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Guide to Local Government in Barnsley



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Introduction

A local government structure recognisable to modern-day society has been in constant development since the nineteenth century. The earliest official local records available in Barnsley Archives and Local Studies relate to local boards of health, boards of improvement commissioners and urban and rural sanitary authorities. Subsequent acts of parliaments have seen these bodies take other forms over the years up to the current metropolitan borough council. For much of the twentieth century the Barnsley area was served by a 'two-tier' system of local government comprising a county council and district/borough councils. The county council was abolished in 1986. Sitting a level below the district/borough councils are the civil parish/town councils. A separate collections guide is available in this series for parish councils.

Local government reorganisation has also seen locations within the current Barnsley MBC boundary change councils over the years. In some cases this can be straightforward and in others confusing, due to methods in which portions of land were shared between reorganised councils. This guide will help you to track changes to your geographic area of research to find the records you need. Former council boundary maps can be seen on the [Vision of Britain](#) website and the current Barnsley borough boundary can be viewed on [BMBC Interactive Maps](#)

In keeping with current data protection legislation, we impose some access restrictions. However, personal information can be obtained from recent and sensitive material by the person it relates to. Please consult staff for further information.

Popular series of council records include:

- Meeting minute books – these record all the important decisions made by the council and are normally signed by a senior official to signify that the minutes and actions have been approved.

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- Building plans – most buildings require approval from the local authority before construction. We have coverage of most areas prior to 1974.
- Rate books – apart from listing the rateable value of each property, these volumes are useful for researchers as they list the property owner and/or tenant.
- The collections also often contain correspondence, photographs and financial records.

The numbers given on each council page refer to the catalogue number. The catalogues can be consulted in the public searchroom, [online](#) or alternatively you can [telephone](#) or [email](#) the office for further information.

We do hold a number of further sources that may relate and refer to councils in the Barnsley area. These include printed books, newspapers, guides and programmes. Ask a member of staff in the public searchroom or view the [online library catalogue](#) for further information.

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Athersley	Barnsley CBC
Badsworth	Hemsworth RDC
Barnsley (Metropolitan District)	Barnsley MBC South Yorkshire C.C. West Riding C.C.
Barnsley (Central)	Barnsley Improvement Com Barnsley Board of Health Barnsley CBC Barnsley MBC
Barugh	Darton UDC
Barugh Green	Darton UDC
Barugh (Low)	Darton UDC
Billingley	Barnsley RDC Hemsworth RDC
Birdwell	Worsbrough UDC
Birley Carr	Wortley UDC Sheffield CBC
Blacker	Darton UDC
Blacker Hill	Worsbrough UDC
Bolton upon Dearne	Bolton upon Dearne UDC Dearne UDC
Bradfield	Wortley RDC
Brierley	Hemsworth RDC
Bromley	Wortley RDC
Broomhill	Wombwell UDC
Burncross	Wortley RDC
Burton Grange	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Carlecotes	Penistone RDC Thurlstone UDC
Carlton	Barnsley RDC Barnsley CBC
Cat Hill	Hoylandswaine UDC
Catshaw	Penistone UDC Thurlstone UDC
Cawthorne	Penistone RDC
Chapelton	Wortley RDC
Cold Hiendley	Hemsworth RDC

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Crane Moor	Penistone RDC
Crow Edge	Penistone RDC Thurlstone UDC
Cubley	Penistone UDC
Cudworth	Cudworth UDC
Cudworth (Lower)	Cudworth UDC
Cudworth (Upper)	Cudworth UDC
Cundy Cross	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Darfield	Barnsley RDC Darfield UDC
Darton	Darton UDC
Dodworth	Dodworth UDC
Dodworth Bottom	Dodworth UDC
Dodworth Green	Dodworth UDC
Doncaster	South Yorkshire CC
Dunford Bridge	Penistone RDC Thurlstone UDC
Dungworth	Wortley RDC
Ecclesfield	Wortley RDC
Ecklands	Penistone UDC Thurlstone UDC
Edderthorpe	Darfield UDC
Elsecar	Hoyland Nether UDC
Ewden	Wortley RDC
Felkirk	Hemsworth RDC
Gawber	Darton UDC
Gilroyd	Dodworth UDC
Goldthorpe	Bolton upon Dearne UDC Dearne UDC
Great Houghton	Hemsworth RDC
Green Moor	Penistone RDC
Grenoside	Wortley RDC
Grimethorpe	Hemsworth RDC
Gunthwaite	Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth UDC Penistone RDC
Haigh	Darton UDC
Havercroft	Hemsworth RDC
Hazlehead	Penistone RDC Thurlstone UDC
Hemingfield	Wombwell UDC
Hessle	Hemsworth RDC
Hickleton Main Colliery	Thurnscoe UDC Dearne UDC
High Green	Wortley RDC
High Hoyland	Penistone RDC
Higham	Darton UDC

