

# Sources for the Study of Sheffield and the Cold War, 1945 - 1991



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Detail from BC TV docudrama, *Threads*, 1984  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: DVD 125*)

Sheffield Peace Week flier, 1987  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Miscellaneous Papers folder 3*)

Detail from a leaflet issued to the public giving instructions of what to do in the event of a nuclear attack, Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence, 1960s  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4426 S*)

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## Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of the Cold War which began at the end of the Second World War in 1945 and ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

It is not a detailed history of international relations during that period; it merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research into the part played by Sheffield and South Yorkshire in this global 'conflict' to what is available within Sheffield Libraries and Archives.

The Cold War was largely a stand-off between the Capitalist West and Communist East. Both sides developed nuclear weapons in the 1940s and over subsequent decades amassed stockpiles of ever more powerful and accurate weapons. Response from governments was initially based on observation posts across the country and warning systems to alert the population that enemy aircraft were approaching. However, by the early 1950s, with the development of the hydrogen bomb (massively more powerful than an atomic bomb) and missile technology, local observation posts became redundant. Government action switched from observation to deterrence and information for the public on what to do in the event of a nuclear strike.

The country was divided into Home Defence Regions; Sheffield was in the North region (region No. 2) with a 'war room' at Leeds. Later, within the Home Defence Regions there were to be Regional Seats of Government (RSGs) headed by a Cabinet Minister. For Region 2 this was initially at Imphal Barracks in York but was later switched to the more remote Shipton.

Later still, the North region was divided into two sub-regional control centres (north and south) - Bempton on the Yorkshire coast, and Conisbrough near Doncaster. A final reorganisation took place in the 1980s. RSGs (now to be called Regional Government Headquarters (RGHQ)) were established. The base for Region 2 was at Hexham.

Local authorities were deemed County Main, County Standby and District Controls. In the 1970s there were 47 County Mains and 333 District Controls. Local authorities were required to construct emergency bunkers, and affix warning sirens to public buildings. By the 1980s Emergency Planning Officers had to be appointed and plans for civil defence in time of nuclear war had to be drawn up.

The 1980s witnessed a growing awareness of the nuclear threat, probably due to the publication of the Government's *Protect and Survive* booklet in 1980 and the arrival of nuclear weapons in Britain three years later. The issue entered popular culture with Frankie Goes to Hollywood's 'Two Tribes' pop record, Raymond Briggs 'When the Wind Blows' animated film and the BBC Docudrama 'Threads' which was based in Sheffield.

Outside of their civil defence obligations, some local authorities, including Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire County Council, developed anti-nuclear policies. Both became 'nuclear free zones' attempting to block any transport of nuclear weapons. Peace Officers were employed to promote peace and international relations rather than engage in what some saw as futile civil defence plans which would be of limited use in the event of the complete destruction of society if a nuclear strike occurred. It wasn't until the late 1980s and the collapse of the USSR in 1991 that the threat of an east / west nuclear war of unimaginable proportions eased.

Locally there are many documents, books, maps and photographs of civil defence plans and anti-nuclear activity that vividly illustrate the part played by Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire County Council, campaign groups and individuals in a period of our history where the very existence of society was under threat from annihilation.

