

ECCLESFIELD CIVIL PARISH PAST & PRESENT ARCHIVING PROJECT

Ecclesfield Parish Council's Past & Present Archiving Project is running until the end of October 2016. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), it will create an on-line easily accessible collection of material (a digital archive and website). A project co-ordinator, Christine Handley, has been appointed to oversee the project. She is working with the local history groups across the area (Chapelton, Ecclesfield, Grenoside and High Green) who are helping to guide and contribute to the project.

The archive will also be a resource for schools, other groups and individuals to both share information and learn more about the parish's local history. There will be plenty of opportunities over the next two years for everyone to get involved. Christine will be:

- helping to gather local history material which will be sorted, catalogued, indexed and digitised to create the archive;
- running skills training courses on collecting and using local history material for archives; and in interviewing and recording memories;
- supporting young and older people to interview and record residents talking about their life experiences in the local area;
- and organising family workshops, drop-in activities, exhibitions and displays to publicise the project and local history.

You don't have to be a history expert to take part. Young or old, everyone has a story to tell and a photograph or memory to share. The aim of the project is to capture our rich and varied local history from across the parish. Public launch events will be happening over the next couple of months. The first of these will on 25th April at Chapelton Library starting at 10.30am. ‘

For more details of events and training sessions, and to get involved, please contact, Christine, at the Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS; telephone: 0114 2845095; email: Christine.handley_@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk or see the events page on the Parish Council website <http://www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk>

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