

# Sources for the Study of Public Parks and Gardens



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Open air dancing in Concord Park as part of the Holidays at Home season in 1943  
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Botanical Gardens opened on 29 Jun 1836  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield s11010*)

Plan of Weston Park, 1897  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Picture Sheffield y09352*)

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## Introduction

This *Guide* lists sources available in the Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield Archives relating to the public parks and gardens in the city. It is not intended to be a detailed history but aims to direct researchers to the most appropriate publications and documents.

It lists general sources for researching the history and development of the parks, including the records of the Council and the various committees that have been responsible for them, and also sources relating to a selection of the best known and most important parks. A full list of all the parks in the city can be found on the Parks and Countryside section of the City Council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside/parks/city-district-local-parks](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside/parks/city-district-local-parks). Other parks can be researched using the general sources listed here together with material in the Local Studies and Archives catalogues.

From their earliest days the parks have been used as a venue for music and entertainment and for a wide range of other events including sports, fairs and galas, Royal visits and other ceremonies. The guide lists references for a representative selection of these activities and also for the playgrounds, open air swimming pools and golf courses closely associated with parks. Finally there are references to some of the benefactors and horticulturalists who have helped to create the parks.

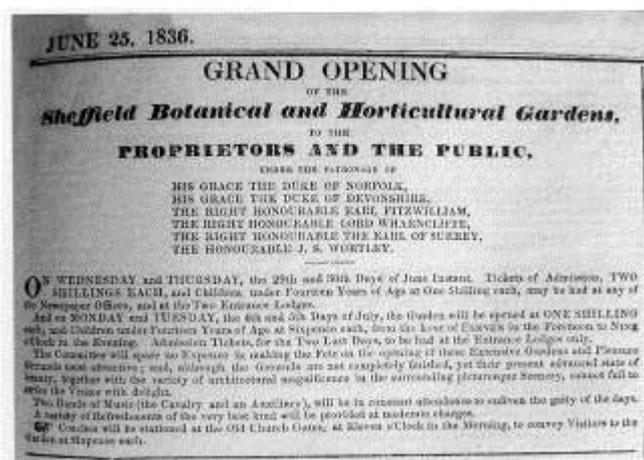
More items are continually being added to the online catalogues and new material is also regularly added to the collections. It is always worth contacting the service points or checking our website for updates to this Study Guide. Our contact details are on the back cover.

## Timeline showing key dates

1834	Sheffield Botanical and Horticultural Society formed
1836	Botanical Gardens opened on 29 June
1848	Norfolk Park opened
1864	Public Improvement Act
1873	General Purposes and Parks Committee established
1874	Weston Park opened on 4 May
1875	Firth Park opened by the Prince of Wales on 16 April
1885	First part of Endcliffe Woods bought
1887	Meersbrook Park opened on 14 September
1892	Hillsborough Park opened on 8 August
1895	High Hazels Park opened on 6 August
1896	First plots of land in the Porter Valley purchased
1897	<i>Plans and descriptions of parks and recreation grounds</i> published
1897	Queen Victoria visits Norfolk Park on 21 May
1898	Sheffield Town Trust takes over management of Botanical Gardens
1905	First municipal bowling green opened in Crookes Recreation Ground
1907	Tennis court built in Crookes Recreation Ground
1909	Rivelin Valley Bathing Pool opened on 18 September
1909	Norfolk Park gifted to the city by the Duke of Norfolk
1914	Land at Tinsley Park Wood purchase for use as a golf course
1924	Abercrombie report published
1925	First part of Graves Park presented to the city by J.G. Graves
1928	Opening of Ecclesall Woods on 23 August
1929	Millhouses Bathing Pool opened on 15 August
1930	Concord Park opened September
1931	Donation of Beauchief Abbey and purchase of surrounding land by the Council
1934	Beauchief Golf Course leased by the Council
1936	Beauchief garden opened
1937	Formal opening of City Hall Garden on 3 August
1938	Forge Dam purchased by J.G. Graves Charitable Trust
1938	Official opening of Longley Park Swimming Pool on 3 September
1941	First Holidays at Home season

1943	First Food Production Show held in Endcliffe Park
1946	Whirlow Brook Park opened
1949	Food Production Show renamed the Sheffield Show
1951	Festival of Britain projects include Rivelin Paddling Stream, Crookes Valley boating lake and the conservatory in Weston Park
1951	City Council takes over the management of the Botanical Gardens
1957	Last full season of band concerts
1966	Sheffield Show moves to Hillsborough Park
1983	Rother Valley Country Park officially opened
1984	Friends of the Botanical Gardens, Sheffield formed
1985	Official renaming of the Peace Gardens on 8 May
1996	Sheffield Botanical Gardens Trust formed
1998	Remodelled Peace Gardens completed
2003	Winter Garden officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 22 May
2005	Restoration of Norfolk Heritage Park completed
2005	Restoration of Sheffield Botanical Gardens completed
2011	Opening of first phase of Sheaf Valley Park in September

