

Sources for the Study of the Sheffield Blitz of 1940



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Schoolchildren wearing gas masks, c. 1940
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02555*)

Extract from Sheffield City Council Water Committee bomb damage report,
1940
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-WTE/2/30*)

Bombed out tram, 1940
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s03524*)

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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of the Sheffield Blitz of 1940.

It is not a detailed history of the topic; it merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research to what is available within Sheffield Libraries and Archives.

Sheffield was a major supplier to the British arms industry, not only in the Second World War but also in the Great War of 1914 - 1918. Being such an important industrial city it was considered to be a target by the Germans.

The main attacks on Sheffield took place on the nights of 12/13th and 15/16th December 1940.

On 12th December over 330 German aircraft are believed to have attacked the city. The main industrial part of the city was largely defended that night by a covering of fog. Areas that were hit included Norton Lees, Gleadless, Abbeydale, Brincliffe Edge, Moorhead, Glossop Road, Park Hill, Millhouses, Sharrow, Broomhill, Crookesmoore, Walkley, Owlerton, Burngreave, Meersbrook, Wybourn and Neepsend.

The Moor was devastated, whilst every building in Angel Street (where Argos is now) was bombed or fire damaged. King Street was also badly hit. 106 out of a total of 154 of the city's schools were damaged, with 8 being completely destroyed.

Two nights later the bombers returned. This time the industrial east of the city was hit - Attercliffe, Grimsthorpe and Burngreave in particular. Brown Bayleys steelworks were hit, as were Hadfield's Hecla and East Hecla Works, Arthur Lee and other industrial sites.

Almost 700 people were killed during the air raids. Over 82,000 houses of a total stock of 150,000 were damaged. Well known buildings that were badly damaged or destroyed included the Kings Head Hotel, Atkinson's Department Store, C & A Modes, St Mark's church, St Vincent's Roman Catholic church, the Central Hebrew Synagogue and Sheffield United Football Club's Bramall Lane ground.

Timeline showing key dates

1 Sep 1939	Evacuation from Sheffield. 20 special trains took 155 of the city's children to Lincolnshire.
3 Sep 1939	Britain declared war on Germany.
Oct 1939	Some evacuees come back to Sheffield.
18 Aug 1940	First air raid on Sheffield. Bombs dropped on Blackbrook Road, though there are no casualties.
29 Aug 1940	An air raid centred on Sheaf Street killed 4.
14 Nov 1940	The Coventry blitz.
12-13 Dec 1940	The Sheffield blitz. Overnight 350 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped over a 9 hour period.
12 Dec 1940 11.44 pm	Marples Hotel received a direct hit by a high explosive bomb.
13 Dec 1940 10.00am	Rescue attempts on Marples Hotel began in earnest.
15 Dec 1940	The blitz continued. 90 enemy aircraft attacked the city.
May 1945	Germany surrendered. The war ended in Europe.

In the Line of Fire

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In early September 1939, under the shadow of expected heavy bomb attacks, plans to evacuate the city's children were put into effect. 20 special trains took 155 groups of Sheffield children to the relative safety of Lincolnshire. Many went in school groups, for example 300 children from Abbeydale school were evacuated together.

In October, with no air attacks on Sheffield forthcoming, a few evacuees drifted back home thinking they may be just as safe as in the countryside.

School log books for the new term in September 1939 may give useful references to evacuation measures.



Evacuee mothers and children on Victoria Station, 1939
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield S02044)

Extract from a secret German document outlining plans to bomb Rixon Woodhouse, c. 1940
(Sheffield Archives: X196)



Sheffield's Defences

To protect citizens a whole range of measures were put in place.

58 public buildings were modified for use as public shelters, an additional 294 shelters were provided by shops, pubs and banks, etc. A few purpose built shelters were also provided as well as individual homes being issued with Anderson and Morrison shelters.



The city had over 70 balloons making up its defence barrage.

Anti-aircraft gun emplacement on Warminster Road
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s03553*)

Barrage balloons were large balloons tethered to the ground using metal cables.

They were designed to either cause low flying

Sandbags at Firth Park
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s03572*)



bombers to fly into them and crash or to force the enemy aircraft up higher to avoid them thus making it more difficult for the pilots to see their targets.

