Hillsborough Football Disaster: A Bibliography
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Hillsborough Stadium Football Disaster, 15 April 1989

At the FA Cup semi final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest which was held at Sheffield Wednesday’s Hillsborough Stadium on 15 April 1989 a tragedy unfolded that involved the death of many Liverpool supporters.

As the kick-off time approached there was an increasing crush outside the Leppings Lane turnstiles. To avoid injury, the police decided to open an exit gate to let more fans into the stadium. This resulted in a major influx of fans into an already crowded part of the ground, causing many to be crushed against security and crush barriers on the terraces in the West Stand. 96 of them died from their injuries.

An inquiry, chaired by Lord Justice Taylor, published its findings (known as the Taylor report) in August 1989 and January 1990. It outlined the events of that day and made a number of recommendations on football stadium design.

The memories of that tragic day are still raw and the controversy about who was responsible continues. During the two decades that have passed a large amount of material has been published or otherwise made available. This Bibliography provides a detailed list of much of that information. We would welcome details of any articles, books, films or websites that have been inadvertently omitted¹.

Details of published information and unpublished archive material relating to the Disaster which is available in Sheffield Libraries and Archives are listed in the complementary study guide: Sources for the Study of the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster (available at www.sheffield.gov.uk/archives (click on publications)).

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¹ Note - with regard to films and television reports only those over 10 minutes in length have been included. A search of youtube and the BBC website will reveal a number of short films.

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### Timeline showing key dates 1989 - 2000

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<td>15 Apr 1989</td>
<td>FA Cup semi final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest hosted at Sheffield Wednesday’s Hillsborough Stadium.</td>
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<td>Aug 1989</td>
<td>Lord Taylor’s Inquiry into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster published its interim report.</td>
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<td>Sep 1989</td>
<td>West Midlands Police begin their criminal and disciplinary investigations.</td>
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<td>Dec 1989</td>
<td>South Yorkshire Police accept civil liability and pay damages to the bereaved.</td>
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<td>Jan 1990</td>
<td>Lord Taylor’s Inquiry into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster published its final report.</td>
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<td>Mar 1990</td>
<td>West Midlands Police submit their report to the Director of Public Prosecutions</td>
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<td>Aug 1990</td>
<td>Director of Public Prosecutions decides not to bring any criminal charges against any individual or organisation.</td>
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<td>28 Mar 1991</td>
<td>Inquest into the deaths at the stadium returns a verdict of accidental death.</td>
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<td>4 Oct 1991</td>
<td>Memorial at Sefton (Merseyside) unveiled.</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>Six families applied for a Judicial review of the Coroner’s inquests.</td>
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<td>Mar 1993</td>
<td>96&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; victim, Tony Bland died.</td>
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<td>Nov 1993</td>
<td>Judicial review of inquests was dismissed.</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Granada TV produced a television drama, entitled ‘Hillsborough’.</td>
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<td>Feb 1998</td>
<td>Lord Justice Stuart-Smith reports on his scrutiny of the Hillsborough evidence. Home Secretary announced there would be no new public inquiry.</td>
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<td>Permanent memorial erected at Hillsborough Stadium.</td>
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<td>Prosecutions at Leeds Crown Court of Chief Superintendent Duckenfield and Superintendent Murray end with Murray not guilty and no verdict reached on Duckenfield.</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Hillsborough Independent Panel report on the disclosure of documents.</td>
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