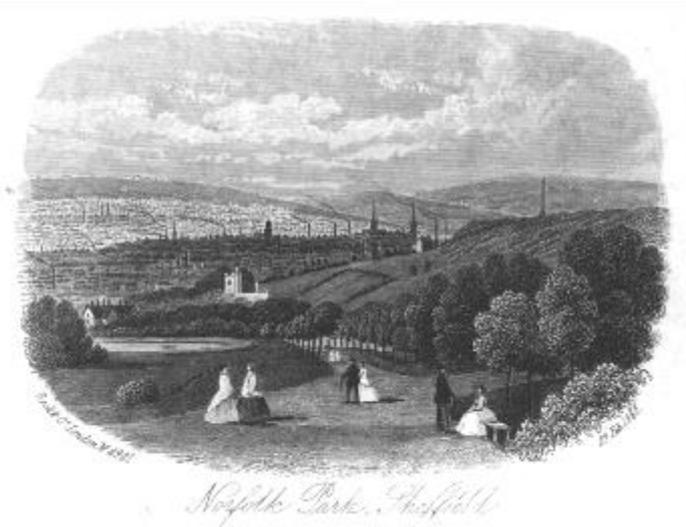
## A Selection of images from Sheffield Local Studies Library and Sheffield Archives



**The announcement of the opening of the Botanical Gardens in the *Sheffield Mercury*.  
Local Studies Library: Newspaper collection**

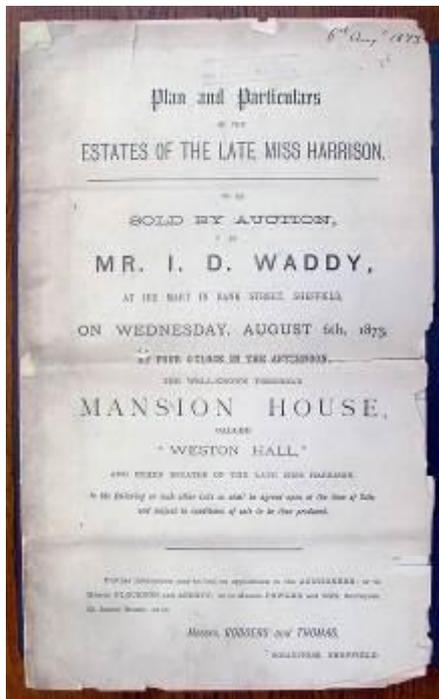
Sheffield is justifiably proud of the parks which make it one of the greenest cities in Europe. It has not always been the case, as James Smith observed in his *Report on the conditions of the Town of Sheffield* for the Royal Commission on Health of Towns in 1842, 'There are no public gardens or open space of any extent for the people to walk and enjoy themselves in'. The need to provide space for recreation in urban areas had been recognised but the only formal provision in Sheffield was the Botanical Gardens, owned by a private company and only open to subscribers except on a few days each year.

In 1841 the Duke of Norfolk proposed laying out part of the former Sheffield Park to provide recreational space for the working classes. Norfolk Park opened in 1848 and although it remained in private ownership until 1909, the public was allowed access at all times. It was one of the earliest public parks in the country.



**An engraving of Norfolk Park dated 1860. Picture Sheffield s11149**

The involvement of local authorities began with the 1860 Public Improvements Act which permitted the levy of a rate to pay for the maintenance of open spaces. The Town Council purchased the Weston Hall estate in 1873 and Robert Marnock was commissioned to design the new park. Weston Park became Sheffield's first municipal park.

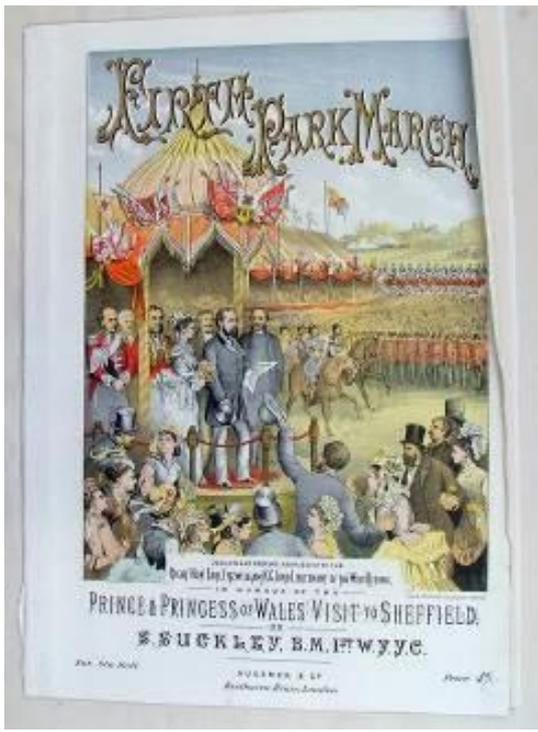


**Sale Plan for Weston Hall**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Sale plan collection, 6 August 1873*

**Extract from an 1874 map showing a scheme of planting for Weston Park.**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Maps S(20)55L*



