

Sources for the History of Norton



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Game of snooker, Norton Senior Citizens Club, Norton, 1965
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s29020*)

Driving cows to fields along Little Norton Lane, early 1930s
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s17631*)

Volunteers funeral with military honours at Norton Cemetery, early 20th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02862*)

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

Norton lies 4 miles south of Sheffield City Centre. Originally a village in Derbyshire it was transferred to the City of Sheffield in two parts in 1901 and 1933.

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

Books

Armitage, H., *Chantry Land* (1910)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 S; Sheffield Archives: ARM LOCAL*)

Blaby, Helen, *The Life of the Parish of St. Paul's, Norton Lees, 1874-1974* (1974)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S*)

Craven, Maxwell, *The Lost Houses of Derbyshire* (Landmark, 2002)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 728.8 SQ*)

Kingston, Joseph, *Life and Death in Elizabethan and Early Stuart Norton* (1990)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 SSTQ*)

Lofthouse, Alistair, *Sheffield S8: Greenhill, Heeley, Meadowhead, Norton, Woodseats* (ALD Design & Print, 2009)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Norton History Group, *Norton in Wartime* (20th cent)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5342 S; Sheffield Archives: NOR LOCAL*)

Norton History Group, *Norton* (Tempus Publishing Ltd, 2000)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 S*)

Norton History Group, *Around Norton* (2005)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 S; Sheffield Archives: NOR LOCAL*)

Oakes in Norton: Home of the Bagshawe Family since 1699: A Short History and Guide (W. Ball and Co., 1960s)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 719 S*)

Read, D. J., *Royal Air Force Norton 1943 - 1965* (2010)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 358.4 SQ*)

Redfern, R. A., *Sheffield's Chantry Land: Then and Now on the City's Southern Fringe* (1990)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.51 S*)

Roundabout Woodseats: local voices from Norton Woodseats, Norton Village, Norton Lees, Little Norton, Woodseats, Low Edges, Bradway, Fraser Estate, Meersbrook and Heeley; compiled and edited by Yorkshire Art Circus and Woodseats Library (Yorkshire Art Circus, 1986)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ)

Timperley, W. A., *Archaeological Discoveries at Oakes Park, Norton* (Brincliffe Historical Society, 1950)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 913.4251 SST)

A Hundred Years of Golf in Norton: the Lees Hall Golf Club: A History, 1907 - 2007
(Lees Hall Golf Club, 2006)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 796.352 SQ; Sheffield Archives: POW/LOCAL)

Wiltshire, Mary, *Medieval Parks of Derbyshire* (Landmark Publishing Ltd, 2009)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 S)

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)

Trade Directories give a history of the district, main occupants and businesses, 1774 - 1974, and telephone directories thereafter. A full list of trade directories is available: www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html. Some directories are available to view online: www.historicaldirectories.org. 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

Norton St James is an ancient parish.

St Paul's Norton Lees was consecrated in 1877, and originally had jurisdiction over the parish of Norton Woodseats (a parish formed out of Norton in 1874). The parish came to be known as Norton Lees at some time before the new parish of St Chad, Norton Woodseats was constituted in 1912.

The ecclesiastical parish of St Chad's Norton Woodseats was formed out of the parishes of Norton and Norton Lees and from the liberty of Beauchief. The church was consecrated in 1912.

St James, Norton, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1559 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR2*)

St Paul, Norton Lees, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1877 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR99*)

St Chad, Norton Woodseats, Anglican Parish, registers and records, 1912 onwards
(*Sheffield Archives: PR95*)

Gledhill, Rolf, A Guide to Norton Parish Church (1962)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets vol. 221 no. 13 (042 S)*)

Insight (Norton parish magazine), 1986 onwards
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 283.4274 S/SQ*)

Scarsdale Road Primitive Methodist chapel, marriages, 1926 - 1962
(*Sheffield Archives: SY139/N23*)

Valley Road United Methodist chapel, marriages, 1919 - 1943
(*Sheffield Archives: SY139/N23*)

Heeley Anns Road (Primitive Methodist), later St Andrew's (includes early entries for Coal Aston, Norton and Woodseats), baptisms, 1884 - 1987 and marriages, 1899 - 1990
(*Sheffield Archives: NR 2299/5-7 and NR 2320/1-7*)

Street, C. J., *The Old Nonconformity at Norton, Derbyshire*, parts 1-2 (Upper Chapel Bookstore, 1917)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 285 S*)

Norton Cemetery (Derbyshire Lane), registers of burials, 1869 - 1945
(*Sheffield Archives: A474 - A476 microfilms*)

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

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

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

For 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*)

Norton was originally a parish in the Diocese of Lichfield and later in the Diocese of Southwell (created 1884). When the parish was transferred to Sheffield, it was also transferred to the Diocese of Sheffield.

Diocese of Lichfield (to 1884) contact [Staffordshire Archives Service](#)

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 Norton-based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Norton Agricultural Show and Ploughing Association, catalogue for the annual agricultural show, 1947
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets, vol. 176 no. 10 (042 S)*)

Norton Christian and Mutual Improvement Association, programmes, 1871 - 1885
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP series*)

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 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 Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933) 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 Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933) 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 Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933 older records will be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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, plans and particulars of valuable freehold mansion, dwelling-houses, farms, woods, woodlands and other properties at Norton, etc., 1879 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 2 Dec 1879*).

In addition there are a few planning applications from Norton Rural District Council, (*Sheffield Archives: CA207 and CA208 and CA214*), as well as Sheffield City Council

(*Sheffield Archives: CA206*). There may also be planning applications at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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

For example, deeds and papers of the Newton Shawe family of Norton, from the 13th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: NSC*) and Bagshawe Family of Oakes-in-Norton (Oakes Deeds), 18th century onwards (*Sheffield Archives: OD*).

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

(*Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

As parts of Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933 some land, building and property records may be 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 Derbyshire maps (parts of Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933) 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. Also available is the *Eckington, Woodhouse and Staveley Express* and *North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire Advertiser*, 1899 - 1940.

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 (parts of Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933) contact [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 55,000 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

As Norton was in Chesterfield Poor Law Union, Derbyshire County and Norton Rural District until 1933 some records of the poor law and local government may also be available in [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

Norton Vestry minutes, 1824 - 1833; Norton Parish Council Minutes, 1894 - 1932; Norton Burial Board letter book and ledger, 1868 - 1902; Norton Rural District Council rate account book, 1932

(Sheffield Archives: CA29)

Norton Rural District Council minutes and other papers, 1895 - 1934

(Sheffield Archives: CA51 and CA52)

Parish Council survey of the parish (25 large scale maps), c. 1860

(Sheffield Archives: CA58)

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 instance, there are log books of Norton Free Church of England (Infant Junior) from 1871 *(Sheffield Archives: CA770)*. For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records.

Willmot, Margaret, *The Free School at Norton, [1654-1995]* (Norton History Group, 1995)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.94274 S)

As parts of Norton were in Derbyshire until 1933 some school records may be at [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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 1933, some parts of Norton were 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 Norton 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).

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](#).

Norton History Group <http://www.nortonhistorygroup.btck.co.uk>

Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Deepcar	Lodge Moor	Sharrow
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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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