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Higham Common	Darton UDC
Highgate	Bolton upon Dearne UDC Dearne UDC
Hill Top	Hoylandswaine UDC Penistone UDC
Hood Green	Barnsley RDC Penistone RDC
Howbrook	Wortley RDC
Hoyland Common	Hoyland Nether UDC
Hoyland Nether	Hoyland Nether UDC
Hoylandswaine	Hoylandswaine UDC Penistone UDC
Hoyle Mill	Ardsley UDC Barnsley CBC
Hunshelf	Penistone RDC
Ingbirchworth	Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth UDC
Jump	Wombwell UDC
Kexbrough	Darton UDC
Kingstone	Barnsley CBC
Kirk Smeaton	Hemsworth RDC
Klondyke	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Langsett	Penistone RDC
Lewden	Worsbrough UDC
Little Houghton	Hemsworth RDC
Little Smeaton	Hemsworth RDC
Littleworth	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Low Valley	Darfield UDC
Loxley	Wortley RDC
Lundhill	Wombwell UDC
Lundwood	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Mapplewell	Darton UDC
Measborough Dike	Ardsley UDC Barnsley CBC
Middlecliffe	Hemsworth RDC
Middlewood (Barnsley)	Darfield UDC
Midhopestones	Wortley RDC
Millhouse Green	Penistone UDC Thurlstone UDC
Millhouses (Barnsley)	Darfield UDC
Milton	Hoyland Nether UDC
Mitchell Main	Wombwell UDC
Monckton Main Colliery	Hemsworth RDC
Monk Bretton	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Moorthorpe	Hemsworth RDC

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New Lodge	Barnsley RDC Barnsley CBC
North Elmsall	Hemsworth RDC
Nostell	Hemsworth RDC
Notton	Barnsley RDC Wakefield RDC
Oakwell	Barnsley CBC
Old Town	Barnsley CBC
Oughtibridge	Wortley RDC
Oxspring	Penistone RDC
Parson Cross	Wortley RDC Sheffield CBC
Penistone	Penistone UDC
Penistone Isolation Hospital	Hoylandswaine UDC Penistone UDC
Pilley	Wortley RDC
Platts Common	Hoyland Nether UDC
Pogmoor	Barnsley CBC
Redbrook	Darton UDC
Rivelin Valley	Wortley UDC Sheffield CBC
Rockley	Worsbrough UDC
Rotherham	South Yorkshire CC
Roughbircworth	Penistone RDC
Round Green	Barnsley RDC Penistone RDC
Royston	Barnsley RDC Royston UDC
Ryhill	Hemsworth RDC
Shafton	Hemsworth RDC
Shafton Two Gates	Hemsworth RDC
Sheffield	South Yorkshire CC
Shiregreen	Wortley RDC Sheffield CBC
Silkstone	Penistone RDC
Silkstone Common	Penistone RDC
Skier's Spring	Hoyland Nether UDC
Smithies	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
Smithley	Wombwell UDC
South Elmsall	Hemsworth RDC
South Hiendley	Hemsworth RDC
South Kirkby	Hemsworth RDC
Southey	Wortley RDC Sheffield CBC
Springvale	Penistone UDC
St. Helen's	Hoyland Nether UDC