**Detail from drawings of fountain designs for Weston Park, 1874-1875.**  
*Sheffield Archives: AP/1/49/2/4*



**The Firth Park March, written for the opening of the park in 1875.**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Visit of their Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Sheffield, 942.74 SF*



The creation of parks was a matter of great civic pride and in 1897 the City Council's General Purposes and Parks Committee recorded its achievements in a book, *Plans and descriptions of parks and recreation grounds*, which detailed 6 major parks – Endcliffe Woods, Firth Park, High Hazels Park, Hillsborough Park, Meersbrook Park and Weston Park - and a number of smaller recreation grounds in built-up areas.

**An address to the Duke of Norfolk from the Town offering thanks for the gift of land for recreation grounds. 1878.**  
*Sheffield Archives: ACM S494*

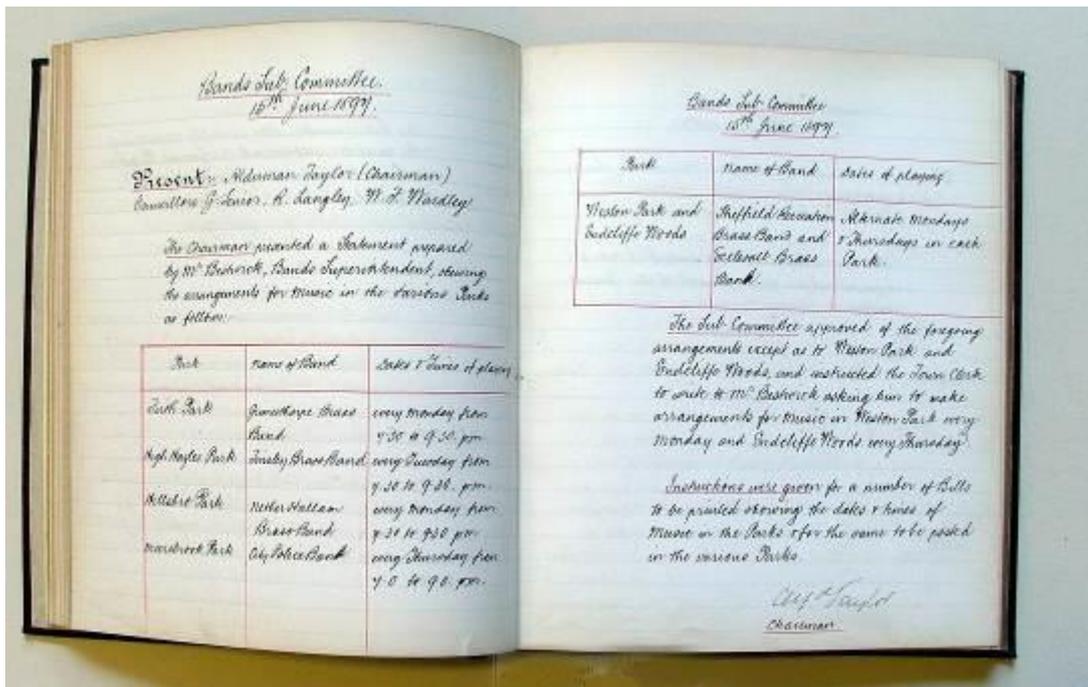
Parks continued to be acquired through donation and purchase, including Norfolk Park gifted to the city by the Duke of Norfolk, and the Town Trustees took over the Botanical Gardens and opened them to the public. This period also saw the further development of sports and recreational facilities. Sports pitches, boating lakes and refreshment pavilions were supplemented by bowling greens and tennis courts, Sheffield's first municipal golf course and a bathing pool in the Rivelin Valley. Music was also popular and bandstands were provided in the major parks. Parks also became the venue for large public events.



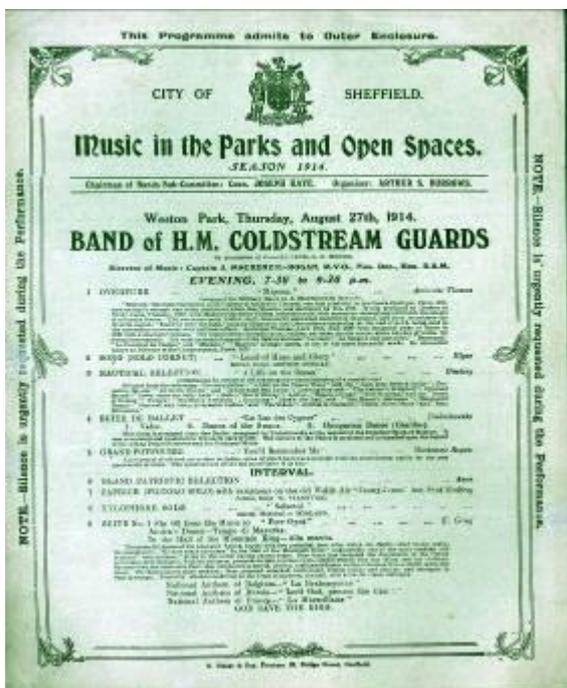
**Rivelin Valley Bathing Pool.**  
*Picture Sheffield: s03964*



