

Sources for the History of Bolsterstone



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Bolsterstone Football Team (winners of the Penistone League Cup, 1951-1952)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s03895*)

Cottage opposite St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone, 1974
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield w01531*)

Sampson and Mann Charabanc, Bolsterstone, 1922
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s17069*)

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This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for researching the history of Bolsterstone at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library.

Bolsterstone, 10 miles North West of Sheffield, was in the Ecclesfield parish and the Diocese of York. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Stocksbridge Urban District until 1974 when it was transferred to the city of Sheffield.

For advice and guidance on any of the information in this *Guide* please contact Sheffield Archives and Local Studies.

Books

Ashurst, Denis, *Excavations at the 17th-18th century glasshouse at Bolsterstone and the 18th century Bolsterstone Pothouse, Stocksbridge, Yorkshire* (1987)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 666.1 S)

Charlesworth, Wallace, *Notes on Bolsterstone and Neighbourhood* (1895)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST; also available at Stocksbridge Library: STOCKSBRIDGE 1/30)

Couldwell, Wilfred, *Living at the Back of Beyond* (Couldwell, 2010)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available from many Sheffield libraries: B.CO.U)

Crossland, Pamela, *The Parish of St. Mary, Bolsterstone: then and now: a handbook of history and history in the making* (1968 / 1980s)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 267 and 283.4274 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: CRO PAR HIST pamphlet and Stocksbridge Library: BOLSTERSTONE 18)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *Glass Making at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, from about A.D. 1650 to 1750* (1918)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 241)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *Handbook to the Early History of Stocksbridge and District. No.18a, Old registers and old scholars, or, The beginnings of the Sunday School Movement in Bolsterstone and Midhope* (1916)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: KEN/LCOAL and Sheffield Central Library Store and Stocksbridge Library: 942.821)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *Handbook to the Early History of Stocksbridge and District. No.15, Bolsterstone*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: KEN/LCOAL and Sheffield Central Library Store and Stocksbridge Library: 942.821)

Kenworthy, Joseph, *The Early History of Stocksbridge and District: Bolsterstone Glass House and its place in the history of English glass making*

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST; also available at Sheffield Central Library Store and Stocksbridge Library: 942.821)

Parker, Michael, *The Poppy People of Bolsterstone, Deepcar and Stocksbridge Revisited: World War One* (Michael Parker, 2009)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.467 SQ and CD Rom 27)

Bolsterstone - In Living Memory (Bolsterstone Community Group, 2005)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: TIV/LOCAL and at Stannington and Woodseats libraries: 942.821)

Bolsterstone to Midhapestones: Steel Valley heritage trail (Steel Valley Project, 2009)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4292 S)

Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, May 12th, 1937: celebrations held at Bolsterstone: souvenir programme
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3922 M)

Yorkshire Archaeological Society
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S)

Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4274 S; Sheffield Archives: HAS)

Hey, David, *A History of Sheffield* (Carnegie, 2005)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: HEY/LOCAL; also available from most Sheffield libraries)

Binfield, Clive, *The History of the City of Sheffield 1843 - 1993* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1993) (3 vols)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield Archives: SHE/LOCAL; also available from most Sheffield libraries)

Hunter, Joseph, *Hallamshire: the history and topography of the parish of Sheffield: with historical and descriptive notices of the parishes of Ecclesfield, Hansworth [sic], Treeton and Whiston, and of the chapelry of Bradfield* (1819)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SSTF; Sheffield Archives: HUN/LOCAL)

Trade Directories which give a history of the district, main occupants and businesses, 1774 - 1974, and telephone directories thereafter. A full list of trade directories at Archives and Local Studies is available: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html. Most West Riding directories however are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at West Yorkshire Archives. Some directories are available to view online: www.historicaldirectories.org.

Census returns

These list every resident by household and include names, relationships, occupations, ages and birth places, every 10 years from 1841 through to 1911, available free at every Sheffield library and at Sheffield Archives via www.Ancestry.com

Church registers and records, monumental (gravestone) inscriptions and cemeteries

The ancient chapel of Bolsterstone a chapel-of-ease to St Nicholas' church, Bradfield until 1870, when Bolsterstone became a separate parish.

St Mary, Bolsterstone, parish records, 1723 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR53*)

St Nicholas, Bradfield, parish records, 1559 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR44*)

A number of transcripts and indexes are also available online at www.bolsterstone.net.