There were also anti-aircraft guns, including heavy types at Shirecliffe, Manor and Brinsworth as well as powerful search lights.



Other defences included mock steel furnaces and mock tram sparks. These were lit in remote unpopulated areas in attempts to draw enemy aircraft away.

Rocket batteries (artillery) were not put into widespread use until 1942, after the

threat to Sheffield had passed.

Royal Air Force [RAF] barrage balloon on Crookesmoor Recreation Ground
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s03559*)

Bomb Damage

The main attacks on Sheffield took place on the nights of 12/13th and 15/16th December 1940.

On 12th December over 330 German aircraft are believed to have attacked the city, dropping 355 tonnes of high explosives and over 16,000 incendiary canisters. The take-cover warning was sounded at 7.00pm, with the most intense period of bombing being between 10.30 pm and 2.15 am. It wasn't until 4.15 am that the all clear was sounded.



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Millhouses, Sharrow, Broomhill, Crookesmoore, Walkley, Owlerton, Burngreave, Meersbrook, Wybourn and Neepsend.

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Above - tram at West Bar.
Left - J W Northend, printers, West Street.
Below - rescuing the injured.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s01137, s01286 and s02104*)

King Street was also badly hit.

Nether Edge and Jessops Hospital for Women received direct hits. 106 out of a total of 154 city schools were damaged, with 8 being completely destroyed.

Two nights later the bombers returned. Almost 100 planes attacked the city for just over 3 hours from 6.50pm to 10.05 pm. This time the industrial east of the city was hit - Attercliffe, Grimsthorpe and Burngreave in particular. Brown Bayleys steelworks were hit, as were Hadfield's Hecla and East Hecla Works, Arthur Lee and other industrial sites.



Almost 700 people were killed. 134 were buried in a mass grave at the City Road Cemetery, now the site of a memorial garden.

Over 82,000 houses of a total stock of 150,000 were damaged, almost 3,000 beyond repair.

Well known buildings that were badly damaged or destroyed included the Kings Head Hotel, Angel Hotel, Atkinson's Department Store, C & A Modes, St Mark's church, St Vincent's Roman Catholic church, the Central Hebrew Synagogue, Sheffield United Football Club's Bramall Lane ground and the Athenaeum Club, etc.

Marples Hotel

The single biggest loss of life occurred at the Marples Hotel in the city centre when 70 men, women and children were trapped inside the cellars following a direct hit on the building above.

The Marples Hotel on the corner of Fitzalan Square and High Street was a well known building. More of a public house, than what we know as a hotel, its formal name was Wine and Spirit Commercial Hotel, but it was popularly known as the Marples.

A large building of 7 storeys, it was being used on the night of 12th December as a makeshift bomb shelter. Over 70 citizens took shelter there as the Germans rained down bombs on the city. Tragically, at 11.44 pm the building received a direct hit from a high explosive bomb and all 7 storeys collapsed down onto the cellars. The

cellars gave way trapping all those inside.

More carefree times, inside the Marples before the war
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s02038)

Due to the mass devastation across the city wasn't until



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10.00am the next morning that rescue efforts began

earnest. It turned out that only 7 survived and of the 60 or so that died, only 14 could be identified. It took 12 days to clear the site.



Pre-war Ordnance Survey map showing the site of the hotel (marked P.H. for public house), 1935
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 298.4 LH)

The ruins of the Marples, 13 Dec 1940
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s01136)