## Timeline showing key dates

Aug 1945	Atomic bombs used by the USA against Japan at Nagasaki and Hiroshima.
Mar 1946	Winston Churchill refers to an 'iron curtain [which] has descended across the continent'.
1947	The term 'Cold War' first used.
1948	Civil Defence Act established the Civil Defence Corps to oversee headquarters, rescue, warden, welfare and ambulance services for the local authority (becoming operational in 1950). The Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) was also established by the Act providing for fire services other than those run by local authorities.
1950	The second World Peace Conference held in Sheffield. Pablo Picasso was one of the delegates. It was soon moved to Warsaw in Poland when the British Government refused visas to delegates.
1950s - 1960s	Women's Voluntary Service (WVS) provided talks to women on civil defence measures.
1951	Plans were put in place for regional war rooms. Region 2 (NE) was centred around Leeds.
1951	The Industrial Civil Defence Service (ICDS) was established. Firms employing more than 200 workers formed such corps to provide first aid and freighting services, etc.
1952	All county and county borough councils were required to prepare bomb proof main and subordinate civil defence control centres. Initially Sheffield City Council provided the 'Main' centre, though it later transferred to South Yorkshire County Council and then later still to the South Yorkshire Fire Service.
1952	Britain tests its first atomic bomb.
1953	With the development of the Hydrogen bomb the use of offensive and defensive aircraft became obsolete. The focus now switched to deterrence.
1953	Government exercise based on an attack on Sheffield (see The National Archives HO 322/191).
14-15 Apr 1953	Emergency Feeding Study - one involved Sheffield and Rotherham and an 'A' bomb centred over St Philip's church, Penistone / Infirmary Road (see The National Archives HO 322/194).
Apr 1954	Coventry City Council became the first local authority to opt out of co-ordinating and supporting the Civil Defence Corps as 'a waste of public time and money'.
1956	Regional war rooms became Regional Seats of Government. These would have up to 300 staff. Region 2 was to be based at Easingwold in North Yorkshire (and later York Castle).
1956	Sheffield twinned with the industrial city of Stalino in the USSR (later renamed Donetsk).
Dec 1956	Sheffield Civil Defence nuclear attack exercise held.
Apr / May 1957	<i>Exercise Zeta</i> studied the problems in clearing the Z Zone surrounding Sheffield (see The National Archives HO 322/185).
1957	RAF Finningley near Doncaster was reopened as a V-Bomber base (Vulcan Bombers were aeroplanes that carried Britain's own nuclear bombs).

1958	The Campaign for Nuclear Defence (CND) established in the UK.
c. 1960	There were approximately 1,500 ROC underground observation posts across the country (approx. 8 miles apart) including one at what is now Abbeydale Golf Course. These 8 person bunkers contained radiation measuring equipment.
Jan 1963	' <i>Advising the Householder on Protection against Nuclear Attack</i> ' was published mainly for use by the Civil Defence Corps. It was the first such publication in the UK and formed the basis of the later ' <i>Protect and Survive</i> ' booklet.
Sep 1962	Fallex '62 NATO exercise carried out.
1966	The BBC film, <i>The War Game</i> , was produced though not widely broadcast.
1968	Civil Defence Corps abolished. The main focus was on deterrence and state survival rather than general population survival from a nuclear exchange.
1971	County Councils were required to establish two protected bunkers: County Main and County Standby (in case the County Main was destroyed)
Mid 1970s	Across the country there were approximately 7,000 sirens installed on public buildings - police and fire stations, local authority buildings etc. These would provide a 'four minute warning' of a missile attack.
1976	<i>Protect and Survive</i> booklet produced but not made widely available until 1980.
1979	Anti-nuclear Campaign (ANC) established in Sheffield.
1979	A Regional Government HQ was to be established at Hexham and Shipton.
Dec 1979	UK government decided to modernise its nuclear arsenal, deciding to base cruise missiles at Greenham Common in Berkshire.
1980	District councils and public utilities were required to build emergency bunkers to complement the county structure. Many were never completed. However, the National Grid National Emergency Control Centre and the north eastern region peacetime control centre is at Beacon Hill, Leeds. Yorkshire Water Authority built 10 emergency controls in its region, including one in Sheffield.
May 1980	Government's <i>Protect and Survive</i> booklet published more widely, advising householders on what to do in the event of a nuclear attack. Public information films with the same title were also produced. It was so derided that a planned revision for 1986 was abandoned.
Sep 1980	South Yorkshire County Council was the first local authority to declare itself 'nuclear free' <sup>1</sup> .
Sep 1980	Major national civil defence exercise, Square Leg, undertaken. In South Yorkshire it envisaged two nuclear strikes.
Nov 1980	Sheffield City Council declared itself a nuclear free zone.
1981	Local authorities were required to appoint Emergency Planning Officers (EPO).
1981/2	Demonstrations at Greenham Common.