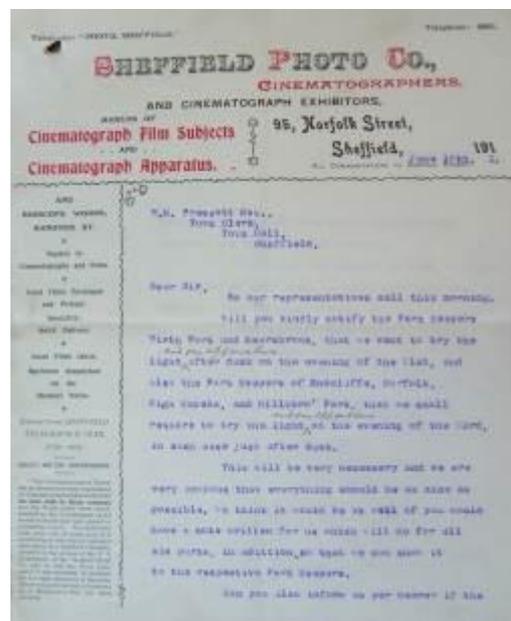
**Crookes Valley Recreation Ground.**  
*Picture Sheffield: s04134*



**Minute book of the Parks and General Purposes Committee Bands Sub-Committee, 1897**  
 Sheffield Archives: CA-GPP/4/1



**Programme for one of the concerts in the 1914 Music in the Parks season.**  
 Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1283 M



**Correspondence with the Sheffield Photo Co. regarding cinematograph displays in the parks to mark the Coronation of King George V in 1911**  
 Sheffield Archives: CA776/2/5

In 1924 Professor Patrick Abercrombie published his report, *Sheffield: a civic survey and suggestions towards a development plan*, which called for a doubling of the acreage of Sheffield's open spaces. Thanks largely to the generosity of J.G. Graves, the famous Round Walk was completed and Graves and Concord Parks were opened. Smaller gardens such as the City Hall Gardens and Beauchief Gardens were also created and a number of playgrounds opened in built up areas. During the Second World War the Parks Department's Holidays at Home programme, intended to encourage people to spend leisure time close to home, was one of the most successful in the country and it was estimated that use of the parks doubled during the war.



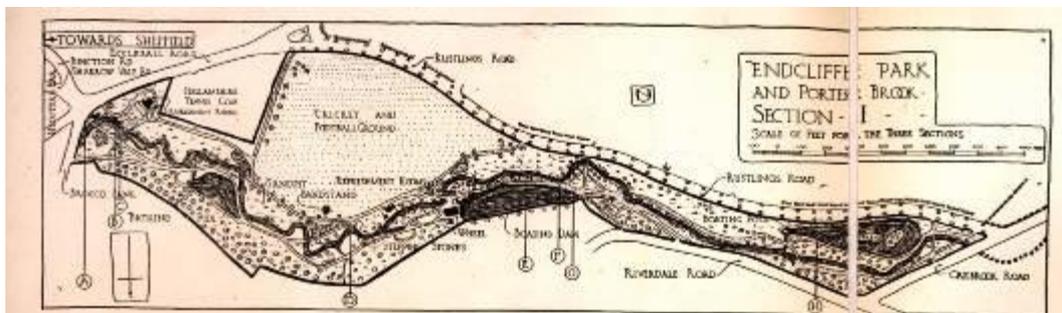
**J.G. Graves (1866-1945)**  
*Picture Sheffield: s02406*



**Beauchief Gardens, completed in 1936**  
*Picture Sheffield: t00132*



**Oborne Street playground**  
*Picture Sheffield: u02280*



**A section of the 'Porter Brook Parkway' from Abercrombie's report, *Sheffield: a civic survey and suggestions towards a development plan*. Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SQ**



