

Sources for the History of Shiregreen



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Front cover illustrations from left to right:

Children from Shiregreen Primitive Methodist Sunday School in front of the school banner at the annual Whit-Monday and Hymn Singing Festival of Joy in Firth Park, c. 1920-1939.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s12680)

Aerial view showing Shiregreen Primary and Secondary School, Bracken Road, right. Shiregreen Lane and Shiregreen Cemetery in foreground, 1993.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield w01074)

A winning decorated dray for Ecclesfield Hospital Parade, Bellhouse Road, Shiregreen, c. 1910-1920.

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

Shiregreen lies five miles north of Sheffield city centre. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Wortley Rural District until 1921 when it was incorporated into Sheffield under the Sheffield Corporation Act of 1921.

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

Books

Earl Marshall Adult Education Centre, Local History Group, *Scrapbook of North East Sheffield History No.1: Ellesmere, Firth Park, Firvale, Grimesthorpe, Pitsmoor, Shirecliffe, Shiregreen, Wincobank* (Sheffield, 1983)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ*)

Eastwood, Jonathan, *History of the Parish of Ecclesfield in the County of York* (1862)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available from many community libraries: 942.821*)

Sheffield City Libraries, *From Bandstand to Monkey Run: Voices from Firth Park, Shiregreen, Page Hall, Wincobank, Fir Vale and Grimesthorpe* (Sheffield, 1989)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Woodriff, Bryan, *Shire Green, Wincobank and Ecclesfield* (Sutton, 2001)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Woodriff, Bryan, *Shiregreen, Wincobank and Ecclesfield Memories* (Sutton, 2003)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

Woodriff, Bryan, *Shiregreen, Wincobank and Beyond* (Sutton, 2006)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)

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

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

Hey, David, *A History of Sheffield* (Carnegie, 2005)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield City 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 City 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 City Archives: HUN/LOCAL)

Trade Directories 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.wyorkshirearchives.org). Some directories are available to view online:

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>.

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 City Archives via www.findmypast.co.uk.

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

St. Hilda, Shiregreen, parish registers and records, 1925-2005. The district of St. Hilda was formed out of the parishes of St Cuthbert, Fir Vale and St Thomas, Wincobank in 1938. The church closed c. 2005.

(Sheffield City Archives: PR105)

St. James and St. Christopher, Shiregreen, parish registers and records, 1933 onwards. Shiregreen became an independent parish in 1938 (most of it being taken out of the parishes of Ecclesfield and Wincobank). On the church's consecration in 1941, the endowments of the former St. James church, together with its dedication, were added to St. Christopher.

(Sheffield City Archives: PR165)

St Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1558 onwards.

(Sheffield City Archives: PR54)

St Cuthbert, Fir Vale, parish registers and records, 1902 onwards.

(Sheffield City Archives: PR41)

St Thomas, Wincobank, parish registers and records, 1875 onwards.

(Sheffield City Archives: PR104)

Diocese of Sheffield, faculties from 1914 onwards (these detail changes made to Anglican church buildings)

(Sheffield City Archives: DIOC/FAC)

Beck Road Methodist Chapel, registers of baptisms, 1937-1998; cradle rolls, 1958-1971; plan of the church, Sunday School and hall, 1935; account book, 1984-1998
(Sheffield City Archives: Acc. 2004/101)

Shiregreen United Reformed Church, *A Shiregreen Church: Golden Jubilee 1933-1983* (Shiregreen URC, [1983])
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 285.5 S)

Shiregreen United Reformed Church, *Changing Times - Changing Lives: Stories and Photographs of Seventy Years in and around Shiregreen United Reformed Church* (Shiregreen URC, 2006)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SQ)

Shiregreen Cemetery, registers and indexes of burials, 1927 - 1996
(Sheffield City Archives: A465 - A467 microfilm)

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

Shiregreen Tenants' & Residents' Association magazine, 2000
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3600 M)

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.

