air Committee.

In 1956 the Clean Air Act established 'smokeless zones' in which only smokeless fuels could be burned. The Clean Air Act of 1968 forced certain industries to use tall chimneys. Further controls followed in the ensuing decades, namely with the Control of Pollution Act (1974), the Control of Smoke Pollution Act (1989), the Environmental Protection Act (1990), the Environment Act (1995) and the National Air Quality Strategy (1997).

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¹ Quoted in Harman, Ruth and John Minnis *Pevsner Architectural Guides: Sheffield* (Yale University Press, 2004)

² http://hansard.millbanksystems.com/lords/1924/jul/16/public-health-smoke-abatement-bill-hl (accessed April 2013)

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Timeline showing key dates

| 1608 | Sir John Bentley expected to be 'half choked with town smoke' while visiting Sheffield ³ . |
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| 1661 | John Evelyn writes a diatribe against air pollution in London: Fumifugium, or The Inconvenience of the Aer and the Smoak of London Dissipated. |
| 1843 | Select Committee on Smoke Prevention. |
| 1849 | House of Commons debate on Smoke Prohibition Bill involving John Roebuck, MP for Sheffield. |
| 1853 | Sheffield Council introduces smoke byelaws. |
| 1861 | The Builder reported 'a thick pulverous haze which the sun even in the dog days is unable to penetrate' in Sheffield. |
| 1866 | The Sanitary Act permitted sanitary authorities to take action against smoke nuisances. |
| 1875 | The Public Health Act contained a smoke abatement section. |
| 1881 | Smoke Abatement Exhibition held in London. |
| 1889 | Almost 6,000 Sheffielders signed a petition calling for the prosecution of industrial smoke polluters. |
| 1890 | Sheffield Council appointed its first Smoke Inspector (William Nicholson). |
| 1909 | Smoke Abatement Exhibition held in Sheffield. |
| 1909 | National Smoke Abatement Committee established (NSAC). |
| 1909 | Smoke Abatement League of Great Britain formed with representatives from Sheffield, Glasgow, Manchester and elsewhere. |
| 1914 | First national pollution survey undertaken by the Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution (Sheffield was measured at Attercliffe Burial Ground, Hillsborough Park, Meersbrook Park, and Weston Park). |
| 1926 | Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act allowed local authorities to form joint committees to tackle air pollution from industry. |
| 1927 | Sheffield, Rotherham and District Smoke Abatement Committee formed. |
| 1936 | Public Health Act. |
| 1937 | George Orwell published his <i>Road to Wigan Pier</i> . In it he mentions the poor state of the air in Sheffield - 'the ugliest town in the Old World'. |
| 1939 - 1945 | Smoke abatement work was suspended during the war; smoke was seen as useful camouflage against enemy aircraft. |
| 1948 | Death of William Nicholson, Sheffield's former Chief Smoke Inspector. |
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³ Quoted in Harman, Ruth and John Minnis *Pevsner Architectural Guides: Sheffield* (Yale University Press, 2004)

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| 1952 | Great London Smog killed 4,000 people in 4 days. |
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| 1955 | Sheffield Citizen's Committee for Clean Air established. |
| 1956 | Clean Air Act established 'smokeless zones' in which only smokeless fuels could be burned. |
| 1959 | Sheffield created smokeless zone number 1 (central area). |
| 1959 | Sheffield's Health Education Service established. It began a clean air publicity campaign. |
| 1968 | The Clean Air Act forced certain industries to use tall chimneys. |
| c. 1972 | Sheffield almost completely covered by smokeless zones. |
| 1974 | Control of Pollution Act. |
| 1989 | Control of Smoke Pollution Act. |
| 1989 | Sheffield City Council was the first local authority in the country to purchase an automatic continuous air monitor to measure traffic pollution. |
| 1990 | Environmental Protection Act. |
| 1993 | Clean Air Act. |
| 1995 | Environment Act. |
| 1997 | National Air Quality Strategy published. |
| 1999 | Death of Joe Batey, Sheffield's chief smoke abatement officer nicknamed 'Mr Clear Air' and 'Smokey Joe'. |

Contemporary Voices

'half choked with town smoke'

Sir John Bentley, 1608

'a thick pulverous haze ... which the sun even in the dog days is unable to penetrate'

The Builder, 1861

Let us raise for owd Shevvield a cheer, Men an' wimmin to whom shoo is dear! Let us tell all the world we are proud Of the city beneath the black cloud.

Downing, Ebenezer, *Smook thru a shevvield chimla*, 1906 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 427.74 S)

'... airmen, when they rise from London on a clear day, can at once distinguish the smoke of Sheffield in the far distance, and can direct their course to it without the need of compasses or anything else'

Lord Newton, 1924

'And the stench! If at rare moments you stop smelling sulphur it is because you have begun smelling gas ... once I halted in the street and counted the factory chimneys I could see; there were 33 of them, but there could have been far more if the air had not been obscured by smoke.'