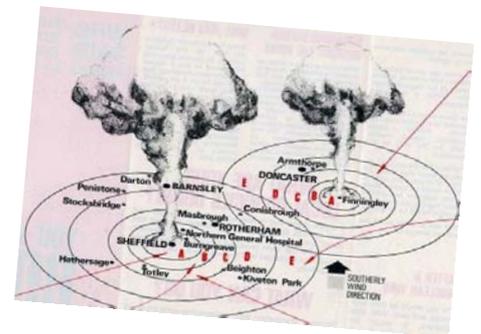
<sup>1</sup> Clarke, Michael and Marjorie Mowlam, *Debate on Disarmament* (Routledge, 1982) (page 8)

31 Dec 1981	120 local authorities had declared themselves 'nuclear free'.
c. 1982	Sheffield City Council appointed a Nuclear Free Zone officer (Jim Coleman) in its Central Policy Unit.
Mar 1982	A new 'home guard' to help in crises announced.
1982	' <i>When the Wind Blows</i> ' by Raymond Briggs released.
Sep 1982	Sheffield City Council and Donetsk sign a declaration for peace and for the removal of fear and the threat of nuclear annihilation.
Oct 1982	Government civil defence exercise 'Operation Hard Rock' cancelled.
1983	Local authorities were ordered to draw up civil defence plans for nuclear war.
Nov 1983	Cruise missiles arrived in the UK.
1983	US President Reagan launched Strategic Defence Initiative (known as 'star wars').
1984	Frankie Goes to Hollywood 'Two Tribes' [USA and USSR] becomes the top selling pop single in the UK.
1984	Competition for 'peace murals' in launched in Sheffield.
Sep 1984	BBC TV docudrama, <i>Threads</i> , broadcast.
Aug 1985	BBC TV drama, <i>The War Game</i> , broadcast (20 years after it was made).
Aug 1985	St Paul's Gardens in Sheffield renamed the Peace Gardens commemorating the Hiroshima bomb of 1945.
1985 - 1991	Significant talks between the USA and USSR to reduce their weapon stockpiles.
1986	US President Reagan and USSR President Gorbachev resolved to remove all short and medium range missiles.
Jul 1989	Sheffield hosted the bi-annual UK-USSR twinning conference.
1989	USSR withdrew control over central and east European countries.
Sep - Oct 1989	Brightfire civil defence exercise.
1991	USSR dissolved.
1991	ROC stood down.
1992 onwards	Most local authority bunkers became civil contingency emergency planning centres.
2001	Sheffield City Council withdraws from 'Nuclear Free Local Authorities'.

A selection of images from the collections at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library



County Council Leader Councillor Roy Thwaites says "We are opening our emergency planning facilities to make the public aware of the futility of so called war preparation. I want people to know just how slim their chances of survival are. There is no way you can defend yourself with brown paper and hiding under tables."



Soviet map of Sheffield, 1977 (*Sheffield Local Studies: S 35 S*); Jobs & services: not bombs & missiles, 1980s (*Sheffield Local Studies: MP 2884 M*); Detail from a leaflet issued to the public giving instructions of what to do in the event of a nuclear attack, Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence, 1960s (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4426 S*); Anti-American flier, 1980s (*Sheffield Local Studies: MP 2845 S*); (*Sheffield Local Studies: MP 3728 M*); nuclear free zone opens defence HQ (South Yorkshire County Council, 1982) (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 3728 M*); Sheffield Peace Week flier, 1987 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP folder 3*); You and the Bomb, c. 1981 (*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP folder 3*) and Sheffield Anti-Nuclear campaign flier, 1980s (*Sheffield Local Studies: MP 3727 M*)

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

### Newspaper reports, etc.

Relevant articles and features may appear in local newspapers. The main titles available at Sheffield Local Studies Library for the 20<sup>th</sup> century are: *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Telegraph* (weekly) 1989 - date; and the *Star* 1873 - date

The Local Studies Library local newspaper cuttings collection will include articles about nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament, etc  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfiche*)

The *Sheffield Star* ran a series of reports on *The Bomb and You* on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 1980.

