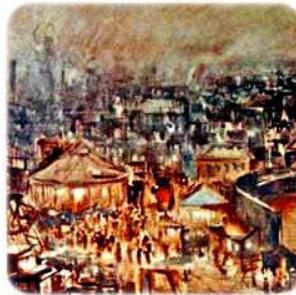


Sources for the Study of Sheffield's Gypsy and Traveller Communities



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Caravans at Crookes Feast, ?1920s
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Fairground at Smithfield Market, late 19th century
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Group of Gypsies camped off Leppings Lane, 1900
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Introduction

This booklet lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of Sheffield's Gypsy and Traveller communities.

It is not a detailed history of Gypsies and Travellers in the UK or even in Sheffield. Neither does it include references to non-Sheffield books and journals by and about Gypsies and Travellers. It merely points the reader who wishes to carry out their own research to what is available within Sheffield Libraries and Archives.

A search of the [Sheffield Library catalogue](#) using terms such as Travellers and Gypsies will reveal many books on the subject - including autobiographies, government and other reports and general histories.

Gypsies (also called Egyptians as it was originally thought they emanated from Egypt) have been present in England for over 400 years. They have often met with prejudice - in the 16th century for instance, they were expelled from the country or they faced the death penalty; the State claiming Gypsies had '*devilish and naughty practices and devices*'. Other Acts of Parliament such as those dealing with the poor and what were termed 'rogues and vagabonds' also discriminated against Gypsies and Travellers.

Gypsies and Travellers can perhaps be split into two groups - ethnic Travellers such as Roma and Irish and economic Travellers such as travelling show persons, boaters or new age Travellers; Many come from both groups.

In Sheffield, the earliest known reference to Gypsies is in 1595. The Town Trustees paid the town's watchmen 2 shillings '*when the gipsees were in the towne*'¹. In 1816 a Sheffield Quaker, John Hoyland, published a survey of Gypsies in the country in the hope their living conditions and acceptance in society could be improved².

There are few other references in written records until the 20th century, and regrettably, such references tend to be negative - opposition to caravans sites and the like.

It was not until 1988 that Romas were recognised as an ethnic group and not until 2000 that Irish Travellers were accorded the same status.

¹ Sheffield Archives TT4/1/1.

² Sheffield Local Studies Library 397 SST

Timeline showing key dates

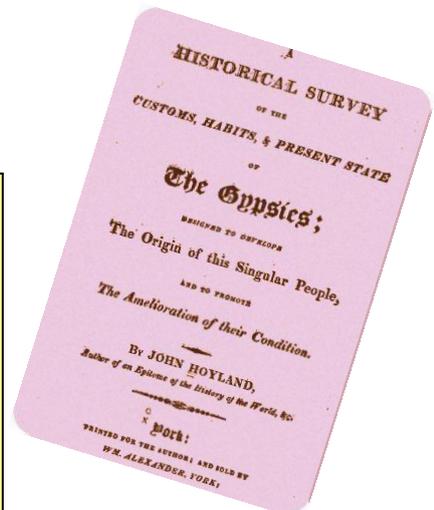
1514	First mention of a Gypsy in England.
1530	Egyptians Act expelled Gypsies from the country.
1554	Egyptians Act strengthened the Act of 1530 by imposing the death penalty on any Gypsies remaining in the country.
1596	106 men and women condemned to death at York for being Gypsies (9 were in fact executed).
1650s	Last known hanging for the crime of being a Gypsy (in Suffolk).
1783	Egyptians Acts repealed.
1816	A historical survey of the customs, habits, & present state of the Gypsies ... published by John Hoyland of Sheffield.
1822	Turnpike Act led to Gypsies who camped on the roadside facing fines.
1830s	Covered horse drawn wagons begin to be used by Gypsies in Britain.
1844	Burial of Lucretia Smith, Gypsy queen, at Beighton.
1867	Raby Howell, Romany, born in a gypsy encampment on Knoll Green Lane in Dore. Howell went on to play football for Sheffield United and England.
1889	Showmen in Britain form the United Kingdom Van Dwellers Association, (later called the Showmen's Guild), to fight the Moveable Dwellings Bill, which would restrict Travellers' movements.
1908	The Children's Act made education compulsory for Travelling children in England (but only for half the year).
1939 - 1945	Second World War. Up to 500,000 Gypsies were killed in Europe.
1956	Hungarian Roma fled during the Hungarian Uprising. Some came to the UK.
1960	New private Traveller sites were banned from being built in England by The Caravan Sites (Control of Development) Act. Mass evictions and public harassment of Gypsies and Travellers followed.
1966	Gypsy Council established.
1968	Caravan Sites Act. From 1970 the Government had to provide caravan sites for Travellers.
1988	Romany Gypsies recognized as an ethnic group.
1992	Bosnian Gypsies fled from war in the Balkans. Some came to the UK.
1994	The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act abolished the Caravan Sites Act. Local councils were now obliged to identify land for private purchase by Travellers.