(Sheffield City Archives: MC)

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

(Sheffield City Archives: QS)

For records of West Riding of Yorkshire courts (Shiregreen was in the West Riding until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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 (Shiregreen was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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 City 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 Shiregreen was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921, older records may 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 "Plan, particulars and conditions of sale of valuable freehold farms at Shiregreen, Nethershire and Hartley Brook, also Butterthwaite Works and lands all in the parish of Ecclesfield near Sheffield", 1891 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 28 July 1891*)

In addition there are planning applications for Sheffield city (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of building plans and plans, 1877-1974 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA212, CA467, CA676*).

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

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

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

As Shiregreen was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921, 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 City 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 City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library*)

For West Riding of Yorkshire maps (Shiregreen was in the West Riding until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

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 British Library Newspaper Archive website includes the following Sheffield titles:

- Sheffield Independent, 1819 - 1938
- Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 1855 - 1950
- Sheffield Evening Telegraph, 1887 - 1939
- Sheffield Daily News and Morning Advertiser, 1859
- Sheffield Iris, 1835 - 1843
- Sheffield Register / Yorks, Derbys, Notts, Universal Advertiser, 1787 - 1794

Free access to these is available at every Sheffield Library and at Sheffield City Archives <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>.

For West Riding of Yorkshire newspapers (Shiregreen was in the West Riding until 1921) contact [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Photographs and Illustrations

The main series of photographs and illustrations (80,000+) is available online at www.picturesheffield.com . In addition Sheffield City Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives)

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Shiregreen was in the Wortley Poor Law Union (established in 1838) and Wortley Rural District until 1921 when it was incorporated into Sheffield under the 1921 Sheffield Corporation Act. Thereafter Shiregreen was in the Sheffield Poor Law Union.

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

Wortley Poor Law Union, maps and Rate books for Ecclesfield, Bradfield and Chapeltown [19th/20th cents.]
(Sheffield City Archives: Acc. 1980/43)

Wortley Rural District Council, minutes and indexes, 1959 - 1974
(Sheffield City Archives: Acc. 2003/JAN02, Acc.2003/18, Acc. 2007/136, Acc. 2011/136)

Wortley Rural District Council, Highways and Planning committees minutes, 1957 - 1974
(Sheffield City Archives: CA627)

Wortley Rural District Council, Grand Summary of Rate Charge and Rate Account books, Rate books (water), list of new properties, Rate produce book, Rate arrears book, 1927 - 1967
(Sheffield City Archives: Acc. 2010/131)

Wortley Rural Sanitary Authority, minutes, 1872 - 1896
(Sheffield City Archives: CA528)

Maps of areas in Wortley Union and Wortley Rural District Council, 1844 - 1865
(Sheffield City Archives: Acc. 1990/34)

Wortley Rural District Council, various records, 19th - 20th cent
(Sheffield City Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246 and X435)

Sheffield Poor Law Union (including Shiregreen after 1921): Guardians' minutes 1890-1930 and letter books 1847-1861; officers' appointments 1876-1913; workhouse punishment book 1903-1926, dietary 1919 (*Sheffield City 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 and www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html

As Shiregreen was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1921 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Schools

Sheffield City Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library have records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance, Shiregreen Nursery First and Middle (*Sheffield City Archives: X158, CA35/464-486, Acc. 2011/116*). For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

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Other libraries and archives

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

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

Prior to 1914, Shiregreen 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 Shiregreen 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](#).

Other titles in this series

Arbourthorne	Darnall	Jordanthorpe	Ranmoor
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Sheffield City Archives and Local Studies 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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Sheffield Libraries and Archives seeks to preserve information about events in our city's history. If you have photographs or personal papers that may be worth preserving please consider safeguarding them for current and future generations by placing them in the care of Sheffield Libraries and Archives. It is only through the generosity of individuals and organisations that we are able to have a complete record of important events in the history of Sheffield and the nation. We are interested in photographs, flyers and posters, minutes of meetings etc. For advice on record keeping and the facilities we offer please contact us (archives@sheffield.gov.uk or 0114 203 9395).

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