

Sources for the History of Crystal Peaks



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Princes Trust Volunteer Charity clearing the Ochre Dyke, Crystal Peaks, Mosborough, 1992

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Lord Mayor, Ian Saunders (1994 - 1995) with a mural at Waterthorpe Library (later renamed Crystal Peaks Library), 1995

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Crystal Peaks Indoor Market, 1988

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s01929)

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

Crystal Peaks lies 7 miles south east of Sheffield City Centre.

Note that until 1967 the Crystal Peaks area was in the county of Derbyshire. Most of the area was transferred to Sheffield in 1967.

There are separate [Community History](#) guides for Beighton, Hackenthorpe, Mosborough, etc.

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

Books and Pamphlets, etc.

Derbyshire Miscellany (Derbyshire Archaeological Society, 1956 - 2011)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SQ*)

Derbyshire Archaeological Society journal
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library*)

Erdman, Edward, and Goddard & Smith, *Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre* (c. 1988)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.78 SF*)

Sheffield City Council: Development Services, *Sheffield Development Framework, core strategy submission version: South-east urban area and Mosborough background report* (2007)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.4 SSTQ*)

Sheffield Wildlife Action Partnership, *Crystal Peaks Meadows* (2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4284 S*)

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

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 Derbyshire Directories however are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#). 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 nearest Churches to Crystal Peaks are St Mary's Church (Beighton), Emmanuel Church (Waterthorpe) and Beighton Methodist Church. The nearest cemetery is Eckington Cemetery in Derbyshire, with the nearest Sheffield cemetery being City Road Cemetery.

See separate [Community History](#) guides for Beighton, Hackenthorpe, Mosborough, etc. for details of churches, cemeteries, etc., in the area.

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

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/FAC*)

The Crystal Peaks area was in the Diocese of Lichfield until 1884, when it became part of the newly-established Diocese of Southwell. The area was subsequently transferred to the Diocese of Derby on its formation in 1927, and, on the creation of the county of South Yorkshire in 1974, the area was transferred to the Diocese of Sheffield in 1974. Archives are located as follows:

Diocese of Lichfield (prior to 1884) contact [Lichfield Record Office](#).
Diocese of Southwell (1884 - 1927) contact [Nottinghamshire Archives](#).
Diocese of Derby (1927 - 1974) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).
Diocese of Sheffield records are at Sheffield Archives.

Clubs, Societies and Charities

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

Beighton Heritage project, oral history project papers and recordings, etc, c. 2003-2005
(*Sheffield Archives: X10*)

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 Strafforth and Tickhill Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough such as Handsworth, Ecclesfield and Bradfield, c. 1870 - 1976.
(*Sheffield Archives: MC*)

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

For records of Derbyshire courts (parts of the area were in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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

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

For Derbyshire electoral registers and poll books (parts of the area were in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

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 the Crystal Peaks area was in Derbyshire until 1967 older records will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Land, Building, Property and Estate Records

The Local Studies Library has a collection of sale particulars (often with plans) dating from the late 18th century.

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*), etc.; for instance, Crystal Peaks Drakehouse Way, Eckington Way and Waterthorpe Greenway, Westfield, Sheffield (erection of retail development), 1999 (*Sheffield Archives: CA206/1999/956P*)

There are also a few planning applications from Chesterfield Rural District Council (which included the Crystal Peaks area) (*Sheffield Archives: CA516 and CA519*).

There may also be planning applications at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

There are some Sheffield City Council, Planning and Design Department architects' drawings relating to housing developments in the area (*Sheffield Archives: CA517*); for instance, Waterthorpe, Sheffield - layout blocks for housing, 1975 (*Sheffield Archives: CA517/807-810*)

There are also some Sheffield City Council, General Contracts relating to developments in the area (*Sheffield Archives: CA357*); for instance, Fitting out of a market at Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre, Waterthorpe, Sheffield, Sheffield, 22 May 1989 (*Sheffield Archives: CA357/644*)

There are also deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers at Sheffield Archives, for instance, Deeds to property in Eckington, including Mosborough, Ridgeway and Beighton, 1547 - 1803 (*Sheffield Archives: MD5405-5437*)

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*)

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

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.
(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

For Derbyshire maps (parts of the area were in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#) and [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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

For Derbyshire newspapers (the Crystal Peaks area was in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

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

As the Crystal Peaks area was in Derbyshire County and Chesterfield Rural District until 1967 records of the poor law and local government will be available in [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

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:

Prior to 1967, the Crystal Peaks area was in Derbyshire. For records of Derbyshire contact [Derbyshire Record Office](#) and [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

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Wills and probate records relating to those who died in the Crystal Peaks area prior to 1858 are held within the Lichfield Diocesan archives at the [Lichfield Record Office](#). Probate records after 1858 are held at [The National Archives](#) (TNA). There are transcripts of wills of Beighton residents, 1533 - 1750 at Sheffield Archives (MD7730).

Court records will be held at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#) 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](#).

Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
Attercliffe	Deepcar	Kelham Island	Richmond
Beauchief	Dore	Lodge Moor	Ringinglow
Beighton	Dungworth	Loxley	Sharrow
Bents Green	Ecclesall	Manor	Shirecliffe
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Bradway	Frecheville	Nether Edge	Stocksbridge
Brightside	Fulwood	Nether Green	Tinsley
Broomhall	Gleadless	Netherthorpe	Totley
Broomhill	Greenhill	Norton	Upperthorpe
Burngreave	Grenoside	Oughtibridge	Wadsley
Carbrook	Greystones	Owlerton	Walkley
Chapelton and High Green	Hackenthorpe	Park	Whirlow
Crookes	Handsworth	Parson Cross	Wincobank
Crosspool	Heeley	Pitsmoor	Wisewood
Crystal Peaks	Hillsborough	Porter Valley	Woodhouse
			Woodseats

Sheffield Archives and **Sheffield Local Studies Library** services collect and preserve original records and printed material relating to Sheffield and the surrounding area.

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

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