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Stainborough	Barnsley RDC Penistone RDC
Staincross	Darton UDC
Stairfoot	Ardsley UDC Barnsley CBC
Stannington	Wortley RDC
Stubbin	Hoyland Nether UDC
Swaithe	Worsbrough UDC
Tankersley	Wortley RDC
Thorpe Audlin	Hemsworth RDC
Thurgoland	Penistone RDC
Thurlstone	Thurlstone UDC Penistone UDC
Thurnscoe	Dearne UDC Thurnscoe UDC
Thurnscoe East	Dearne UDC Thurnscoe UDC
Townhead	Penistone RDC Thurlstone UDC
Upper Hoyland	Hoyland Nether UDC
Upper Midhope	Wortley RDC
Upton	Hemsworth RDC
Wadsley	Wortley RDC Sheffield CBC
Wadsley Bridge	Wortley RDC Sheffield CBC
Ward Green	Worsbrough UDC
Warren	Wortley RDC
West Green	Barnsley CBC Monk Bretton UDC
West Hardwick	Hemsworth RDC
Wharnccliffe Side	Wortley RDC
Wharnccliffe Wood	Wortley RDC
Winterset	Hemsworth RDC
Wombwell	Wombwell UDC
Woolley	Barnsley RDC Wakefield RDC
Woolley Colliery Village	Darton UDC
Worrall	Wortley RDC
Worsbrough Bridge	Worsbrough UDC
Worsbrough Common	Barnsley CBC Worsbrough UDC
Worsbrough Dale	Worsbrough UDC
Worsbrough Village	Worsbrough UDC
Wortley	Wortley RDC

Note: this list includes areas that are outside the current BMBC boundary but may be referred to in documents we hold in our local government collections.

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List of local councils

Ardsley Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Ardsley, Stairfoot, Hoyle Mill, Measborough Dike

Period of existence: 1895-1921

Predecessor: Ardsley Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley County Borough

Types of records available:

- Meeting minute books
- Letter books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-2100-E Ardsley and Darfield District School Board

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Barnsley County Borough

Main areas covered: Barnsley (town centre), Pogmoor, Old Town, Kingstone, Oakwell

From 1921 gained all areas from Ardsley UDC (Ardsley, Stairfoot, Hoyle Mill, Measborough Dike).

From 1921 gained all areas from Monk Bretton UDC (Monk Bretton, Smithies, Cundy Cross, Lundwood, Burton Grange, Littleworth, Klondyke/West Green).

From 1938 gained Carlton Civil Parish from Barnsley RDC (Carlton, New Lodge) including the area where Athersley estates were later built.

From 1938 gained Worsbrough Common from Worsbrough UDC.

Period of existence: 1869-1974 (county borough status from 1913)

Predecessor: Barnsley Board of Health, Barnsley Improvement Committee

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Meeting minute books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans
- Photographs
- Police

Related collections:

A-3534-E Barnsley School Board

A-1913-J Barnsley Borough court records

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Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Main areas covered: All areas within the BMBC boundary

Period of existence: 1974-

Predecessors: Barnsley County Borough, Cudworth UDC, Darfield UDC, Darton UDC, Dearne UDC, Dodworth UDC, Hemsworth RDC (part), Hoyland Nether UDC, Penistone RDC, Penistone UDC, Royston UDC, South Yorkshire CC (from 1986, part), West Riding CC, Wombwell UDC, Worsbrough UDC, Wortley UDC (part)

Replaced by: Not applicable

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans (1988-1992)

Related collections:

A-81-C BMBC Conservation Officer Collection
All parish council collections

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Barnsley Rural District Council

Main areas covered: from 1900 - Carlton, New Lodge (pre-Athersley housing estates), Stainborough, Hood Green, Round Green, Billingley, Woolley, Notton

(Note: Cudworth [1900], Darfield [1896] and Royston [1896] Civil Parishes left at these dates when they became separate urban districts

(Note: this council comprised three separate geographic administrative areas from 1900)

Period of existence: 1895-1938

Predecessor: Barnsley Rural Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Carlton Civil Parish (Carlton, New Lodge) to Barnsley County Borough, Stainborough Civil Parish (Stainborough, Hood Green, Round Green) to Penistone Rural District Council, Billingley Civil Parish to Hemsworth Rural District Council, Woolley and Notton Civil Parishes split between Wakefield Rural District and Darton Urban District Council

Types of records available:

- Building plans (Carlton Civil Parish, some Stainborough Civil Parish plans in Penistone RDC collection), see also Cudworth, Darfield and Royston UDC plans
- Accounts

Related collections:

Contact West Yorkshire Archives Service for collections relating to Woolley and Notton

Collection note:

The location of the meeting minutes for this council is currently unknown.

