

Sources for the History of Gleadless



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Sally Marples Shop, Gleadless Road, showing Old Gleadless Post Office building to the right, [c. mid 20th cent]

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Gleadless Townend, showing numbers 206 (Salon Suzie, hairdressers) and 204 (Gleadless Post Office), White Lane at the junction of Brierfield Road, Gleadless, [c. 1970s]

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Cycling on Hagg Lane (later Hurlfield Road), Gleadless, 1900

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

Gleadless lies 3 miles south east of Sheffield City Centre. Gleadless was formerly a hamlet in the parish of Handsworth, within the wapentake of South Strafford, West Riding, with part of the area falling within the County of Derbyshire and the Rural District of Chesterfield. Gleadless became part of Sheffield in 1921 with the remaining Derbyshire parts added in 1967. Adjacent to Gleadless lies Gleadless Valley, a housing estate developed between 1955 - 1962.

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

There are separate [Community History](#) guides for the neighbouring areas of Abourthorne, Hackenthorpe, Heeley and Norton.

Books and Pamphlets, etc.

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 at most Sheffield libraries*)

Gleadless Valley Community Services, *Gleadless Valley News* [previously Gleadless Valley Tenants Association magazine], from 1968
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.28 S*)

Harrison, John, *Survey of the Manor of Sheffield with other lands, 1637* [transcribed and edited by James George Ronksley with introduction by R. E. Leader] (Arthur Wightman, 1908)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.821; Sheffield Archives: HAR LOCAL*)

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

'A History of Gleadless School' in *The Flowing Stream*, vol. 22, no. 3 (Autumn 2001), or vol. 23, no. 2 (Summer 2002) or vol. 23, no. 4 (Winter 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 929.2 SQ*)

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*)

Jones, Mel, *The Ancient woods of the Gleadless Valley* (2004)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3873 S*)

Shearstone, Pauline, *The Changing face of Gleadless* (2003)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Shearstone, Pauline, *Gleadless from village to suburb* (1985)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

Shearstone, Pauline, *A History of Gleadless* (2001)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

Shearstone, Pauline, *Old Gleadless : just a little country village* (1989)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SST*)

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

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

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

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

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](http://www.west-yorkshire.gov.uk/archives). Most Derbyshire Directories however are available in the Sheffield Reference Library or at [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/local-studies). 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 parish of Christ Church, Gleadless was formed out of the parish of St Mary's, Handsworth and was built in 1839 as a chapel of ease to St Mary's. Christ Church, Gleadless became a separate parish in 1921 when the area was incorporated into the city of Sheffield.

Sheffield, Christ Church, Gleadless, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1839 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR113*)

Sheffield, St Mary, Handsworth, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1558 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR158*)

Christ Church, Heeley, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1848 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR103*)

Sheffield, Holy Cross, Rollestone, Gleadless Valley, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1963 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR156*)

Sheffield, St John, Hemsworth, Gleadless Valley, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1960 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR157*)

Sheffield, St Peter, Basegreen (Gleadless), Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1955 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR123*)

Gleadless Methodist Church administrative/financial records, 1928 - 2000
(*Sheffield Archives: 1989/80 and 2002/150*)

Gleadless Wesleyan Methodist Church, Sheffield, administrative/financial records, etc., 1888 - 1926
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2000-2003*)

Gleadless Methodist Church Centenary 1865 - 1965: 100 years of Methodism booklet, (1965)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.1 S*)

Gleadless Methodist Church Magazine, 1962 and 1966 - 1971
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 287.1 S*)

Gleadless Valley Methodist Church (Blackstock Road) administrative/financial records, 1959 - 2006
(*Sheffield Archives: NR2108-2114, NR2201-2227, Acc. 2004/60 and 2008/77*)

Gleadless Independent (Congregational) Chapel Centenary Celebration 1829 - 1929 programme, (1929)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: vol. 143 no. 6 - 042S*)

Gleadless Council of Churches, 'Gleadless Council of Churches: Welcome', [20th cent]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4056 S*)

Intake Cemetery (Handsworth) (opened 1880), registers, 1880 - 1996
(*Sheffield Archives: Microfilms A316 and A463*)

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*)

Clubs, Societies and Charities

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

Gleadless Valley Community Forum, 'Gleadless Valley Estate: action plan' (1998)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 307.12 SSTQ*)

Birley Ward and Gleadless Labour Party minute books, 1953 - 1979
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7445*)

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

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (parts of Gleadless were formerly in the West Riding until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#)

For records of Derbyshire courts (parts of Gleadless were formerly 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 West Riding electoral registers and poll books courts (parts of Gleadless were formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

For Derbyshire electoral registers and poll books (parts of Gleadless were formerly 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 parts of Gleadless were formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 and also in Derbyshire until 1967 older records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#) or [Derbyshire Record Office](#)

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; for instance, Particulars and conditions of sale of freehold land and homestead known as Charnock Hall Estate, situate near Gleadless, 1893 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

In addition, some Sheffield City Council planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA206*), etc.; for instance, Gleadless Valley Housing Development, 1955 (*Sheffield Archives: CA206/46313*). See also Sheffield City Architect's Department, 'Gleadless Valley development' housing report, 1957 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5414 M PHOTOCOPY*)

There are also a few planning applications from Chesterfield Rural District Council (which was responsible for developments in the Gleadless area until 1967) (*Sheffield Archives: CA516 and CA519*). There may also be planning applications at [West Yorkshire Archives](#) or [Derbyshire Record Office](#)

Sheffield Archives also holds deeds to properties and records of land valuations which detail owners and occupiers; for instance, deeds relating to Gleadless, 1634 - 1803 (*Sheffield Archives: BrC/204-243*)

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 parts of Gleadless were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 and also in Derbyshire until 1967, some land, building and property records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#) or at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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 West Riding of Yorkshire and Derbyshire maps (parts of Gleadless were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 and also in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#) and [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 West Riding of Yorkshire and Derbyshire newspapers (parts of Gleadless were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 and also in Derbyshire until 1967) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#) and [Derbyshire Local Studies Library](#).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (60,000+) is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library in the Central Library. Over 50,000 of these are available online at [Picture Sheffield](#). 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

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 parts of Gleadless were in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 and also in Derbyshire County and Chesterfield Rural District until 1967 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#) or [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance, there are admission registers of Gleadless Road County School, Hollinsend Road, 1946 - 1959 (*Sheffield Archives: CA746/S2/1*). For a full list of school records see

www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Printed sources may also be held at Sheffield Local Studies Library; for example, Sheffield Education Committee, 'Gleadless Middle School official opening by The Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Alderman Mrs. M. Strafford) on Friday, 16th March, 1973' (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3772 S or PAMP 136/1*)

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:

For areas formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire or Derbyshire (such as Gleadless) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#) and at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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

Areas formerly in Derbyshire came within the Diocese of Derby (back to 1927). Records are at the [Derbyshire Record Office](#), and before 1927 in the Diocese of Lichfield. Records for that diocese are at the [Lichfield Record Office](#).

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Sheffield prior to 1858 are either held at the [Borthwick Institute](#) for Diocese of York parishes or the [Lichfield Record Office](#) for areas formerly in the Derbyshire area. 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](#).

Gleadless Valley Local History Group

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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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