Archives of some national newspapers are available online, notably *The Times* (<http://archive.timesonline.co.uk>) and *The Guardian* (<http://archive.guardian.co.uk>)

### General Works

A search of the Sheffield Library catalogue for terms such as anti-nuclear, civil defence, nuclear war etc. reveals a number of titles from the 1950s onwards, for example:

Brandon, Ruth, *The Burning Question: the Anti-nuclear Movement Since 1945* (Heinemann, 1987)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 341.67*)

O'Brien, T. H., *Civil Defence* (HMSO, 1955)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 940.544*)

*Manual of Civil Defence. Vol.1, Nuclear Weapons* (Home Office, 1959)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 358.39*)

*Nuclear Weapons* (Home Office, 1974)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 358.39*)

*Civil Defence Circulars, 1950s* (Civil Defence Department)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 355.232 F*)

*War Plan UK: the Truth About Civil Defence in Britain* (Burnett, 1982)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.232*)

Poole, Robert, *Target North-West: Civil Defence and Nuclear War in Region 10*  
(Richardson Institute for Conflict and Peace Research, 1982)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 341.67*)

*CND Archives 1958-1980, and Pamphlets and Serials 1958-80* (microfilms) (Harvester Primary Social Sources: 3 The Left in Britain, Pt.5, Section 2)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library*)

Minnion, John, *The CND Story: the First 25 Years in the Words of the People Involved* (Allison and Busby, 1983)  
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 341.67)

Higgins, Hugh *The Cold War* (Heinemann, 1974)  
(Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 327.1)

## **Civil Defence / Emergency Planning**

Craine, Simon and Noel Ryan, *Protection from the Cold* (Wildtrack Publishing, 2011)  
(Civil Defence in South Yorkshire)  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 909.82 S)

Sheffield City Council, Civil Defence Committee signed minutes, 1951 - 1967 and requisition book, 1951 - 1963  
(Sheffield Archives: CA-CDW; copies also available at CA-CDC; SY341; CA627; CA673 and FSM/24/2).

Sheffield City Council, Civil Defence Department files, 1949 - 1971  
(Sheffield Archives: CA674)

Sheffield City Council minutes, reference to a donation to the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence, 1958 - 1959  
(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/96 page 306)

Sheffield civil defence recruitment film (*Sheffield is Calling You*) from the 1950s which refers to the possibility of a nuclear attack is available via YouTube  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=21qfZmSA-qE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21qfZmSA-qE)

Yorkshire Film Archive has a number of civil defence films including 'Civil Defence West Park', 1962 (no. 4071) which shows a Yorkshire Civil Defence rally in Hull, including Sheffield volunteers at a fallout information display [www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com](http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com)

Photograph of civil defence exercises in Surrey Street, 1950s  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield: s22874)

Photograph of Civil Defence Inspection of Mobile Column, Barkers Pool, 19 Oct 1954  
(Sheffield Archives: LD2479/1 p.89)

Photograph of Civil Defence Exhibition, Central Library, 1956  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield: s26275, s26276 and s26277)

Photographs of ROC monitoring station, [Abbeydale Gold Course], 2012  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield: c04159-c04164)