**A fairground in one of the parks during the 1943 Holidays at Home season**  
*Picture Sheffield: u07356*

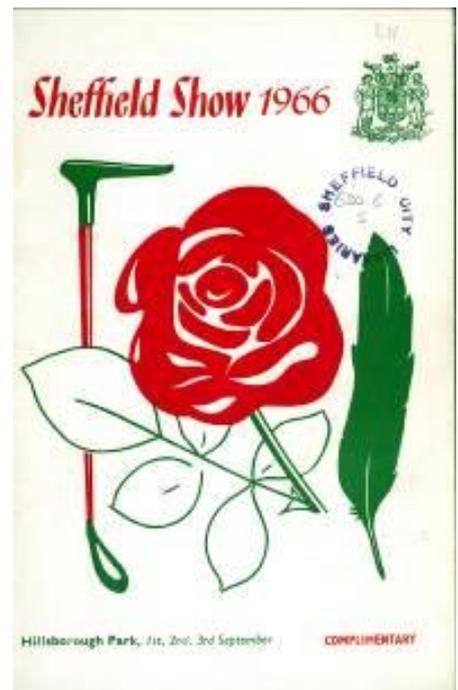
**The first full Holidays at Home programme in 1942**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local pamphlets, 148/2, 042 S*

The post-war years saw the opening of Whirlow Brook Park, contributions to the Festival of Britain in 1951 and the transition of the wartime Food Production Show into the Sheffield Show. However there was also the beginning of a gradual decline in the use of parks as changes in the use of leisure time and greater mobility took effect. Some developments such as the Millhouses Lido attempted to cater for new demands but other facilities were lost and financial pressures would later lead to reduced maintenance and security, vandalism and little encouragement for people to use the parks.



**Whirlow Brook Park**  
*Picture Sheffield: u04222*

**The Sheffield Show moved to Hillsborough Park in 1966**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 630.6 S*





**Millhouses Lido opened in 1970, replacing the old open air pool**  
*Picture Sheffield: u04221*



**The Sheffield Telegraph reported on the demise of the city's parks in 1993**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Newspaper collection*

The emergence of voluntary 'friends' groups has been a key factor in reversing the decline and external grants have been obtained to help restore some of the historic parks such as the Botanical Gardens and Norfolk Park. In the city centre the Peace Gardens were remodelled and the Winter Garden created as part of the Heart of the City Project. There is even a new park taking shape in the Sheaf Valley.



**Friends of the Botanical Gardens celebrate their success in raising funds**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 SQ*

**Promotional leaflet for the new Winter Garden, 2002**  
*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5518 M*



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

### Newspaper reports, etc.

Relevant articles may appear in local newspapers. Most newspapers are available on microfilm in Sheffield Local Studies Library. The main titles are:

*Sheffield and Rotherham Independent*, 1819-1938

*Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855-1986

*Star*, 1887 to date

*Sheffield Telegraph*, 1989 to date

There is a card index covering the 1930s to 1950s and files of news cuttings from 1960 to 2010. There are no indexes before 1930 but staff may be able to suggest ways of tracing the information you require

The following Sheffield newspapers can be searched online at

[www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

*Sheffield Independent*, 1819-1900

*Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, 1855-1911

*Sheffield Evening Telegraph*, 1887-1919

Content of *The Star* and the *Sheffield Telegraph* from 2007 can be searched at [www.thestar.co.uk](http://www.thestar.co.uk) and [www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk). *The Star* is also available through Sheffield's 24 Hour Library Services at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/24](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/24) (library card required)

### Photographs

Picture Sheffield is an online collection of photographs drawn mainly from the collections in the Local Studies Library available at [www.picturesheffield.com](http://www.picturesheffield.com)

There are currently almost 3000 photographs relating to the parks.

Not all the photographs in the Local Studies Library have been digitised and other photographs may also be found in the collections at Sheffield Archives.

### Aerial photographs

Sheffield Archives and Sheffield Local Studies Library have a number of collections of aerial photographs that may include coverage of some of the parks and gardens. Further details can be found on the Archives and Local Studies website at

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/collections/aerial-photographs.html>

### Maps

A comprehensive collection of Ordnance Survey maps is available at Sheffield Local Studies Library. Sheffield Archives have incomplete historic coverage.

Before the Second World War maps were produced as a County Series at a scale of 6 inches to 1 mile (1:10,560) and 1:2,500 (25 inches to 1 mile). As Sheffield lies on the

boundary of Yorkshire and Derbyshire and has extended its boundaries at various times, this sometimes leads to confusion:

Yorkshire – six-inch maps for this area were first published 1853-55. 1:2,500 maps were published in 1890 and revised in about 1905, 1923 and 1935.

Derbyshire – six-inch and 1:2,500 maps were first published in 1876 and revised in about 1898, 1923 and 1938.

There are also town plans of Sheffield (these do not cover the whole of the present city):

1853 at 1:1056 scale

1890-93/1903 at 1:500 scale

The National Grid survey began in 1949 and continues to the present day. Maps are available at 1:10,000, 1:2,500 and 1:1,250 scales.

### **General books and documents**

Address to the Duke from the Town in the following connection: thanks for gift of land for recreation grounds. 1878  
(*Sheffield Archives: ACM S494*)

Abercrombie, Patrick. *Sheffield: a civic survey and suggestions towards a development plan*, pp.32-39 Open spaces [and] pp.61-70 Park system. Liverpool University Press. 1924  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SQ; Sheffield Archives: SHE LOCAL*)

Charity Commissioners. *Endowed charities (City of Sheffield)*. 1897  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 361 SQ*)  
*Includes details of Firth Park, Weston Park, Crookesmoor Recreation Ground, Endcliffe Woods, Meersbrook Park, Hillsborough Park, High Hazels Park and a number of smaller recreation grounds*

Cinteract Consultancy Service. *Sheffield parks regeneration strategy: a strategy for the future management of the 'inner-city' parks and open spaces in Sheffield*. 1993  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 SQ*)

Comedia/Demos. *In trust: Sheffield park case study*. 1994  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 SQ*)

Cooper, Bill. *The development of the Sheffield park system: the formulation of policy 1924-1968*. 2000  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.5 SQ*)

Furness, J.M. *Record of municipal affairs in Sheffield since the incorporation of the Borough in 1843, to the celebration of the Jubilee in 1893*. Townsend. 1893  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.042 S; Sheffield Archives: FUR LOCAL*)

Hindmarch, Douglas. *Sheffield parks and gardens*. Tempus. 2005. ISBN 0752435426  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 S; Lending copies available*)

Holtkott, Saskia. *Sheffield's green heritage*. 1997  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5072 M*)

Jones, Mel. *Historic parks and gardens in and around South Yorkshire*. Wharnccliffe Books. 2005. ISBN 1903425476  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 S; Sheffield Archives: JON LOCAL; Lending copies available*)

Keeble Hawson, H. *Sheffield: the growth of a city, 1893-1926.*, pp.186-193 Parks. Northend. 1968  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.042 S; Lending copies available*)

Mowforth, Kath. Sheffield Parks Users Forum [in] *Edge*, December/January 1997/8, p.9  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 309.26 SQ*)  
Brief report of a meeting of the Forum held in October 1997

Notes on the development of Sheffield's parks and recreation grounds [in] *Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield*, volume 4, p.52  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SF*)

*Park Life: Sheffield Parks and Countryside Service Newsletter*, (formerly *Sheffield Parks and Open Spaces Newsletter*), 1-24, [1997]-2010  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712 SF*)

Parks and Burial Grounds Committee. *Annual report, 1929-1939, 1951/52-1966/69*  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.7 SQ*)

[Parks and Burial Grounds Committee]. *Sport and playtime in Sheffield*. n.d.  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local pamphlets, volume 179, no.1, 042 S*)

Parks, Cemeteries & Allotments Department. *Festival of Britain 1951*. 1950  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 281 L*)  
Drawings and plans of schemes prepared for the exhibition

Recreation and Amenities Department. *Sheffield parks regeneration strategy progress report: [to] Leisure and Tourism Services Programme Committee, 17 July 1995; [from] Sheffield City Council [Recreation Department]*  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5022 M*)

Recreation Department. *Newspaper cuttings, volume 1, September 1952 – volume 11, 1968*  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 790.94274 SSTF*)

Recreation Department. *Recreation in Sheffield*. n.d.  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local pamphlets, volume 284, no.13, 042 S*)

Round the Sheffield parks [in] *Newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield*, volume 2, pp.71-73  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 SF*)  
A series of articles published in 1893

Sadler, E. O. Our parks, gardens and woodlands [in] *The Hub*, volume 1, no.8, January 1953, pp.11-14

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 S*)

Sadler was the Chief Officer in the Parks, Cemeteries and Allotments Department

Sewell, J. D. *A Strategy for the heritage parks and green spaces of Sheffield; submitted to the Parks and Open Spaces Division, Leisure Services Directorate, Sheffield City Council by Joan D. Sewell.* 1996

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library Local Studies: 712.5 SQ*)

Includes a gazetteer with details of historic sites

Sewell, Joan. Paradise lost?: Sheffield's historic parks and gardens [in] *Aspects of Sheffield: discovering local history 1*; ed. by Melvyn Jones, pp. 203-225

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 942.74 S; Lending copies available*)

Sheffield. City Engineers and Surveyor's Department. *Development Plan for the City and County Borough of Sheffield: report of the survey: written analysis*, pp.36-40 Open spaces. 1952

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SQ*)

Details of the provision of parks etc. collected during the preparation of the Sheffield Development Plan, published in 1957)

Sheffield. Department of Land and Planning. *Historic parks and gardens in Sheffield.* 1993

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 309.26 SSTQ*)

Sheffield. Development, Environment and Leisure. Planning, Transport and Highways. *Historic parks and gardens: supplementary planning guidance.* 1998

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 SQ*)

Gives additional guidance on proposals in the Sheffield Unitary Development Plan

Sheffield. Development, Environment and Leisure. Planning, Transport and Highways. *Sheffield's historic parks and gardens (UDP policy background paper).* New ed. 1998

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 712.5 SSTQ*)

Includes details of public parks and private gardens recommended for inclusion in the local schedule of historic parks and gardens