Newspapers and Other Sources



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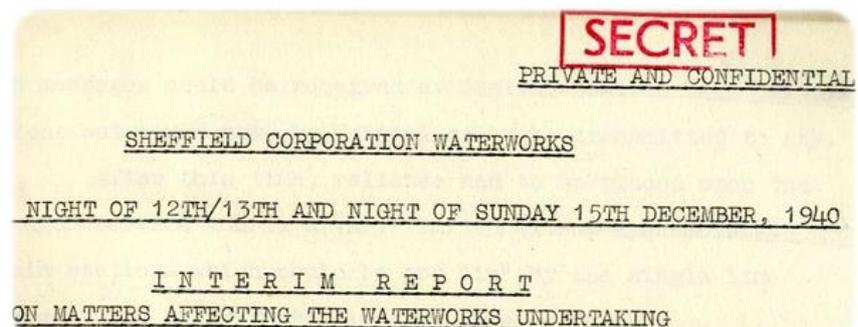
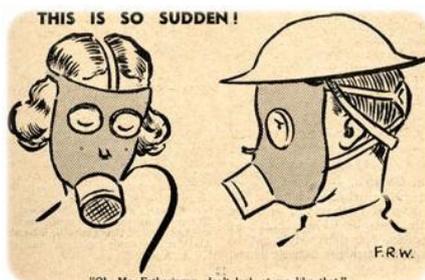
Blitz City Keeps the Flags Flying

SHEFFIELD'S spirit in facing the "blitz" and its after-effects is exemplified by the flags that are appearing from wrecked shops and shattered windows.

THE UNION JACK HANGS AT HALF-MAST FROM THE CITY WAR MEMORIAL, AS A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO DIED IN THE BOMB.

Wreaths from the ease of the memorial were laid about the roadway.

There is a wide range of contemporary material that reveals aspects of life in the blitz - from newspaper reports to cartoons from the ARP magazine (Local Studies 623.3 S), and reports on the damage considered by the authorities. The report (bottom right) on damage to water and sewage facilities was marked secret (Sheffield Archives: CA-WTE/2/30)



List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information

Newspaper reports, etc.

Relevant articles and features appear in local newspapers. The main titles available at Sheffield Local Studies Library for the World War Two period are the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* and the *Star*. Many are now available to search online through the British Library

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm and*
<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>)

A selective card index to the newspapers of this period is available, use the search term 'air raids'

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfiche*)

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* (<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/archive/>) and *The Guardian* (<http://archive.guardian.co.uk>)

Detailed newspaper cuttings and photographs concerning the bombing of Sheffield and neighbourhood, 1960

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 25, pages 90-92, 102-109, 122-123, 127-128 and 132-133 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

Newspaper cuttings regarding the minor raids on Sheffield, c. 1940

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 25, page 107 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

Air Raid Precaution (ARP) newspaper cuttings, 1938 - 1957

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 623.3 SSTQ*)

Note on the damage done to old buildings during the air raids, 1941

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 9, page 3 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

Reports on damage to hospitals, shops and the Town Hall, including brief historical details of Roberts Brothers, Cockayne's, Atkinson's, and Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society, c. 1940

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 9, page 90 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

Picture of a memorial service held on the first anniversary of the blitz at Coleford Road wardens' post, where 10 people were killed, 1941

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 25, page 104 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

Report of the commemoration service held in the Cathedral on the first anniversary of the blitz, 1941

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 25, page 104 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

The War Illustrated, no. 71, 10 Jan 1941

Page 18 'Sheffield could take it as well as London' refers to the Sheffield blitz.
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: PAMP 318 SQ*)

Sheffield Blitz anniversary edition, *The Star*, 20 Nov 1965

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 376 L*)

Blitz Special, *The Star*, 13 and 14 Dec 1990

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 979 L (a and b)*)

Blitz Special (Sheffield Newspapers Ltd, 1990)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 467 VL*)

Photographs

Over 80,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com. A search using the terms 'blitz' and 'air raid' will reveal over 250 photographs.

Sheffield Photo Company Ltd and associated companies photographs of war damage to property, 1940

(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7293*)

Photographs taken after the blitz in Richardson, David, *Sheffield Pictorial - images of Sheffield over the last 120 years* (Pickard Communication, 2006), pages 20-23

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1084 L*)

Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society Ltd., photographs of Sheffield Blitz, 1940

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5342 SSTQ*)

Pictures of damaged Sheffield buildings, and one of the raids in progress in *Britain Under Fire*, [1941], pages 68-70

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5342 SST*)

Photograph of Winston Churchill greeting crowds on Napier Street, Sheffield, following the Sheffield Blitz, showing Sheffield Twist Drill and Steel Co. Ltd and James Neill Tools premises in background (with workers leaning out of windows), c. 1940.