1997	Slovak Romani refugees arrive in the UK.
2000	Irish Travellers recognised as an ethnic group.
2004	Slovakia joined the European Union. Slovak migrant workers, many from a Roma background, start to arrive in Sheffield.
2007	200,000 - 300,000 Travellers in Britain.
2007	Sheffield's Gypsy and Traveller population was around 340 people (100 households) who lived on the two long-term Council sites at Halfway and Lodge Moor, or in permanent housing throughout different parts of the city.
2008	Britain celebrates the first Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month.
c. 2010	340 UK and Irish Gypsies / Travellers estimated to be living in Sheffield ³ .
c. 2010	600-700 Slovakia and the Czech Republic Gypsies / Travellers estimated to be living in Sheffield.

³ Statistics for Irish Travellers in the UK do not exist, although in 2011, for the first time, the census categorised Romanies (including Roma) and Irish Travellers as distinct ethnic groups.

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

Handwritten text on a piece of aged paper, likely a historical document or account. The text is written in cursive and includes the date '1595' and mentions 'watchmen' and 'Gypsies'.



Extract from Town Trustees accounts for 1595/6 'to pay the watchmen with when the Gipsees were in the towne' (Sheffield Archives: TT/4/1); Gypsies camped off Leppings Lane, 1900 (Picture Sheffield: s09160); Samuel Roberts, author of *The Gypsies*, published in 1836 (Picture Sheffield: u05978); River Don showing the Fairground at Smithfield Market (Picture Sheffield: s12206); Temporary Gypsy and Travellers Camp at High Hazels off Tinsley Park Golf Course, 1974 (Picture Sheffield: s27104); title page of John Hoyland's *A historical survey ... of the Gypsies*, 1816 (Sheffield Local Studies: 397 SST)

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 include: *Iris* or *Sheffield Advertiser for the Northern Counties*, 1794 - 1856; *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855 - 1986; *Sheffield Mercury*, 1807 - 1848 and the *Sheffield Independent* 1819 - 1938.

In addition the Local Studies Library has a news cuttings collection from the 1960s - 2000 arranged by subject.

The British Library British Newspapers 1800-1900 website includes over two million pages from over 70 national and local newspapers (including the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*) (<http://gdc.gale.com/products/19th-century-british-library-newspapers-part-i-and-part-ii>)

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

Search terms should include Gypsies, gipsies, Irish Travellers, and for the early 19th century also hawkers, rogues, vagabonds, pedlars, etc.

Photographs

Over 50,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at www.picturesheffield.com. There are images of Gypsies, travelling fairs etc.

Poor Law

Prior to 1834 administration of the poor law was at parish level. It is possible records such as overseers of the poor and constable accounts include references to Travellers and Gypsies.

After 1834 Boards of Guardians took over the functions of the parish in relation to the poor law.

For a list of parish poor records and Boards of Guardians see <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/poor-law-records.html> and <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/workhouses-and-poor-law-unions.html>

Court records

The Magistrates Court (or Petty Sessions court) records deal mainly with minor offences and licensing the sale and consumption of liquor. Records of the Sheffield Division cover the borough and City of Sheffield and records of Upper Strathmore and

Tickhill Division of West Riding of Yorkshire cover areas outside the borough such as Handsworth, Ecclesfield and Bradfield, c. 1870 - 1976.
(*Sheffield Archives: MC*)

There are also records of the Court of Quarter Sessions from 1880 onwards.
(*Sheffield Archives: QS*)

Prior to 1880 Sheffield cases were tried at the West Riding Quarter Sessions. These are available at the [West Riding Archives Service](#).

The Sheffield Watch (Police) Committee minutes from 1843 onwards may also be worth checking.
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-WAC*)

Schools

Sheffield Archives has records from over 200 schools, including admission registers and head teachers' log books (diaries) which may include references to Gypsy and Traveller children.