St Mary, Bolsterstone, churchyard monumental inscriptions
(*Sheffield Archives: MI/49*)

Ecclesfield cemetery registers, 1920 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: A474*)

Stocksbridge, Deepcar and Bolsterstone parish magazines, 1900 - 1979
(*Stocksbridge Library: Stocksbridge archive*); 1881 and 1956 - 1960 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2259 S and 283.4274 S*)

A memoir of the incumbency of Rev Canon Wilson, vicar of Bolsterstone, 1867 - 1914
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets vol. 234 no. 7 (042 S)*)

For further details on Anglican parish registers see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html

For further details on non-conformist chapel registers see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/non-conformist-chapel-registers.html

For further details on Roman Catholic church registers see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/roman-catholic-church-registers.html

For further details on cemeteries see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/cemetery-registers.html

For further details on monumental inscriptions (gravestone transcriptions) see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/monumentalinscriptions.html

Clubs, Societies and Charities

A search of the online catalogues and the card indexes at Archives and Local Studies may reveal records from Bolsterstone based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir, *The Village of Song* [Vinyl records] (Look Records, 1979)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: GR14*)

Courts

The Magistrates Court (or Petty Sessions court) records deal mainly with minor offences and licensing the sale and consumption of liquor. Records of the Sheffield Division cover the borough and City of Sheffield and records of Upper Strathmore and Tickhill Division of West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough such as Handsworth, Ecclesfield and Bradfield.
(*Sheffield Archives: MC*)

There are also records of the Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880.
(*Sheffield Archives: QS*)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Bolsterstone was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyorkshirearchives.org).

Electoral Registers and Poll Books

Sometimes known as Burgess Rolls or voters' lists, in essence, electoral rolls are lists of people that are entitled to vote. The Sheffield Local Studies Library has a comprehensive collection from 1841 onwards. More details are available: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/electoral-registers.html

For West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (Bolsterstone was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyorkshirearchives.org).

Poll books list the votes cast by each voter at elections prior to the introduction of the secret ballot in 1872. More details are available: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poll-books.html

Hospitals

Sheffield Archives has records from over 50 hospitals, including annual reports, photographs and administrative records.

For a full list of hospital records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html

As Bolsterstone was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 older records will be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Land, Building and Property Records

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century; for instance, there is a catalogue for the sale of Waldershaigh, Bolsterstone in 1970 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sale Plans*). In addition there are planning applications for Sheffield city (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*) and Stocksbridge Urban District Council (*Sheffield Archives: CA759 and CA773*) etc.

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield Archives.

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal relevant entries.

(Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library)

As Bolsterstone was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 some land, building and property records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Maps

There are large-scale maps of the Sheffield area from 1853 to the present day. Comprehensive coverage of Sheffield and partial coverage of the surrounding areas is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library. Sheffield Archives has incomplete historic coverage of most of South Yorkshire. More details are available here: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/ordnance-survey-maps.html . Stocksbridge Library also has some Ordnance Survey maps relating to Bolsterstone

Prior to the Ordnance Survey there may be estate and other maps such as tithes www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/tithe-maps.html and enclosures www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/enclosure-awards-and-maps.html

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal other maps.

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For West Riding of Yorkshire maps (Bolsterstone was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Newspapers

The *Penistone, Stockbridge, Hoyland and Ecclesfield and Chapelton Express*, 1877-1940, is available on microfilm at Sheffield Local Studies Library.

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 *Sheffield Independent*, 1819 - 1900; *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* 1855 - 1903 and *Sheffield Evening Telegraph*, 1887 - 1897 are available online at <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>.

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Bolsterstone was in the West Riding until 1974) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com . In addition Sheffield Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield Archives)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Ecclesfield and Bolsterstone were in the Wortley Poor Law Union established in 1838.

Wortley Poor Law Union, minutes and accounts, 1838 - 1929, etc.
(Sheffield Archives: SY164 and CA527)

Stocksbridge Local Board of Health and Urban District Council, minutes, etc., 1873 - 1974
(Sheffield Archives: CA60, CA61 and CA67-101)

Stocksbridge Parish and Urban District Council rate books, 1873 - 1962
(Sheffield Archives: CA635 and X436)

For more information: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records and www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html

As Bolsterstone was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives and Local Studies has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance log books and admission registers for Bolsterstone Junior and Infant school from c. 1852

(*Sheffield Archives: CA35/244-251*). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Stocksbridge Library has photographs of Bolsterstone School, 1961 - 1992.

As Bolsterstone was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 some school records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Other libraries and archives

In addition to information held at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies other library and archive services will also hold relevant material:

Stocksbridge library has photographs, books and maps relating to Bolsterstone.

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Bolsterstone came within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of York. There are extensive archives of the Diocese at the [Borthwick Institute for Archives](#) in York.

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Bolsterstone prior to 1858 are held at the [Borthwick Institute for Archives](#) in York. Probate records after 1858 are held at [The National Archives](#) (TNA).

Court records will also be held at the [West Yorkshire Archive Service](#) and at the [National Archives](#).

[The National Archives](#) (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. You can search the [TNA catalogue](#) online.

Information on archaeological sites and ancient monuments is held by the [South Yorkshire Archaeology Service's Sites and Monuments Record](#).

Stocksbridge and District History Society <http://www.stocksbridgehs.co.uk/society/>

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The information dates from the 12th century to the present and relates to Sheffield, South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire.

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