The aim of our Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funded project is to create an on-line easily accessible collection of material (a digital archive) about the history of the Civil Parish area and display material on a dedicated Ecclesfield District Archive website. This means that it will be easier for a wide range of people to find out about the local history of the area just by looking it up on their computer.

The project co-ordinator, Christine Handley, is working with the local history groups across the area (Chapeltown, Ecclesfield, Grenoside and High Green) who are all helping to guide the project. The archive will also be a resource for schools, other groups and individuals to both share information and learn more about local history.

The HLF project runs until the end of October 2016 and during that time we will be:

• gathering material which will be sorted, catalogued, indexed and digitised to create the archive;
• running training courses to develop skills in all aspects of archiving; and in interviewing and recording memories;
• supporting young and older people to enable them 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.

There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved, you don’t have to be a history expert. Young or old, everyone has a story to tell and a photograph or memory to share.

For more details of events and training sessions, and to get involved, please contact the Project Officer, Christine Handley, at the Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS; telephone: 0114 2845095; or email: christine.handley@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk