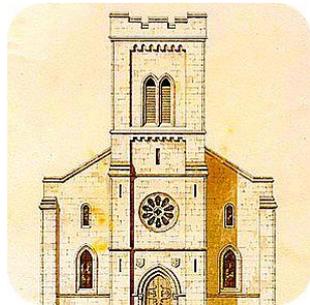


Sources for the History of Wadsley



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Wadsley Church, Worrall Road, 1829
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Wadsley National School, Football Team on Wadsley Common, 1917/18
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Wadsley Village looking towards Church Lane, c. 1900
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Wadsley is 5 miles north west of Sheffield city centre.

Wadsley was a chapelry in Ecclesfield parish. For local government purposes it was in the West Riding of Yorkshire and Wortley Rural District until 1974 when Ecclesfield transferred to the city of Sheffield (though some parts had been absorbed into Sheffield as early as 1901).

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

Books

Battye, Ray, *A Study of the Gannister Mining Industry in the Wadsley, Worrall and Loxley areas of Sheffield ...* (1997)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 622.367 SQ)

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Bell, Pauline, *Sheffield 6, at Home in Hillsborough, Loxley and Wadsley: The Houses and Homes of Lords of the Manor, Industrial Barons and Ordinary Working People* (LULU.com, c. 2005)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 720.94274 SQ)

Clayton, Ron., *Sheffield S6 : Hillsborough, Langsett, Kelvin, Malin Bridge, Neepsend, St. Philips, Wardsend* (ALD Design & Print, 2008)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S)

Daker, Maxine, *Wadsley Bridge Council School, 1906 - 1939: Wadsley Bridge Special School, 1945 - 1974: Beeley Wood Secondary School, 1974 - 1989*
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 372.4274 SQ)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SSTF*)
- Kaye, C. P., *Wadesleia to Wadsley: A History of the Village of Wadsley From the Later Britons to the Present Day* (1988)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)
- Kirk-Smith, H., *A History of the Manor and Parish of Wadsley* (1955)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Sheffield City Archives SMI/PAR HIST*)
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- Marsh, Oscar, *Glimpses of Wadsley Village in the 1920s* (Oscar Marsh, 1990)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)
- Nunn, Malcolm, *Loxley Valley and Beyond Through Time* (Amberley, 2009)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)
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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)
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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S*)
- The Fullest Account of the Insurrection at Wadsley House* (1846)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 48 no. 17 (042S)*)
- Hey, David, *Historic Hallamshire* (Landmark, 2002)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; copies available in a number of community libraries: 942.821*)
- 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 City 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 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 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.co.uk). 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

The parish of Wadsley, formed out of St Mary, Ecclesfield, was constituted in 1841. In 1895 the new church parish of Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge was created out of Wadsley parish. St Mary, Ecclesfield is an ancient parish.

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

Wadsley, parish magazines, 1880 - 1895, 1905, 1906, 1915 and 1968 - 1996 (with gaps)
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY59/3; Sheffield Local Studies Library 283.4274 SQ*)

Christ Church, Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge, parish registers and records, 1895 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR126*)

St Mary, Ecclesfield, parish registers and records, 1520 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR54*)

Ecclesfield Churchyard tombstone inscriptions, transcribed by F S Hague
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD3583-3585*)

Transcriptions of Wadsley Churchyard Burials and Cemetery Burials, 1835 - 1903
(*Sheffield City Archives: ROM/13*)

Ecclesfield Cemetery, registers of burials, 1920 - 1996
(*Sheffield City Archives: microfilm A474*)

Wadsley Bridge Methodist Church, membership records, programmes, newsletters, etc., 1957 - 1980

(Sheffield City Archives: acc. 2010/153)

Wadsley Bridge Methodist Church, membership records, 1906 - 1969, marriage registers, 1923 - 1979

(Sheffield City Archives: NR907-914 and NR1989)

Wadsley Wesleyan Chapel, marriage register, 1920 - 1968

(Sheffield Archives: SY139/12/3)

Wadsley Chapel, Ben Lane, minutes, 1903 - 1967, accounts, 1882 - 1972, baptism registers, 1839 - 1968 and marriage registers, 1920 - 1968

(Sheffield City Archives: NR1054, NR1346-1360 and SY139)

Wadsley Parish Church, register of graves, 1834-1997 (includes plan of churchyard).

(Sheffield City Archives TI/39/6 and PR78 acc. 1998/9)

Wadsley Parish Church, monumental inscriptions

(Sheffield City Archives: MD7096 and DIOC/4/5)

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 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 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 Ecclesfield based clubs, societies and charities; for instance:

Wadsley House Social Club Ltd, programme, 1939 - 1940

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets vol. 295 no. 1 (042 S))

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 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 (Wadsley was in the West Riding until 1974) 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 (Wadsley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974) 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 Archives has records from over 50 hospitals, including the West Yorkshire Lunatic Asylum at Wadsley.

For a full list of hospital records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/hospital-records.html

As Wadsley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974, some records may be at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Land, Building and Property Records

Sale particulars (often with plans) date from the late 18th century; for instance, particulars of valuable freehold estates situate in the several hamlets of Owlerton, Wadsley and Worrall, 1857 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 27 Oct 1857*).

In addition some planning applications survive from the late 19th century onwards – these include Sheffield City (*Sheffield City Archives: CA206*) and Wortley Rural District Council registers of buildings plans, 1881 - 1936 (*Sheffield City Archives: CA676; CA529*).

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

Court rolls of the Manor of Ecclesfield, 1705 - 1926
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD596-600*)

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

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/>

Photographs and Illustrations

Over 65,000 images from the Sheffield Library and Archive collections are available to view online at [Picture Sheffield](#).

In addition Sheffield City Archives has photographs and illustrations within its collections.

Poor Law, Civil Parish and Local Government records

Ecclesfield Overseers of the Poor, Constables, etc, 1602 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: PR54/22*)

Ecclesfield and Bradfield Highways and Ecclesfield and Bradfield Board, minutes and assessments, 1811 - 1865
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA65*)

Bradfield Poor Law Union, Copies of documents (settlement certificates, removal orders and bastardy orders), 1705-1850
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7277*)

Wortley Rural District Council, 1895-1974
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: local pamphlets, vol. 33 (042 SQ)*)

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

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

Wortley Rural District Council
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7629, MD8143, CA624, CA708, X246, X435*)

Valuation records (plans) prepared for Wortley Board of Guardians for poor rate valuation purposes, 1864 - 1865
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY555*)

For more information on poor law and workhouse records see:
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 Wadsley was in the West Riding of Yorkshire until 1974 other records of the poor law and local government may be available at [West Yorkshire Archives](#).

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries). For instance there are log books from Wadsley Church of England School, 1864 - 1940 (*Sheffield City Archives: PR78*)

For a full list of school records see www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/school-records

Ecclesfield School Board, minutes, 1887 - 1902
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA760*)

Postles, David, *The First Years of the Ecclesfield School Board, 1882 - 1888* (1970s)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 49 SQ*)

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 (Wadsley was in the West Riding until 1974) there may be relevant records at the [West Yorkshire Archives Service](#).

Prior to 1914, Wadsley 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 Wadsley 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

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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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