Sheffield City Council. General Purposes and Parks Committee. *Report on construction of walks etc. in various parks and recreation grounds.* 1908

(*Sheffield Archives: MD 3431/3*)

Sheffield. Parks and Countryside Service. *Green and open spaces strategy: East Sheffield.* [2008]

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.558 SF*)

Sheffield City Council. Improvement Surveyor's Office (later 'Park Manager's Office), *Wages and National Insurance books, 1916 – 1958*

(*Sheffield Archives: Acc. 2015/5*)

Sheffield City Council. Legal and Administration Department. *Contracts for new buildings/alterations (including buildings in parks), 1959 – 1992*

(*Sheffield Archives: CA357*)

Sheffield City Council. Parks and Countryside. *Sheffield's great outdoors: green & open space strategy 2010-2030*. 2010  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 711.4 SSTQ; Sheffield Reference Library: 711.558 Q*)

Sheffield City Council. Planning Department  
(*Sheffield Archives CA206 and other references*)  
Details of buildings and other developments in parks may be found in the files of planning applications and related material held by Sheffield Archives.

Wike, C. F. *Sheffield Corporation Bill, session 1900: tramways and parks*. 1900  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Maps S94L*)  
Map of the city showing the location of parks

Winning, Arrol. Public parks and recreational trends [from] *Surveyor and Municipal Engineer*, 6 April 1968, pp.76-78  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library MP 1622 M*)  
Winning was the General Manager of the Recreation Department

Winning, Arrol. The Role of Sheffield Recreation Department [in] *Quality of Sheffield*, volume 18, number 8, August 1971, pp.28-29  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ*)

Young, W. Haywood. *Sketches in the parks*. n.d.  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library Local pamphlets, volume 11, no. 9 042 SQ*)

### **Sheffield City Council: Committees minutes**

*The Town Council acquired Sheffield's first public park in 1873 and in November 1873 maintenance of Weston Park was added to the responsibilities of the General Purposes Committee, renamed the General Purposes and Parks Committee. As other parks were acquired a number of Sub-Committees were also set up with particular responsibilities. The Parks and Burial Grounds Committee was created in 1919 and in 1968 it was replaced by the Recreation Committee, later becoming the Recreation and Amenities Committee and the Recreation Programme Committee. In 1986 the Leisure Services Committee was formed with a number of sub-committees including a Recreation Sub-Committee.*

Sheffield City Council (and predecessor). *Minutes of Council and Committees*. 1864 to date  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.042 SQ; Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN 1864-1986*)  
Printed and indexed copies of the minutes

Sheffield City Council (and predecessor). *Minutes of Council and Committees*. 1843-2010  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-COU*)  
Signed copies of the minutes

Sheffield City Council. General Purposes (later General Purposes and Parks, later Parks and Burial Grounds) Committee. *Signed and draft minutes and reports*. 1843-1968  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-GPP. Restricted*)

Sheffield City Council. Recreation Grounds Committee. 1879-1881

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-VAC/50)*

Appointed 13 August 1879 'to ascertain if eligible sites could be procured for the purpose of recreation grounds within St. George's, St. Phillip's, Nether Hallam and Ecclesall wards

Sheffield City Council. General Purposes (later General Purposes and Parks, later Parks and Burial Grounds) Committee. *Sub-Committee signed minutes*. 1896-1901

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-GPP/4/1)*

Sub-Committees: Bands, Weston Park, Audit, Meersbrook Park, Crookesmoor, Endcliffe Woods, High Hazels Park, Hillsborough Park and Wages

Sheffield City Council. General Purposes and Parks Committee. Sub-Committees.

November 1901-September 1914

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-VAC/70)*

Sheffield City Council. General Purposes (later General Purposes and Parks, later Parks and Burial Grounds) Committee. *Sub-Committee minutes and reports*, 1909-1913

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-GPP/3)*

Sheffield City Council. Recreation Committee. *Signed and draft minutes and papers*. 1968-1987

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-REC. Draft minutes are restricted)*

Sheffield City Council. Leisure Services (later Leisure and Tourism Services Programme) Committee. *Minutes and papers*. 1987-1998

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-LER)*

Sheffield City Council. Endcliffe Woods and Meersbrook Park Committee. 1885-1886

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-VAC/27)*

*The Committee was appointed on 14 January 1885 to consider the desirability of their purchase by the council*

Sheffield City Council. Committee as to the Proposed Purchase of Hillsborough Park. 1890

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-VAC/16)*

Sheffield City Council. High Hazels Park Committee. 1890-1894

*(Sheffield Archives: CA-VAC/32)*

### **Bye-laws and regulations (in date order)**

City Council. *Bye-laws for the regulation of the pleasure grounds known respectively as Endcliffe Woods, Whiteley Woods, Weston Park, Meersbrook Park, High Hazels Park, Hillsborough Park, and Firth Park ...* [1911]