(*Sheffield City Archives: X430 box 1*)

Trade Directories

Trade directories were published every few years. They list trades and businesses as well as some residents (arranged street by street) (they are often described as the forerunner of telephone directories). A comparison of a pre-war directory (such as Kelly's Directory of Sheffield for 1934) with a post-war edition (such as 1948) will reveal gaps in the listings for bomb damaged areas.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield City Archives)

Business and Industry

Sheffield City Archives has an extensive collection of business archives. A search of director's minutes and production records may reveal the impact (or otherwise) of the blitz. Company magazines, mainly at Local Studies, can also reveal useful references. For details of business material you will need to check the computer catalogues and card indexes at both City Archives and Local Studies.

Ibbotson Brothers and Company Limited, Manufacturers of Steel Files, Saws and Springs, Sheffield, balance sheet and accounts, 31 Aug 1945 (includes a summary of air raid damage claims detailing the extent of bomb damage on the Old Cotton Mill)

(Sheffield City Archives: MD8197/2/1/8)

Civil Defence

'Air Raid Precautions Handbook no. 2 - Anti Gas Precautions and First Aid for Air Raid Casualties'. This handbook includes photos of specialised breathing equipment and a plan of a decontamination centre, 1935

(Sheffield City Archives: MD7719/5)

Civil Defence Public Information leaflet - Fire Precautions in time of War, 1939

(Sheffield City Archives: MD7719/4)

Sheffield and the ARP: a message to you from the Lord Mayor, the Master Cutler, the Lord Bishop, and other leading citizens, [1938]

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets vol. 137 no. 1 042 S)

ARP: a complete plan for the safety of the people of Sheffield, Communist Party of Great Britain, Sheffield Branch, North Midlands District, [1938]

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets vol. 136 no. 3 (042 S))

Sheffield City Council: Air Raid Precautions Committee minutes, 1938 - 1939

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-ARP)

Sheffield City Council: Emergency Committee procedures, [c. 1939]

(Sheffield City Archives: CA-MISC/1)

Sheffield City Council, planning applications for various air raid shelters, 1939 - 1940
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA206 search term 'air raid'*)

Other local authority planning applications are also available: Chesterfield Rural District Council (*Sheffield City Archives: CA519*); Stocksbridge Urban District Council (*Sheffield City Archives: CA759*), and Wortley Rural District Council (*Sheffield City Archives: CA676 and 2009/73*)

Correspondence concerning lease of Victoria Street premises and possible provision of bomb-proof shelter, Jul 1939
(*Sheffield City Archives: NHS18/2/2/3*)

Civil Defence Public Information Leaflet - 'Fire Precautions in War Time', Aug 1939
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7719/4*)

ARP: Government supply of steel shelters: notice to householders, conditions of supply, Sheffield City Council Highway and Sewerage Committee, 1939
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1001 M*)

Emergency Committee for Civil Defence in Time of War: list of public air raid shelters and general information, Sep 1940
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Civil Defence Pamphlets no. 4 (623.3 S) and Local Pamphlets vol. 6, no. 1 (042 SST)*)

Emergency Committee for Civil Defence in Time of War: After the Raid - where to go, what to claim [1941]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Civil Defence Pamphlets nos. 1 and 2 (623.3 S)*)

Emergency Committee for Civil Defence in Time of War: Where to go - a guide to services available after air raids; issued from the Main Information Centre, 1941
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Civil Defence Pamphlets nos. 5 (623.3 S); Local pamphlets vol. 6 no. 8 and vol. 40 no. 1 (042 SST) and MP 1568 S*)

Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers air raid information prepared and issued for the guidance of industry and trade, 1941
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Civil Defence Pamphlets no. 3 (623.3 S)*)

Sheffield Public Assistance Committee: where to go and all about your home [folder of information for those needing help after air raids] [1940]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 246 S*)

Beaumont and Wood: air suction and discharge bellows for ARP shelter and air infiltration leaflet, [c. 1940]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4470 M*)

Hadfield, Cawkwell, Davidson and Partners, Sheffield, Job file relating to the construction of an air raid shelter at a house in Dore, 1941
(*Sheffield City Archives: HCD*)

May Mirfin (1901 - 1994) ARP & Civil Defence files, 1938 - 1957
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7348/4/1*)

