



Joined Up Heritage Sheffield Bi-monthly Meeting 26th September 2023

National Emergency Services Museum and online via Zoom

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1. Welcome and notice of recording

Attendees: Robin Hughes (JUHS, meeting chair), Matt Wakefield (JUHS, NESM, speaker), Nigel Slack (Victorian Society), John Beeley, Stephen Elliott (JUHS), Ruth Morgan (Hunter Archaeological Society, Friends of Sheffield Castle), Frances Soar (Walkley Historians), Gui Pozzer (University of Sheffield Department of Archaeology), Sue Shaw (Rivelin Valley Conservation Group), Joy Bullivant (Sheffield TImewalk), Verity Brack (Friends of Loxley Cemetery).

Apologies: Brian Barrett (JUHS), Jenny Morton (JUHS chair), Diane Patchett (Sheffield YAC).

2. Guest speaker

Thanks to Matt Wakefield of the National Emergency Services Museum for his intriguing talk, part of the celebrations of 75 Years of the National Health Service in Sheffield, about the true historical origins of some “modern” innovations in the technologies used by the emergency services.

Matt’s talk can be found on the JUHS YouTube channel at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngzA_UZ1eY8.

3. News and feedback from group members and associated networks

Nigel Slack, Victorian Society South Yorkshire

- VicSoc summer walks programme has now ended, with some walks sold out. Attendance helped by listing events on Eventbrite, Heritage Open Days and JUHS websites.
- They have held a meeting with Cllr Ben Miskell about the role of VicSoc in regeneration, and the need to wrap heritage organisations into the planning process and benefit from their expertise and knowledge.
- Nigel now represents the society on the Council’s Conservation Advisory Group.
- The national Victorian Society has put the South Yorkshire branch in touch with “Young Victorians”. YV members are all under 35 and it is hoped that the connection will provide a sustainable future.

Sue Shaw, Rivelin Valley Conservation Group

- The group is still seeking a new chair.
- Heritage Open Days have once again been a success, although quieter than previous years.

- River Ranger groups have been set up to monitor water quality in Sheffield rivers, with one group for the Porter and another covering Rivelin and Loxley. Anyone interested please contact RVCG by email on rivelin.valley@gmail.com or by phone on 07850 712988.
- Mousehole Bridge and the Redmires milestone have been added to the Local Heritage List following nominations by RVCG.

Verity Brack, Friends of Loxley Cemetery

- Loxley waterpower sites have been added to the Local Heritage List following a nomination on which FoLC worked with Friends of Loxley Valley.

Robin Hughes, JUHS

- Any new nominations for the Local Heritage List need to be made by 30th September if they are to be considered in the next batch, from which successful nominations should be added to the LHL by March 2024. Nominations remain open, but there may be a delay before any further candidates are assessed.

4. Core group activities

Since the previous bi-monthly meeting in May, core group members have attended a workshop organised by Sheffield City Council to design the Council's approach to implementing the JUHS Heritage Strategy which they adopted earlier this year. There were representatives from many organisations and several senior Council officers present. There is a lot of work to be done, but there is a very clear sense of purpose on the part of the Council and a real desire to find ways of working that deliver their part of the Strategy's action plan. The next step will be to write a report to go to the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee recommending the actions that will be added to their work programme.

Joy Bullivant told us that the Green Space Forum has received 3-4 enquiries about how to start a friends group. She may have a document about how to do this which could be shared via JUHS, which would be helpful in developing the network of groups which is an objective of the Heritage Strategy.

Nigel Slack asked that in implementing the Heritage Strategy there be better follow-up regarding decision made about community assets. Decisions are made by Property and Regeneration Services but these are not always implemented, for example Mount Pleasant and Meersbrook Hall. There needs to be a way for community groups that are ready to act to hold the Council to account.

5. Questions, any other business and date of next meeting

Next meeting

Tuesday 28th November 2023 10:30am-12:30pm, Kelham Island Museum Power Lab and online via Zoom.

Future bi-monthly dates (venues to be confirmed):

- 26th March 2024 10:30am
- 28th May 2024 4pm
- 23rd July 2024 10:30am
- 24th September 2024 4pm
- 26th November 2024 10:30am