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Bolton upon Dearne Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Bolton upon Dearne, Goldthorpe, Highgate

Period of existence: 1899-1937

Predecessor: Doncaster Rural District Council

Replaced by: Dearne Urban District Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-8-UD/28 Dearne District Light Railways

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Cudworth Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Cudworth, Lower Cudworth, Upper Cudworth

Period of existence: 1900-1974

Predecessor: Barnsley Rural District Council

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY/2/UD Cudworth Urban District Council

Darfield Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Darfield, Low Valley, Millhouses, Middlewood, Edderthorpe

Period of existence: 1896-1974

Predecessor: Barnsley Rural District Council

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Letter books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans
- Housing
- Health
- Highways
- Parks, allotments and cemeteries

Related collections:

SY-4-UD Darfield Urban District Council

A-3649-UD Darfield Urban District Council

A-2100-E Ardsley and Darfield District School Board

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Darton Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Darton, Mapplewell, Staincross, Kexbrough, Haigh, Woolley Colliery Village, Blacker, Barugh, Barugh Green, Low Barugh, Gawber, Redbrook, Higham, Higham Common
(Note: does not include Woolley)

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Darton Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-2150-E Darton School Board

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Dearne Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Bolton upon Dearne, Goldthorpe, Highgate, Thurnscoe, Thurnscoe East

Period of existence: 1937-1974

Predecessors: Bolton upon Dearne Urban District Council, Thurnscoe Urban District Council

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-917-E Thurnscoe Comprehensive School
A-3170-E Dearne Goldthorpe Primary School

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Dodworth Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Dodworth, Dodworth Green, Dodworth Bottom, Gilroyd

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Dodworth Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-1-UD Dodworth Urban District Council
A-2151-E Dodworth School Board

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Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Gunthwaite, Ingbirchworth

Period of existence: 1895-1938

Predecessor: Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Penistone Rural District Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-3-RD Penistone Rural District Council

A-1317-P Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Urban District/Parish Council

A-76-B Dransfield and Hodgkinson Solicitors

Hemsworth Rural District Council

Main areas covered: Great Houghton, Little Houghton, Middlecliffe, Grimethorpe, Brierley, Shafton, Shafton Two Gates, (Billingley from 1938)

Also included the following non-BMBC areas: South Hiendley, Felkirk, Cold Hiendley, Havercroft, Ryhill, Winterset, Nostell, Hessle, West Hardwick, Ackworth, Badsworth, Thorpe Audlin, Kirk Smeaton, Little Smeaton, North Elmsall, South Elmsall, South Kirkby, Moorthorpe, Upton, (Hemsworth until 1921)

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Hemsworth Rural Sanitary District/Local Board, Barnsley Rural District Council (Billingley)

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

(Note: this council's records were split between BMBC and West Yorkshire Archives Service upon local government reorganisation)

- Minute books (signed copies at West Yorks. Archives Service)
- Health
- Housing
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-9-RD Hemsworth Rural District Council
A-238-P Billingley Parish Council
A-3678-P Brierley Parish Council
A-972-P Shafton Parish Council
A-206-P Great Houghton Parish Council

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Hoyland Nether Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Hoyland Nether, Hoyland Common, Upper Hoyland, Platts Common, Elsecar, Milton, St Helen's, Alderthwaite, Skier's Spring, Stubbin

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Hoyland Nether Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Letter books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-2168-E Hoyland Nether School Board

Hoylandswaine Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Hoylandswaine, Cat Hill, Hill Top
(Note: area included Penistone Isolation Hospital)

Period of existence: 1895-1938

Predecessor: Hoylandswaine Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Penistone Urban District Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Letter books
- Rate books
- Elections
- Financial accounts
- Highways
- Utilities (water, gas, electricity supply)
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-86-UD Penistone Urban District Council/Hoylandswaine Urban District Council

A-76-B Dransfield and Hodgkinson Solicitors

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Monk Bretton Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Monk Bretton, Smithies, Cundy Cross, Lundwood, Burton Grange, Littleworth, Klondyke/West Green