Penistone Air Raid Precaution service, papers and leaflets, 1939 - 1945
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD6878*)

County Council of The West Riding of Yorkshire - Civil Defence Handbook on Rescue Training, 1942
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD7719/7*)

Sheffield Police Force General Order Book (includes references to duties covering air raid incidents, precautions against invasion etc).
Permission to view this item must be obtained from South Yorkshire Police. Contact Sheffield City Archives for details.
(*Sheffield City Archives: SY295/1/1*)

Sheffield Police Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Department: circulars c. 1940
(*Sheffield City Archives: X447*)

Sheffield, Ecclesfield Ebenezer Methodist Church correspondence regarding Air Raid Precautions post, c. 1943
(*Sheffield City Archives: 2002/61*)

Yorkshire Water Authority - Ordnance Survey maps marked to show the areas which would flood if Sheffield area dams were bombed, Civil defence and miscellaneous photographic slides, War Emergency Handbook, etc
(*Sheffield City Archives: YWA*)

Contemporary blitz documents

Sheffield City Council, Air Raid Precautions / Emergency Committee, minutes, agenda and reports, 1939 - 1943
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-EMG and CA39/70-74*)

Air raid damage record cards recording where bombs fell, type of bomb and nature of incident, 1940 - c. 1942, etc.
(*Sheffield City Archives: X293; transcription available at ROM/20*)

Sheffield City Council: Civil Defence Department records: Civilian war deaths: complete list of air raid casualties in Sheffield, Aug 1940 - Oct 1941; Civil Defence Department file relating to casualties during air raids, Dec 1940 - Apr 1950; Map showing where the bombs fell in Sheffield, [1948]; 'Raiders over Sheffield' - typescript copy of the story of the air raids of 12 and 15 Dec 1940 compiled from official records by authority of the Emergency Committee of Sheffield City Council (1942 edition) (*Sheffield City Archives: CA1000/1-4*)

City of Sheffield Casualty Bureau - lists of casualties (listing hospital admissions, condition of patients, etc.), Dec 1940 - Oct 1941
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA529/7/13/5*)

Wortley Rural District Council, returns as to damage to property directly consequent upon bombardment or attack from the air, Aug 1940 - Aug 1942
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA529/7/13/16*)

Wortley Rural District Council, Death Due to War Operations forms (Casualties War Department (CWD)), Dec 1940 - Mar 1941
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA529/7/13/4*)

Wortley Rural District Council, war damage administrative / correspondence file, May 1940 - May 1952
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA529/7/13/17*)

Sheffield Information Committee (a branch of the Ministry of Information) air raid bulletins, announcements for loud speaker vans, etc., c. 1940 - 1943
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA43*)

Sheffield Information Service; reports, casualty lists, list of person to be rehoused, search service files, etc, 1939 onwards
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA991*)

'Sheffield Education Department's emergency scheme following the Sheffield blitz in December 1940', excerpt from Dent, H. C., *Education in Transition*, 1944
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6063 M*)

Wortley Rural District Council ARP/Civil Defence files, including: war-time lighting file, c. 1939 - 1947; air raid shelters files, c. 1937 - 1941, War damage to properties files, 1940 - 1952; Civil Defence work schedules, 1936 - 1940; ARP volunteer enrolments, 1938 - 1939; ARP expenditure claims, 1939 - 1946
(*Sheffield City Archives: 2009/73 boxes 21533, 21534, 21561-21565*)

South Yorkshire Coroner (Sheffield City District) inquest files on a number of victims of the blitz, viz; Elizabeth and Robert Eames at the Hermitage Inn [London Road]; RAF Servicemen at the Marples Hotel (J. G. Forbes, W. C. McDonald, T. Jones and M. F. McHugh); Edward Kerford, Violet Mitchell, Minnie Vernon, Sarah Ann Coggan and Sylvia Redfearn.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CC1/5/1*)

Annual report of the City of Sheffield Police and Auxiliary Services, 1940-1941
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.2 S*)

Raiders Over Sheffield: the story of the air raids of December 12th and 15th, 1940, compiled from official records by authority of the Emergency Committee of the Sheffield City Council, 1942, (draft typescripts)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5442 SSTQ*)