Sheffield City Council minutes reference to the abolition of the Civil Defence Committee, 1967 - 1968  
(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/10 page 5)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, references to civil defence / emergency planning, including, for instance, establishment of new county borough control centre, proposals to stand down of civil defence services, etc., c. 1966 - 1969  
(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/3)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, reference to Association of Civil Defence Officers conference and revenue estimates for civil defence, c. 1969 - 1971  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/4*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, reference to the disposal of former trophies of the Civil Defence Corps, c. 1971 - 1973  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/5*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, reference to South Yorkshire County Council war emergency planning, 1976 - 1977  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/9*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, references to war appointments for Sheffield and the Emergency Planning, Home Defence Conference, 1979 - 1980  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/12*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, references to Emergency Planning, Home Defence Conference, 1980 - 1981  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/13*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, reference to war emergency planning, 1981/2  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/14*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, references to Government proposals regarding civil defence, and conference on nuclear attacks, 1982/3  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/15*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee references to Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) regulations 1983 and Civil Defence (Grant) (amendment) regulations 1983; Civil Defence Research Project and Nuclear Winter and Civil Defence conference, 1984  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/17*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, references to civil defence, planning assumption study and a civil defence research project, 1984 - 1985  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/18*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, reference to Civil defence planning assumption study, 1985/6  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/19*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, reference to the Government's public information campaign on civil defence, 1987  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/24*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, references to the Home Office video, '*When Disaster Strikes*' and also a copy of the Sheffield and District Labour Party manifesto which includes references to civil defence, 1987  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/25a part 2*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, includes the minutes of the Nuclear Free Zone Working Party which refer to the cancellation of the national civil defence exercise 'Hard Rock' and other matters, 1989  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/43 Appendix B Policy Review sub-committee (Policy) minutes of 31 Jan 1989*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee, includes a resolution and a report regarding a letter received from the South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority seeking information on wartime emergency planning, 1990

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/59 minutes of 31 Jul 1990 and Report KK)*

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee includes references to the Home Office consultation on emergency planning / civil defence in metropolitan areas, 1991 - 1992

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/72 minutes of 22 Oct 1991 and Report AA and CA-POL/75 minutes of Jan 1992)*

Sheffield City Council, Environment, Health and Standards Programme Committee, Nuclear Issues Working Party minutes, 1993 – 1998

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-EHS)*

South Yorkshire County Council Policy Committee (responsible for emergency planning) minutes, 1974 - 1986

*(Sheffield Archives: SYCC-MIN)*

South Yorkshire and Nuclear War: information for the public in the county of South Yorkshire (South Yorkshire County Council, 1984)

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 341.672 SST)*

Kemp, Stewart, *Police War Duties* (South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority. Emergency Planning Unit, 1988)

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ)*

Kemp, Stewart, *Planning Assumptions Study - Police War Duties* (South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority. 1988)

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ)*

Kemp, Stewart, *Transport in War: South Yorkshire Planning Validation Document* (1989)

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ)*

South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority provisional war plans, 1988 - 1989

No. 1 collection and distribution of information in war

No. 2 control and co-ordination of action in war

No. 2 Planning area 2: control and coordination

No. 3 wartime public advice service

No. 4 provision of wartime shelter

No. 5 rescue in war (provisional)

No. 6 accommodation and care of the homeless in war

No. 7 environmental health in war

No. 8 disposal of human remains in war

No. 9 emergency feeding and food control

No. 10 provision of works services in war

No. 11A essential services (crisis location)

No. 12 wartime volunteer scheme

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ)*

Transition to War: NATO mobilisation and emergency powers: the implications for civil defence and local government. Planning validation report, no. 3 (South Yorkshire County Council, 1989)

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ)*

Civil Defence liaison directory (2 vols) (South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority, Emergency Planning Unit, 1989)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ*)

Legislation directory (South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority. Emergency Planning Unit, 1980)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 355.28 SSTQ*)

South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority meetings referring to the establishment of an emergency planning unit, staff, war plan, emergency feeding exercise and nuclear facilities, etc., 1986 - 1990  
(*Sheffield Archives: SYJA*)