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local bye-laws, volume 5, no.7, 352.042 S)*

City Council. *Bye-laws for the regulation of the pleasure grounds known respectively as Abbeydale Road Plantation, Blackbrook Wood, Bowden Housed Wood, Carr Wood, Coppice Wood, Hutcliffe Wood, Endcliffe Woods, Whiteley Woods, Weston Park, Meersbrook Park, High Hazels Park, Hillsborough Park, Millhouses Park, 'Abbeyfield', Pitsmoor, and Firth park, of the recreation grounds known as Crookesmoor, Parkwood Springs, Attercliffe, Carlisle Street East, Carbrook, Burngreave, Nottingham Cliffe,*

*Monument Ground, Bole Hills, Low Wincobank and Tinsley and of the open spaces known as Oscathorpe, Daniel Hill, Leadmill Road, Porter Street, Sidney Street, and Stamford Street.* [1922]

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local bye-laws, volume 8, no.3, 352.042 S)*

*City Council. Bye-laws for the regulation of the Roe Woods, Wincobank Wood, Brightside Village Recreation Ground, Norfolk Park, Bingham Park, Flat Street Open Space, and Loxley Chase.* [1922]

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local bye-laws, volume 6, no.5, 352.042 S)*

*City Council. Bye-laws for the regulation of the pleasure grounds known respectively as Abbeydale Road Plantation, Blackbrook Wood, Bowden Housed Wood, Carr Wood, Coppice Wood, Hutcliffe Wood, Endcliffe Woods, Whiteley Woods ...*[1922]

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local bye-laws, volume 6, no.4, 352.042 SQ) 352.042 S)*

*City Council. Bye-laws for the regulation of recreation grounds known respectively as Carr Lane Recreation Ground, Woodhouse Mill Recreation Ground, Stradbroke Road Recreation Ground, Heeley Recreation Ground, Buck Wood and Woolley Wood.* [1927]

*(Sheffield Local Studies Library Local bye-laws, volume 7, no.6, 352.042 S)*

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An announcement of the death of Arroll Winning appeared in *The Star* on 4 March 2013

## Other sources of information

The Parks and Countryside section of Sheffield City Council is responsible for the city's parks and gardens. Information on their activities and details of the parks, including in some cases brief histories and management plan documents, can be found on the City Council website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside)

Information on matters relating to planning issues including the Sheffield Local Plan, urban design and landscape planning can be found on the City Council website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/planning-and-city-development](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/planning-and-city-development)

Planning applications can be searched at <http://publicaccess.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications>

Details of the City Council's conservation work, including registered parks and gardens and listed buildings in parks, can be found on the Planning and Development section of the website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/planning-and-city-development/urban-design--conservation/urbandesign](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/planning-and-city-development/urban-design--conservation/urbandesign)

Rother Valley Country Park is now managed by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Rotherham Archives and Local Studies may also have relevant material.

[www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk)

Details of facilities and events can be found on the Rother Valley Country Park website at [www.rvcp.co.uk](http://www.rvcp.co.uk)

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The Yorkshire Film Archive holds a copy of *Sheffield Parks and Gardens* (c.1950), a film made by Sheffield Transport Department to promote bus services around the city. Details at [www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com](http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com) Their collection may also include other films with clips showing Sheffield parks and gardens

The Garden History Society is dedicated to the conservation and study of historic gardens and landscapes

[www.gardenhistorysociety.org](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org)

Friends groups now have a very important role working in partnership with the City Council to ensure that green spaces are well used and maintained. Information about friends groups is available at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside/gettinginvolved/contact-us/what-is-a-friends-of-group](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside/gettinginvolved/contact-us/what-is-a-friends-of-group)

A list of friends groups can be found in the environment section of the Help Yourself directory, available at [www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/environment.html](http://www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/environment.html)

Some of the groups are listed below:

Friends of the Botanical Gardens

[www.fobssheffield.co.uk](http://www.fobssheffield.co.uk)

Friends of Concord Park and Woolley Woods

[www.concordpark.btck.co.uk](http://www.concordpark.btck.co.uk)

Friends of Crookesmoor Parks

Friends of Firth Park

Friends of Graves Park

Friends of High Hazels Park

Friends of Hillsborough Park

[www.fohp.btck.co.uk](http://www.fohp.btck.co.uk)

Friends of Millhouses Park

[www.friendsofmillhousespark.org](http://www.friendsofmillhousespark.org)

Friends of Norfolk Heritage Park

[www.norfolk-park.com](http://www.norfolk-park.com)

Friends of Sheaf Valley Park and Cholera Grounds

<http://sheafvalleypark.tumblr.com/>

Friends of the Porter Valley

[www.fopv.org.uk](http://www.fopv.org.uk)

Meersbrook Park Users Group

[www.meersbrookpark.org.uk](http://www.meersbrookpark.org.uk)

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