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

There are also minutes of the Sheffield School Board from 1870 which may include reference to the education of Gypsy and Traveller children (*Sheffield Archives: SY350*) as well as the Sheffield Education Committee minutes from 1902 onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA-EDU*); There are also minutes of the Hunshelf School Board, 1883 - 1904 (*Sheffield Archives: MD7567*) and Ecclesfield School Board, 1887 - 1902 (*Sheffield Archives: CA760*).

Census returns

These list every resident by household and include names, relationships, occupations, ages and birth places, every 10 years from 1841 through to 1911, available free at every Sheffield library and at Sheffield Archives via www.Ancestry.com

General works

Bercovici, Konrad, *The Story of the Gypsies* (1930)
(*Sheffield Central Library Store: 397*)

Brown, Frances *Fairfield Folk: A History of the British Fairground and its People* (Malvern Publications, 1988)
(*Sheffield Central Library Store: 394.6*)

Dodds, Norman Noel, *Gypsies, Didikois and Other Travellers* (Johnson Publications, 1966)
(*Sheffield Central Library Store: 397*)

Floate, Sharon Sillers, *My Ancestors Were Gypsies* (Society of Genealogists, 2005)
(Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 929.341; copy also available in
Sheffield and District Family History Library at Sheffield Archives: 2/10)

Hayward, James, *Gypsy Jib: a Romany Dictionary* (Holm Oak, 2003)
(Sheffield Central Lending Library: 491.4973)

Liegeois, J., *Gypsies, an illustrated History* (Al Saqi Books, 1986)
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 397)

Okely, Judith, *The Traveller-Gypsies* (Cambridge University Press, 1983)
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 397)

Rehfishch, Farnham, *Gypsies, tinkers and other Travellers* (Academic Press, 1975)
(Sheffield Reference and Information Library: 397)

Roope, F. C., *Come to the fair: the story of British fairgrounds and the showmen who attend them* (Published for the Showman's Guild, 1961)
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 791.068)

Smith, George, *Gipsy life: being an account of our gypsies and their children with suggestions for their improvement* (Haughton and Co, 1880)
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 397)

Tomasevic, Nebojsa Bato *Gypsies of the World: by Nebojsa Bato and Rajko Djuric*
(Flint River Press,, 1989)
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 397. Q)

Vesey-Fitzgerald, Brian, *Gypsies of Britain: an Introduction to their History* (David and Charles, 1973)
(Sheffield Central Library Store: 397)

Travellers' times: the national magazine for Gypsies and Travellers
(Available at various Sheffield Libraries)

Sheffield and vicinity references (in date order)

Sheffield Town Trust accounts:

1594/5 payd unto Hugh Robertes the 14th of Februarie 1595 to pay the watchmen
with when the Gipsees were in the towne, ii s

1596/7 geven to a pore man, one Richard Hamon, and to the Gypsies, vi d

1598/9 given the xxiith of June '99 to certain gybsees, xii d

(Sheffield Archives: TT/4/1 pages 55, 63 and 67)

Hoyland, John, *A Historical Survey of the Customs, Habits, & Present State of the Gypsies; designed to develop the origin of this singular people, and to promote the amelioration of their condition* (1816)

Note: includes references to Gypsies in Sheffield and Yorkshire.

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 397 SST; also available via Google books:

<http://tinyurl.com/btqe9xq>)

Mention of a Gypsy girl in a letter from Rowland Hodgson, 1816

(Sheffield Archives: RP/152)

Roberts, Samuel (of Sheffield), *The Blind Man and His Son. The four friends. And a Word for the Gypsies* (1816)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 825 R544 SST; also available via Google books

<http://tinyurl.com/cq5hrk2>)

Roberts, Samuel (of Sheffield), *Parallel Miracles; or, The Jews and the Gypsies* (Blackwell, 1830)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 397 SST; other copies at J 397 S and local pamphlets vol. 12 no. 9 (042 S); also available via Google books

<http://tinyurl.com/cymuxgo>)

Roberts, Samuel (of Sheffield), *The Gypsies: their origin, continuance, and destination* (Longman, Rees, Orme, Brown, Green, and Longman, 1836 and 1842)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: J 397 SST; also available via Google books

<http://tinyurl.com/d3v7c9u>)

Petition of owners of exhibitions, shows, etc., regularly attending Sheffield Fairs against being removed into the Cattle Market, 1838

(Sheffield Archives: ACM/S/344/11)

Petition from proprietors of public shows, bazaars and stalls to have the Fair moved to the Hay Market, 1839