George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier*, 1937

'Sheffield is one of the cleanest industrial cities in Europe'

J W Batey, Sheffield Medical Officer of Health, Annual Report, 1956

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List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information

Newspaper reports, etc.

Relevant articles and features may appear in local newspapers. The two main Sheffield newspapers are the *Sheffield Morning Telegraph* (later *Sheffield Telegraph*) and *The Star*, and these are available on microfilm at Sheffield Local Studies Library.

The British Library British Newspapers 1800-1900 website includes over nine million pages from over 300 national and local newspapers (including the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent 1819-1909*, *Sheffield Daily Telegraph 1855-1950 and Sheffield Evening Telegraph 1887-1920*) (http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/)

There is a card index covering the 1930s to the 1950s, and from the 1960s onwards there are files of news cuttings arranged by subject (both available in the Local Studies Library).

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* (http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/archive/) and *The Guardian* (http://archive.guardian.co.uk)

Photographs

Over 65,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library and City Archives collections are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com.

Court Records

Records of the Magistrates Court and the City Council's Watch (or Police) Committee will record complaints and prosecutions relating to smoke nuisances and pollution.

Records of the Sheffield Magistrates Division cover the borough and City of Sheffield and records of Upper Strafforth and Tickhill Division of West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough such as Handsworth, Ecclesfield and Bradfield, c. 1870 - 1976.

(Sheffield City Archives: MC)

Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880. (Sheffield City Archives: QS)

For court records prior to 1870 contact West Yorkshire Archives

Sheffield Watch Committee minutes, 1843 onwards (Sheffield City Archives: CA-WAC)

Books, Documents, etc

Shaw, G. H. (ed)., The improvement Commissioners and smoke, 1818 - 1865: extracts from local newspaper reports of the meetings of the Improvement Commissioners, 1959

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 893 M)

Petition against the Smoke Nuisance Bill, noted in Sheffield Borough Council minutes c. 1843 - 1845

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-COU/1a pages 117, 119)

Flockton, William, A plan for removing ... all smoke, noxious gases, vapours, etc which are now discharged into, and mixed with, the atmosphere of towns; and at the same time affecting a complete self-acting system of ventilation, which may be easily and economically applied to all kinds of dwelling houses, public buildings, workshops, and sewers, and thereby, with the aid of a system of drainage, rendering large towns and manufacturing villages as healthy as the surrounding open country (Sheffield, Ridge and Jackson, 1849)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 628.53 SST; another copy at Local Pamphlets, vol. 1 no. 11, J 042 S)

Sheffield Council, Health Committee minutes, 1849 onwards
For example, chimney smoke notice to be given to Sands Paviours to put a stop to,
c. 1849 - 1856 (CA-HEA/1/2 pages 50, 52)
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-HEA)

Haywood, James and William Lee, A report on the Sanatory (sic) Condition of the Borough of Sheffield, 1847 - 1848 (Sheffield City Archives: SY235/2; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets, vols 58 and 71 (042 SST))

Sheffield Borough Council, Smoke byelaws, 1853 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Byelaws, vol. 1 no. 6 (352.042 S))

Letter to 5th Earl Fitzwilliam: enclosing a copy of smoke abatement byelaw for Sheffield, 6 Sep 1854 (Sheffield City Archives: WWM/G/83/728-729)

'Condition of our Chief Towns - Sheffield', *The Builder*, 21 Sep 1861 (Sheffield Reference and Information Library)

Smoke Bye-laws Committee from c. 1864 (Sheffield City Archives: CA-COU and CA-MIN)

Medical Officer of Health reports on the health of the city, 1873 - 1973 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.74 SQ and microfilm)

Buchanan, Francis, Sparks from Sheffield Smoke: a Series of Local and Other Poems (Leader, [1882] (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 821 B851 SST)

Sheffield Health Committee, Report of inspectors' department regarding nuisances, especially smoke nuisance, 1888 (Sheffield City Archives: MD3444)

Newscutting, 'Smoky and Smutty Sheffield', letter to the editor (publication unknown) thanking him for highlighting smoke pollution, from 'A Believer in Pure Air', Catherine Street, 1889

(Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/7/66b)

Letter to the editor (publication unknown) regarding smoke pollution, from Thomas Garbutt, Attercliffe, 19th cent

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Carpenter/NC/7/66e)

Letter from Edward Carpenter to the editor of *The Sheffield Telegraph*, regarding smoke pollution, 13 Aug 1889 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Carpenter/NC/7/66f)

Edward Carpenter, manuscript notes for lecture on smoke pollution, 1889 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/Mss/331)

Report of a lecture on The Smoke Nuisance and smoke preventing appliances, reprinted, with a few alterations, from the Sheffield daily newspapers, 1889 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Carpenter/Library/1/19)