Raiders Over Sheffield: the story of the air raids of December 12th and 15th, 1940, compiled from official records by authority of the Emergency Committee of the Sheffield City Council, (Sheffield City Council, 1980)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5442 S; Sheffield City Archives: WAL/LOCAL; also available at a number of community libraries: 942.741)

Abrahams, J. S., *Sheffield Blitz: Story and Pictures* (Pawson & Brailsford, c. 1942)
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5442 S; also available at Sheffield City Archives: SY251)

How Sheffield deals with blitz information (article from *Local Government Service*),
Oct 1941, page 123
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 11 942.74 SQ)

All Clear! - the magazine of the Sheffield ARP Wardens, nos. 1-29, 31-40, [1940 - 1945] (includes 'Blitz edition')
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 623.3 S)

Sheffield City Council, Watch Committee, 1940 - 1941
These include reports on damage as well as minutes of the Ambulance sub-committee, etc.
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-WAC/1/22 and CA-WAC/2/63)

Sheffield City Council Education Committee, 1940 - 1941
Pages 338 – 346 (Jan 1941) includes the 'Report of the Director of Education on the Damage to School Property as a Result of Recent Air Raids'. The report refers to the request to members of staff to report for duty when the sirens went on Sunday 15 Dec. The Education Department was responsible for staffing and organising emergency feeding and rescue centres (food was supplied by the Public Assistance Department). The loss of 15,000 school places is recorded as are details of the level of damage sustained at each school across the city (school name, department (whether infant or junior, boys or girls), damage sustained (direct hit, serious, extensive glass, burnt out, slight, negligible or none, etc.) and possible opening times). Also included is a list of 'first line' rest centres with their accommodation capacity.
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-EDU/38)

Sheffield City Council, Civil Defence Committee for Emergency Works (Construction), 1939 - 1941
This committee was established in preparation for impending hostilities in Jul 1939. It described its purpose at its first meeting: 'to assist the local authority in their preparation for organising the work of the rescue and demolition, the strengthening of basement shelters, recruitment of volunteers and in an emergency the repair of roads and bridges.'
It appears the Committee only met twice, once in July 1939 at its outset and again in Jun 1941 following intensive air raids in the city.
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-CDW)

Sheffield City Council, Emergency Committee, 1938 - 1946
(Sheffield City Archives: CA-EMG)

Sheffield City Council, minutes of council meetings refer to air raids and bomb damage, 1939 - 1945
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-MIN/78-84*)

Sheffield City Council, Public Assistance Committee
The meetings for Dec 1940 - Jan 1941 include detailed reports on air raid damage, in particular the loss of the committee's offices at West Bar, the provision of Rest and Feeding Centres and evacuees received at the Fir Vale Institution.
Note: these minutes include references to the other business of the Public Assistance Committee which is confidential for at least 75 years under the Data Protection Act. Please contact us in advance if you wish to have access to this particular volume. (Sheffield City Archives: CA-PAC/2/14)

Sheffield City Council, Estates Committee
The meetings for Dec 1940 onwards include detailed reports on air raid damage, reports on repairs to war damaged property (including addresses of individual properties (in the Housing sub-committee), splinter proofing of glass, etc.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-PRO/2/33*)

Sheffield City Council, Tramways Committee
The meetings for Dec 1940 onwards include detailed reports on air raid damage.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-TMY/2/15*)

Sheffield City Council, Water Committee
The meetings for Dec 1940 onwards include detailed reports on air raid damage (marked secret). There are also references to emergency supplies of water being tankered to other cities that had experienced heavy bomb damage.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-WTE/2/30*)

Sheffield City Council, Electricity Committee
At the meeting in Jan 1941 the committee considered a report on air raid damage.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-ELE/2/29*)

Sheffield City Council, Finance Committee
There are references to the loss of income from rates due to bomb damage, and the transfer of Finance Department staff to the City Architects Department, etc at the meeting in Jan 1941. The Public Works sub-committee refers to the purchase of materials for damaged properties.
(*Sheffield City Archives CA-FIN/2/81*)

Sheffield City Council, General Purposes Committee
The meetings for Jan 1941 onwards include reports on air raid damage to allotments, etc.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-GPP/2/31*)