(Sheffield Archives: ACM/S/344/13)

Mention of Gypsies in a letter from William Wilberforce to Samuel Roberts, 1830

(Sheffield Archives: RP/50)

Roberts, Samuel (of Sheffield), *The Jews, the English Poor, and the Gypsies; with a proposal for an important improvement in the British constitution*

(1848)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 296 SST; also available via Google books

<http://tinyurl.com/caxnb7e>)

Annual Reports on the health of the City of Sheffield / annual reports of the Health Committee, 1873 - 1973 and Environmental Health reports (later Environmental Health and Consumer Services later Director of Public Health reports) 1975 onwards may include references to Gypsies and Travellers

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm and 352.4 SQ and Sheffield Archives: X55/2-3)

Sheffield School Board minutes 1890 - 1891, reference to a circular to teachers as to nomadic scholars
(*Sheffield Archives: SY350/1/17 page 756*)

Sketch of a Gypsy encampment in Tatton, Henry, *Sheffield*, (c. 1929) vol. 2 page 227
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SF*)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1934 - 1935, re-housing of caravan dwellers,
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/73 page 716*)

Sheffield City Council, contract for the construction of a site for travelling people at Tinsley Park, 1939
(*Sheffield Archives: CA357/290*)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1949 - 1950, application for caravan site in Meadow Hall Road
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/87 page 384*)

Sheffield City Council, Housing Committee minutes, c. 1947 - 2000 will include references to Gypsies and Travellers, for example the minutes for 1982 - 1983 refer to problems of Gypsies in the Darnall area
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-HOU*)

Until the creation of the Housing Committee in 1941, housing matters were dealt with by sub-committees of the Health and Estates Committees. Minutes of these committees are available at Sheffield Archives
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-HEA and CA-PRO*)

Derbyshire County Council serve enforcement notices on caravan dwellers, *The Star*, 13 Jul 1951 (page 4)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Questions to be asked in Parliament about eviction notices, *The Star*, 16 Jul 1951 (page 6)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Official action will be taken against people who have placed caravans on land in rural parts of the city, *Sheffield telegraph*, 28 Jul 1951 (page 3)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Proposal to have approved caravan sites, *The Star*, 9 Jun 1952 (page 6)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Pictures of Gypsies near Mexborough in *Sheffield Telegraph*, 4 May 1953 (page 5)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Note on Gypsy encampment at Dinnington in *The Star*, 18 Apr 1956 (page 16) and *Sheffield Telegraph*, 19 Apr 1956 (page 6)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Note on Gypsies formerly at Beighton and Birley Moor, 20th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 16 942.74 SQ microfilm*)

Enforcement notices to be served to caravan dwellers, *Sheffield Telegraph*, 1 Sep 1956 (page 2)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Peak Park Planning Board approve using disused quarries as caravan sites, *Sheffield Telegraph*, 15 May 1951 (page 5)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: microfilm*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1966 - 1971 includes reference to travelling people and a site for their caravans
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/1*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1966 - 1969 includes reference to the Society of Travelling People, possible sites for Gypsies, Tinsley site, etc.
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/3*)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1967 - 1968, petition regarding removal of Gypsies camped at Greenland Road
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/105 page 81*)

Illustrated article on the controversy over the Darnall Gypsy camp in *Darts*, Oct 1968
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 378.4274 SF*)

Article regarding the Labour Party's proposal for a local site for Gypsies in *Sheffield Forward*, Sep 1968
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 311.88 SF*)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1968 - 1969, proposed use of land at Shepcote Lane as a permanent residential caravan site
(*CA-MIN/106 page 38*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1969 - 1971 includes numerous reference to Travelling People and caravan site for / Caravan Sites Act, 1968
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/4*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1971 - 1973, Caravan Sites Act, 1968 and Grant for the National Gypsy Council
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/5 pages 124 and 217*)

Moorwood Vulcan Limited, Sheffield drawing by employee of Moorwood Vulcan Ltd (name unknown) depicting company lorry (complete with crane) at Travellers encampment, c. 1973
(*Sheffield Archives: BUS10/3/2*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1973 - 1974 Grants, applications for a grant by the National Gypsy Council
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/5 page 19*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1973 - 1974, references to Gypsies and itinerant caravan dwellers, South Yorkshire County Council and Gypsy caravans site
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/7 pages 217b and 220*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1974 - 1975 site for Gypsy caravans and Tinsley Park temporary caravan site
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/8 pages 1, 17 and 34*)