'The Smoke Nuisance, and How to Cure It' - advertising flier for a lecture by Edward Carpenter at New Islington Hall, Ancoats, Manchester, 15 Dec [no year given] (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Carpenter/NC/4/65d)

Newspaper articles praising Edward Carpenter's stance on smoke abatement, 19th

(Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/7/58 and 66a)

Report of a Firth College Saturday Popular Lecture: 'The Smoke Nuisance: Its Cause and Cure', (newscutting), 1889 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Carpenter/NC/1/86)

Sheffield Council, resolutions as to Health Committee to further consider the appointment of additional Smoke Inspector, and also memorial as to smoke nuisance, 1888 - 1889

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/24 pages 700 and 702; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Sheffield Council, resolution relating to a letter from W. F. Favell, enclosing resolutions of the medical profession as to smoke nuisance, 1889 - 1890 (Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/25 page 820; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Circulars on aims of Sheffield Smoke Abatement Association, detailing the origins of the movement, proposed scope of the work and proposed method of raising the necessary funds, 1890

(Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/7/56-57)

Letter from Sheffield Smoke Abatement Association offering to co-operate with the Corporation in smoke prosecutions, 1892 - 1893

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/28 page 699; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Sheffield Smoke Abatement Association - report of the sub-committee presented to a meeting of the executive committee, 13 Apr 1893 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 75 no. 11 (042 S))

Newspaper report on a meeting of the Sheffield Smoke Abatement Society, *The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*, 15 Apr 1893 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/7/68a)

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(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 628.53 S)

Sheffield Council, powers to be sought regarding smoke nuisances, 1899-1900 (Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/55 page 192; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Nicholson, William (Sheffield smoke inspector), *Practical Smoke Prevention* (Sanitary Publishing Co., 1902) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 628.53 SST)

Smoke Sub-Committee minute book, 1905 - 1908 (Sheffield City Archives: acc. 2002/43)

Downing, Ebenezer, Smook thru a shevvield chimla, 1906 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 427.74 S)

Annual Report of the School Medical Officer, 1908 - 1972 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 371.712 S)

Paper on 'Elimination of Smoke by Use of Electricity', read by S. E. Fedden to the Smoke Abatement conference, 1909 (Sheffield City Archives: MD3435)

Smoke abatement exhibition and conference, promoted by the Sheffield Federated Health Association, held in the Corn Exchange, Sheffield, Mar 1909 (Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter Library C 628.53 SSTQ)

Report to the Health Committee of the Sheffield City Council on the results obtained by the chemical investigation of rain water collected at various sites in the city area, 1915

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 88 SQ)

Resolution of Sheffield Federated Health Association on atmospheric pollution, 1915 - 1916

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/54 page 284; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Edward Carpenter's notes regarding businesses' attempts at smoke abatement, 17 Jun 1917

(Sheffield City Archives: Carpenter/NC/7/65a)

Article on apparatus invented in 1922 for the purpose of reducing smoke produced by steel works in *Edgar Allen News*, vol. 2 no. 20, c. 1922 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SQ)

Hugill, William and S. C. Blackton, 'The Study of Atmospheric Pollution in the Sheffield District' in *Sorby Scientific Society Proceedings*, vol.1, 1929, page 71 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 505 S)

Sheffield Council minutes, smoke prevention, 1920 - 1921 (Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/59 page 577; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Articles, reports of meetings, letters etc., relating to smoke abatement, 1921 - 1928 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newscuttings relating to Sheffield and district, vol. 11 (942.74 SQ))

Lists of representatives on, and reports of, the Sheffield and Rotherham Smoke Abatement Committee, 1926 - 1956 (Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/65-93; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

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(Sheffield City Archives: CA-SMO)

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'Sheffield Replanned: a report, with plates, diagrams and illustrations, setting out the problems in replanning the city and the proposals of the Sheffield Town Planning Committee' (Town Planning Committee, 1945)

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Report on a meeting to discuss the effect of the Clean Air Bill on atmospheric pollution in Sheffield in *Quality of Sheffield*, Jul 1956 (pages 32-33) (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ)

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Note and comment on proposed Smoke Control Area in *Quality of Sheffield*, vol. 4 no. 2, Feb 1957 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ)

Invitation and acceptance cards, guest list, seating plans, menu and order of proceedings for the Clean Air Campaign and Exhibition, 18 Nov 1959 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1045 M)

Items relating to luncheon given by the Lord Mayor on the occasion of the inauguration of the Clean Air Campaign, Nov 1959 (Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1103 S)

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Note of a petition from residents in No. 1 (Central) Smoke Control Area, 1960 - 1961 (Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/98 page 748; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02)

Smoke Control Survey, Woodseats, 1961 (Sheffield City Archives: A81-A83 microfilms)

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