

# Sources for the History of Shirecliffe



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Shirecliffe Senior School, Cookery Class, 1940s / 1950s  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s06591*)

Shirecliffe Hall, Shirecliffe Lane, 20<sup>th</sup> cent  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s05534*)

VE Day Street Party, Norwood Avenue, 1945  
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This guide gives a brief introduction to the variety of sources available for researching the history of Shirecliffe at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library.

Shirecliffe lies 4 miles north of Sheffield City Centre. Historically it has been part of the ancient parish of Sheffield.

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

## Books

Cronshaw, Anthony *A kid of steel: Shirecliffe for starters, Birley for afters* (ACM Retro, 2012)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

*Norwood Bishopholme and Shirecliffe: stories tales and images of Norwood and surrounding areas* (Norwood Bishopholme and Shirecliffe Local History Group, 2012)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Shepherd, Graham, *Get thi neck weshed: a Parson Cross/Shirecliffe childhood* (ACM Retro, 2010)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

*Scrapbook of North East Sheffield History / No.1, Ellesmere, Firth Park, Firvale, Grimesthorpe, Pitsmoor, Shirecliffe, Shiregreen, Wincobank* (Earl Marshall Adult Education Centre. Local History Group, 1983)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 972.74 SQ*)

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*)

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*)

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: 333.094274 S; Sheffield Archives: HAR/LOCAL*)

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*)

*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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/trade-directories.html). Some directories are available to view online: [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://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](http://www.Ancestry.com)

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

Shirecliffe was historically in the ancient parish of Sheffield.

Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (formerly Sheffield parish church), registers and records from 1560 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR138*)

Parishes adjacent to the Shirecliffe area include:

St James, Owlerton, registers and records, 1874 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR90*)

Wadsley Parish, registers and records, 1834 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR78*)

Christ Church, Pitsmoor, registers and records, 1846 onwards  
(*Sheffield Archives: PR101*)

For further details on Anglican parish registers see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-registers.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/parish-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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/non-conformist-chapel-registers.html)

For further details on cemeteries see

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/cemetery-registers.html](http://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](http://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 Shirecliffe-based clubs, societies and charities.

### **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, c. 1870 - 1976.

*(Sheffield Archives: MC)*

There are also records of the Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880.

*(Sheffield Archives: QS)*

Prior to 1880 Shirecliffe came within the jurisdiction of the West Riding Quarter Sessions. Records are held at [West Yorkshire Archives](http://www.wyorkshirearchives.gov.uk).

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html)

## **Land, Building and Property Records**

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century; some planning applications survive from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards, etc. For instance, particulars, plan and conditions of sale of the desirable family residence known as Norbury, with beautiful grounds, stabling, coach mans' house and greenhouses situate at Pitsmoor (Shirecliffe) (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: sale plan 12 May 1908*).

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

A search of the Archives and Local Studies online catalogues and the card indexes may reveal relevant entries, for instance:

Court roll of the Manor of Shertcliffe [Shirecliffe], 1670 - 1875  
(*Sheffield Archives: MD601*)

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## **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/](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/).

## **Photographs and Illustrations**

Over 60,000 images from the Sheffield Library and Archive collections are available to view online at [Picture Sheffield](http://PictureSheffield).

## **Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records**

Sheffield Town Trustees, records from 1297  
(*Sheffield Archives: TT*)

Sheffield Church Burgesses, records from 1304  
(*Sheffield Archives: CB*)

Sheffield Borough (later City) Council, records from 1843  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA*)

Sheffield Poor Law Union (including Shirecliffe): Guardians' minutes 1890 - 1930 and letter books 1847 - 1861; officers' appointments 1876 - 1913; workhouse punishment book 1903 - 1926, dietary table 1919 (*Sheffield Archives CA 692/1-35, CA24, CA 510*); Copy minutes 1891/2 - 1929/30; Statement of Accounts, 1884–1930 (with gaps); Guardian handbook and list of committees, 1894-1904, 1906-1929 (*Local Studies Library 352.9 S and 352.9 SQ*)

For more information: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records](http://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](http://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 admission registers for Shirecliffe Junior Infant and Middle School from 1944 (*Sheffield Archives: CA 35/437-440*). For a full list of school records see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records)

Minutes of the Sheffield School Board (1870 - 1902) may also be of interest (*Sheffield Archives: SY350; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 379.4274 S*)

Shirecliffe College of Further Education, prospectus, 1960s - 1980s (continued as Parkwood College)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.8 S*)

## **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 1914, Sheffield came within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of York. There are extensive archives of the Diocese at the [Borthwick Institute for Archives](http://www.borthwickinstitute.org/) in York.

Wills and probate records relating to those who died in Sheffield prior to 1858 are either held at the [Borthwick Institute](http://www.borthwickinstitute.org/) for Diocese of York parishes or the [Lichfield](http://www.lichfield.org/)

[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](#).

### Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Deepcar	Lodge Moor	Sharrow
Attercliffe	Dore	Loxley	Shirecliffe
Beauchief	Dungworth	Manor	Shiregreen
Beighton	Ecclesall	Midhopstones	Southey
Bents Green	Ecclesfield	Millhouses	Stannington
Birley	Firshill	Mosborough	Stocksbridge
Bolsterstone	Firth Park	Nether Edge	Tinsley
Bradfield	Frecheville	Nether Green	Totley
Bradway	Fulwood	Netherthorpe	Upperthorpe
Brightside	Gleadless	Norton	Wadsley
Broomhall	Greenhill	Oughtibridge	Walkley
Broomhill	Grenoside	Owlerton	Whirlow
Burngreave	Greystones	Park	Wincobank
Carbrook	Hackenthorpe	Parson Cross	Winn Gardens
Chapelton and High Green	Handsworth	Pitsmoor	Wisewood
Crookes	Heeley	Porter Valley	Woodhouse
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Darnall	Kelham Island	Ringinglow	

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

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