Articles relating to Gypsies taken from *South Yorkshire Times*, 1974/5
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SF*)

South Yorkshire County Council, Environment Committee minutes, 1974 - 1986 (the Environment Committee has responsibility for sites for Gypsies and Travellers)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.042 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: SYCC-MIN*)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1975 - 1976 include reference to Redmires Road, Lodge Moor: petition objecting to a planning application for permission to use land at Redmires Road as a permanent site for itinerant caravan dwellers
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/113 pages 663 and 827*)

Sheffield City Council, Planning Department files regarding Gypsies and minority groups 1975 - 1987
(*Sheffield Archives: 2001/66 boxes 10 and 11*)

Sheffield City Council, Estates Surveyor's Department files - various Sheffield sites, including Manor Lodge, Holbrook Gypsy site (New Street, Halfway), Tinsley Gypsy site, 20th cent
(*Sheffield Archives: Acc 2006/107 add2*)

Gypsies in Sheffield - an open letter to the Council in *Sheffield Free Press*, Apr 1976
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF*)

[Programme and list of runners in the] A.A.A. & ROMA national marathon championship, 8 May (South Yorkshire County Council, 1976)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2175 S*)

'Samuel Roberts and the Gypsies' by Colin Holmes in Pollard, Sidney & Holmes, Colin (Editors) *Essays in the Economic and Social History of South Yorkshire* (South Yorkshire County Council, 1976)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; also available at Sheffield Archives: POL/LOCAL*)

A strategy for camping and caravanning sites in the City of Sheffield [c. 1976]

(Sheffield Archives: bound in CA-MIN/116)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1976 - 1977, Darnall Area petition objecting to the use of land in the district by Gypsies

(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/114 page 553)

Sheffield City Council, Environmental Health annual report, 1977, includes reference to caravan and caravan sites and Gypsies

(Sheffield Archives: bound in CA-MIN/116)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1977 - 1978, petition from residents of Greenland Estate objecting to the occupation of land at Coleridge Road by Gypsies

(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/115 page 513)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1978 - 1979, includes numerous references to Circular 11/79 regarding sites for itinerants, petitions regarding itinerants, Tinsley Park site, site at Redmires, etc.

(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/11)

Papers of Frank Hooley, Labour MP for Sheffield Heeley, correspondence files including references to camp sites for Travellers, 1978 - 1979

(Sheffield Archives: MPB/1/12; MPB/1/15; MPB/1/16; MPB/1/17 and MPB/2/16);

Planning application file for Redmires Road, Sheffield - use of land & erection of buildings for the purpose of a site for caravans occupied by Gypsies to include facilities for the sorting & storage of scrap metal, 1979

(Sheffield Archives: CA206/1979/54)

Comments by Councillor George Wilson, *Sheffield Free Press*, Feb 1979

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Controversy over Gypsy sites, *Sheffield Chronicle*, 30 Mar 1979

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 052.74 SF)

Articles regarding Gypsies in *Sheffield Free Press*, May and Oct 1979

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Oral history recordings referring to Gypsy caravans, Gypsy Tiny, Gypsy Smith, Gypsy Smith's funeral, J Davit refers to Gypsy caravans at side of New Inn, reminiscences recorded in the early 1980s

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Oral History tapes 123, 140, 177, 223, 224, 282 and 283)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1980 - 1981, includes reference to the National Gypsy Education Council Conference

(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/13 page 93)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1981 - 1982, includes reference to Gypsy site supervisor and site for Gypsy families

(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/1 pages 452 and 5083)

Sheffield Trades and Labour Council, papers regarding a Gypsy site at Rutland Street, Sheffield, 1981

*Access to this file is restricted. Please contact Sheffield Archives for further advice.
(Sheffield Archives: LD2324/23)*

Gypsy site at Redmires opened, *Sheffield Free Press*, Jun / Jul 1980

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Gypsies visited by Department of Health and Social Security representatives, *Sheffield Free Press*, Jul / Aug 1980

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Sibley, David, *Outsider in Urban Societies* (Basil Blackwell, 1981)

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 397 ST)

Gypsies banned in some Sheffield pubs in *Sheffield Free Press*, Jun 1981

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Proposed new caravan site at Pitsmoor, *Sheffield Free Press*, Oct 1981

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Notes on Gypsies in *Darnall News*, Dec 1981

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 309.26 SQ)

Proposed new Gypsy site on Rutland Street rejected, *Sheffield Free Press*, Dec 1981

(Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF)

Sheffield City Council, minutes, 1981 - 1982, petition objecting to the provision of a temporary Gypsy caravan site at Broad Oaks

(Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/119 page 697)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1982 - 1983, includes reference to Redmires Gypsy site

(Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/15 page 212)

Papers of David Blunkett, labour MP for Sheffield Brightside, file regarding Gypsies, c. 1980s

Access to these papers is restricted. Please contact Sheffield Archives for further advice.