Sheffield City Council, Cleansing and Baths Committee
Brief references to air raids, Dec 1940 - Jan 1941.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-CLB/2/3*)

Sheffield City Council, Libraries and Museums Committee

There are reports on damage as well as measures to be taken to prevent further damage to the collections, Dec 1940 - Jan 1941.
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-LAM/2/26*)

Sheffield City Council, Markets Committee
Air raid damage reports, Jan 1941
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA-MAR/2/12*)

Sheffield Fire Brigade, Fire reports / Occurance Books, record the time and date of air raids, 1939 - 1941
(*Sheffield City Archives: FSM/4/1-4*)

School log books were official diaries kept by the head teacher recording events in the school, including air raids and bomb damage. Sheffield City Archives has a comprehensive collection of school log books, almost 100 of which cover the 1940 period. A full list is available on our website
<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections.html>

List of properties damaged by enemy action (compiled for rating purposes), 1940
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA10/5*)

Sheffield Town Clerk's files regarding reports on air raid damage, communal feeding, emergency feeding, ARP warden posts, etc., c. 1939 - 1945
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA538*)

Sheffield City Council, Planning Department War Damage File no. 2, 1941 - 1944
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA465*)

Sheffield City Council, City Engineer's correspondence, report and schedule of air raid damage, 1945
(*Sheffield City Archives: CA618/40*)

A memorandum of the experiences of the Town Hall Superintendent on the night of the Sheffield Blitz, [1941]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1126 M*)

Explanation of the "Come right in" Society for arranging shelter for those rendered homeless by air raids, Sheffield Public Assistance Committee, [1940]
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Civil Defence Pamphlets no. 7 (623.3 S)*)

Steadfast: the monthly "news and views" sheet of the Steade Road (top section) fire parties, vol. 1-3 and vol. 4 nos. 12-16, 1941 - 1943
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 623.3 S*)

The Wardens' Journal: Official Bulletin of the Air Raid Warden Organisation of ... West Yorkshire, vol. 1 no. 2 - vol. 4 no. 4, 1939 - 1942
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 623.3 S*)

Sheffield's raid experience, excerpt from *The ARP News*, Apr 1945
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 470 M*)

Article on the work of the Fire Service, no date
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 25 page 123 (microfilm 942.74 SF)*)

Diary of [Gloria Hallett], ARP ambulance driver, 1939 - 1941
(*Sheffield City Archives: MD6795*)

Sheffield Blitz [poem], AFS [Auxiliary Fire Service], *All Clear!*, page 5, May 1941
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 623.3 S*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 940.5442 SST*)

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Library, Archive and Museum Collections Held Elsewhere

Sheffield's Kelham Island Museum has artefacts and information about Sheffield's role in World War Two, including displays of bombs <http://simt.co.uk/kelham-island-museum>.

The Sheffield Fire and Police Museum has a wartime exhibition which includes a Morrison air raid shelter <http://www.emergencymuseum.org.uk/>.

The National Archives Discovery catalogue includes catalogues describing archives held locally in England and Wales <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

The Archives Hub contains catalogues describing archives held in universities and colleges in the UK <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk/>

The National Archives (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. They have produced a guide entitled 'Looking for records of the Second World War' <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-subject/secondworldwar.htm>. In particular, there are Home Office reports of the situation in Sheffield (e.g. HO/199/41).

The Yorkshire Film Archive (www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com) has a number of films of Sheffield during the war. At the time of writing (March 2010), their online catalogue lists three films of particular relevance:

- Hunshelf gun site Chapeltown, 1940. This film documents some of the work of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service at the Hunshelf anti-aircraft gun site (ref. 2299)
- Blitz in Sheffield 1940s. This film shows the devastation and destruction caused to buildings (ref. 514)
- Sheffield at War, 1940s. This film includes footage of the King and Queen being shown around the bomb damaged city (ref. 2881).

The British Film Institute (BFI) may also have relevant footage from Sheffield during the war www.bfi.org.uk.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website has a searchable database which includes details of 67,000 civilian deaths from World War Two www.cwgc.org.

The German Federal Archive (Bundesarchiv) may also contain references to the attacks on Sheffield www.bundesarchiv.de.

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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