South Yorkshire Police Authority, reference to war duties, 1988 - 1989  
(*Sheffield Archives: SYJA/2/2/16a*)

Sheffield City Council planning applications:

- Rivelin Valley Road, Sheffield, extension for civil defence purposes, c. 1951  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/38355*)
- Eyre Lane and Surrey Street, Sheffield, Civil Defence Committee new civil defence headquarters, 1951  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/43561*)
- Abbeydale Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield, Civil Defence Committee Civil Defence Main Control Centre, 1953  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/44831*)
- Coulston Street, Spring Street and Lore Lane, Sheffield Civil Defence Committee civil defence rescue training headquarters and technical training establishment. 1958  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/49697 and CA206/49729*)

Sheffield, St Mary, Beighton - civil defence siren (includes drawing of a typical siren installation), 1988  
(*Sheffield Archives: DIOC/FAC/2248*)

Sheffield City Council, Housing Management Committee minutes, refer to the installation of air raid sirens and telephones for civil defence purposes on Council estates, release from requisition for air raid shelters, staff volunteers for industrial civil defence units, 1959 - 1962  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-HMC/2/1*)

Sheffield City Council, Education Department Civil Defence Emergency Feeding Scheme 1964-1969  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA762*)

Sheffield City Fire Brigade, civil defence requisitions book, 1951 - 1963  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY341/C2/2*)

Association of Metropolitan Councils (AMC) Civil Defence Sub-committee minutes, etc, 1952 - 1964  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA437*)

Papers and photographs of an individual member of the ARP and Civil Defence Committees, 1938 - 1957  
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7348*)

Leaflets issued to the public giving instructions of what to do in the event of a nuclear attack in response to the cold war, (Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence, 1960s)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 4426 S*)

Sheffield Civil Defence Headquarters newsletters, nos. 53 and 54, Aug and Dec 1966  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1612 M*)

Civil Defence Corps Sheffield Division Newsletter, Dec 1967  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1544 S*)

Details of new Civil Defence HQ, Coulston Street, Sheffield in *Quality of Sheffield*, vol. 5 no. 9, Sep 1958 (page 36)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ*)

Account of opening of new Civil Defence training centre, Sheffield in *Quality of Sheffield*, vol. 6 no. 5, May 1959 (page 34)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ*)

Photograph of Nuclear Survival Shelters Ltd., 1980s  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: photograph G6 31 Main*)

Sheffield Area National Hospital Service Reserve minutes, papers and circulars, 1953 - 1968  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS37/3 and NHS27/8*)

United Sheffield Hospitals Civil Defence Committee minutes, 1950 - 1959; Sheffield Area National Hospital Service Reserve Committee minutes, 1960  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS28/2/5/1*)

National Hospital Service Reserve, Sheffield Area, Civil Defence Committee minutes, 24 Feb 1959  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS27/8/1*)

North Sheffield Hospital Area Civil Defence Committee, minutes, 18 Feb 1960  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS37/3/1*)

Sheffield Regional Hospital Board Civil Defence Committee minutes, 1950 - 1964  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS27/2/6*)

Copy correspondence between the United Sheffield Hospitals and Jessop Hospital and papers including lists of equipment at hospital; 'Organisation of Hospital Services in Wartime' issued by Sheffield Regional Hospital Board, 1959; memorandum about Blood Transfusion Service in wartime, 1959; Civil Defence training courses and equipment; 'Scheme for Major Peacetime Emergencies' produced by Sheffield City, 1969  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS12/1/5/3/1*)

Notices produced by the Ministry of Health concerning arrangements for the National Hospital Service Reserve, civil defence arrangements at hospitals and operational control; Royal Warrant instituting the Civil Defence Long Service Medal, with explanatory memorandum, 1957 - 1961  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS37/3/4*)

Letters sent from Sheffield Regional Hospital Board concerning civil defence and the operational control of hospital services in war time, including schedules of accommodation and facilities at hospitals, 1961 - 1963  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS37/3/2*)