(Sheffield Archives: acc. 1988/134)

BBC Radio Sheffield tapes:

Gypsies at Dinnington, interview with Councillors Clarence Swindell and Peter Hardy, MP, SY425 7406/2 band 5 and SY425 7708/7 band 5;

Gypsies at Rotherham, report, SY425 7412/1 Band 4;

Gypsies at Attercliffe and Redmires, report SY425 7601/2 and SY425 7901/1;

Councillor Bill Michie talks on the choice of Redmires as a suitable site, SY425 7603/2 band 8;

Gypsies at Dinnington and Anston, SY425 7708/2 band 4;
Gypsies at Greenland Road, interview with Councillor George Wilson and with
Gypsies , SY425 7718/6 band 7 and 8;
Anti-Gypsy remarks controversy, Councillors Wilson and Heslop, SY425 7901/6
bands 1 and 5 and 7812/6 bands 7 and 8;
Gypsies at Chapeltown / Councillor Munn, SY425 7902/6 band 10;
Gypsies at High Green, Councillor Chadwick, SY425 7902/9 band 4;

The Write Here adult literacy project for Travellers, 1981 - 1983: final report (Write
Here Adult Literacy Centre, 1983)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 374.012 SST*)

Eviction of Gypsies from Leigh Street, Attercliffe, *Sheffield Free Press*, Feb 1982
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 0752.74 SF*)

Notes on eviction of Gypsies from land at Woodhouse in *Woodpecker*, May 1982
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 309.26 SQ*)

Residents at Waterthorpe disturbed by Gypsies, *The Leader*, 14 Jul 1982
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF*)

Mosborough residents angry about proposal to site a Gypsy camp off Eckington
Way, *The Leader*, 20 Oct 1982
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1983, includes reference to the
appointment to Gypsy panel
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/16 page 93*)

Notes on site at Broad Oaks Gypsy site in *Darnall News*, Nov 1983
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 309.26 SQ*)

File of reports etc. relating to library services for gypsy and traveller communities in
Sheffield, c. 1987 - 1993
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.8 SSTQ*)

Moving on ... (Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, late 20th cent)
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 305.891497 SSTQ*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1984, includes reference to terms
and conditions of employees at the Tinsley Park Gypsy site
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/16 page 168*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1984 - 1985, includes reference to
Council policies regarding Gypsies and Travellers
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/18 page 446*)

Sheffield City Council, Policy Committee minutes, 1985 - 1986, includes reference to
rating assessment of properties adjoining Gypsy sites at Holbrook and Halfway
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/19 page 315*)

Sheffield City Council: Planning and Transportation Committee minutes, 1986 - 1991
(a sub-committee included a Gypsy panel)
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-PAT*)

Sheffield City Council, Family and Community Services Department files regarding
Gypsy and Traveller community, c. 1984 - 1994
*Access to these files may be restricted. Please contact Sheffield Archives for further
advice.*
(*Sheffield Archives: CA713*)

Sheffield City Council: Environmental Health and Cleansing Services Committee,
minutes, 1978 - 1983 (had responsibility for camping and caravan sites)
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-EVC*)

Sheffield City Council: Environment, Health and Standards Programme Committee
minutes, 1993 - 1998
The Environment, Health and Standards Committee has responsibility for sites for
Gypsies and Travellers and also took over from the Travellers Support Working
Party
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-EHS*)

Sheffield City Council: Health and Consumer Services (later Environment, Health
and Consumer Services) Committee minutes, 1986 - 1993
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-HEC*)

Notes on poor facilities at caravan sites and the work being done to improve health
of the Gypsies, *Equality Now*, Jul 1988
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 301.45 SQ*)

Views of the Gypsy encampment at Brocco Bank, 20th cent
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 34
page 22 microfilm*)

Gypsy Support Group Drop-in Literacy Centre in Special Development Projects
Report, nos. 2-4, issued by Adult Literacy and Basic Skills, 20th cent
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