Plans to disperse all health personnel in the event of a nuclear strike in *Sheffield Free Press*, Dec 1981  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF*)

Firth-Brown Ltd, correspondence and papers concerning Civil Defence in Industry and Commerce and Industrial Civil Defence offices, 1945 - 1963  
(*Sheffield Archives: X306/1/7/4/11*)

Account of Exercise Fidelis in *Quality of Sheffield*, Mar 1955 (page 25)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ*)

Yorkshire Water Authority: civil defence slides, 1960s  
(*Sheffield Archives: YWA/12/3 Box 3*)

Civil Defence Manual for Water Undertakers issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, 1960s  
(*Sheffield Archives: YWA/14/14*);

Civil defence: proceedings of a conference of the Water Authorities Mutual Aid Organisation, 1965  
(*Sheffield Archives: YWA/14/14a*)

Sheffield Chamber of Commerce correspondence regarding Civil Defence and Industrial Emergency Services, 1973 - 1975  
(*Sheffield Archives: LD2391*)

Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust, Civil Defence ARP file, 1952  
(*Sheffield Archives: SGMT box 44*)

Papers relating to ARP & Civil Defence, 1938 - 1957  
(*Sheffield Archives: MD7348*)

*Protect and Survive* (Central Office of Information, 1980)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 623.38*)

Thompson, E. P., *Protect and Survive* (Penguin Books, 1980)  
(*Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 341.67*)

Note on Sheffield City Council's policy on civil defence in *Sheffield Today*, Oct 1982  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 972.74 SF*)

BBC Radio Sheffield report and interviews regarding nuclear shelters [1980s]  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425 8101.6 band 9*)

BBC Radio Sheffield - Richard Wainwright MP explains differences within the Liberal SDP Alliance on nuclear defence, 1986  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425 8606/6 band 1*)

BBC Radio Sheffield - Director of Emergency Planning for South Yorkshire explains the county's main emergency communication centre, 1980s  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8612/3 band 4)

BBC Radio Sheffield, discussion of the emergency measures that would be used by the Government in case of the development of war, 1980s  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8707/4)

BBC Radio Sheffield discussion with Simon Turney of the South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority on nuclear war, Jul 1987  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8707/5 band 1)

BBC Radio Sheffield discussion, Simon Turney talks about South Yorkshire's decision to publish their plans for providing facilities after a nuclear attack, 1980s  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8812/8)

BBC Radio Sheffield discussion regarding 'nuclear winter' theory, 27 Aug 1987  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8708/2 band 5)

BBC Radio Sheffield interview with Tony Benn regarding nuclear defence, 1980s  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8612/1 band 1)

BBC Radio Sheffield interview with Parish Councillor Birkby who wants information on civil defence precautions in the event of a nuclear attack, 1980s  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8003/13 band 2)

BBC Radio Sheffield discussion with new Civil Defence regulations, nuclear free zones, etc., 1980s  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8304/10 band 1)

BBC Radio Sheffield discussion with Cllr Roger Barton who opposes plans for civil defence  
(Sheffield Archives: SY425 8607/5 bands 2 and 4), 1980s

For a list of 'nuclear bunkers' see <http://www.subbrit.org.uk/category/civil-defence>

There are two former regional seats of government (RSG) or 'Nuclear Bunkers' remaining which are open to the public

- Hack Green (Cheshire) [www.hackgreen.co.uk](http://www.hackgreen.co.uk)
- Kelvedon Hatch (Essex) [www.secretnuclearbunker.com](http://www.secretnuclearbunker.com)

There are numerous former nuclear control centres / nuclear bunkers visitor attractions, the nearest being at York [www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/york-cold-war-bunker](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/york-cold-war-bunker)

The Government's *Protect and Survive* public information films are available via YouTube, for example [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXx5Y2Fr2bk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXx5Y2Fr2bk)

## **Nuclear Free Zones**

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