Period of existence: 1895-1921

Predecessor: Monk Bretton Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley County Borough

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Letter books
- Financial accounts
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-2175-E Monk Bretton School Board

Penistone Rural District Council

Main areas covered: Thurgoland, Green Moor, Hunshelf, Langsett, Oxspring, Crane Moor, Roughbircworth, Silkstone, Silkstone Common, Cawthorne, High Hoyland

From 1938 also included the former Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth UDC area and part of the former Thurlstone UDC area (Hazlehead, Carlecotes, Town Head, Dunford Bridge, Crow Edge).

From 1938 also gained Stainborough Civil Parish (Stainborough, Hood Green, Round Green) from Barnsley RDC.

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Penistone Rural Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Letter books
- Financial accounts and rate books
- Cemeteries (Cawthorne/Thurgoland)
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-3-RD Penistone Rural District Council
A-86-UD/3 Thurlstone Urban District Council
A-76-B Dransfield and Hodgkinson Solicitors
A-2080-P Cawthorne Parish Council
A-297-P Dunford Parish Council
A-1317-P Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council
A-273-P Hunshelf Parish Council
A-2179-E Oxspring School Board
A-1373-P & SY-359-P Silkstone Parish Council
A-3152-P Stainborough Parish Council
A-2059-P & SY-56-P Thurgoland Parish Council

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Penistone Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Penistone, Cubley, Springvale

From 1938 also included the former Hoylandswaine UDC area and part of the former Thurlstone UDC (Thurlstone, Millhouse Green, Ecklands, Catshaw)

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Penistone Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (some functions to Penistone Town Council)

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Letter books
- Financial accounts
- Rate books
- Elections
- Housing
- Health
- Civil defence
- Building plans
- Library
- Highways
- Allotments

Related collections:

A-86-UD Penistone Urban District Council

A-76-B Dransfield and Hodgkinson Solicitors

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Royston Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Royston

(Note: Monckton Main Colliery area was part of Hemsworth Rural District Council)

Period of existence: 1896-1974

Predecessor: Barnsley Rural District Council

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Building plans

Related collections:

A-2181-E Royston School Board

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South Yorkshire County Council

Main areas covered: metropolitan boroughs of Barnsley, Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster
(Note: County Hall, [later BMBC Central Offices] was located in Barnsley)

Period of existence: 1974-1986

Predecessor: West Riding County Council

Replaced by: Certain functions transferred to the existing metropolitan boroughs; other joint functions continued as part of South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat and later also Sheffield City Region Combined Authority

Types of records available:

- Minute books (signed copies at Sheffield Archives)
- Local Development Plans

Related collections:

The South Yorkshire County Council collections are held by Sheffield Archives

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Thurlstone Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Thurlstone, Millhouse Green, Ecklands, Catshaw, Hazlehead, Carlecotes, Town Head, Dunford Bridge

Period of existence: 1895-1938

Predecessor: Thurlstone Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Penistone Rural District Council (Catshaw, Hazlehead, Carlecotes, Town Head, Dunford Bridge)
Penistone Urban District Council (Thurlstone, Millhouse Green, Ecklands, Catshaw)

Types of records available:

- Minute books (council and committee meetings)
- Financial accounts
- Utilities (water, gas, electricity supply)
- Health
- Highways
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-3-RD Penistone Rural District Council

A-86-UD Penistone Urban District Council and Thurlstone Urban District Council

A-76-B Dransfield and Hodgkinson Solicitors

A-2185-E Thurlstone School Board

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Thurnscoe Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Thurnscoe, Thurnscoe East, Hickleton Main Colliery

Period of existence: 1908-1937

Predecessor: Doncaster Rural District Council

Replaced by: Dearne Urban District Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books (council and committee meetings)
- Building plans

Related collections:

SY-212-UD Thurnscoe UDC boundary review report, 1932 (contains photos of area)

SY-8-UD/28 Dearne District Light Railways

West Riding County Council

Main areas covered: All areas of the county of West Riding except county boroughs (for example Barnsley)

Period of existence: 1889-1974

Predecessor: Wapentakes?

Replaced by: South Yorkshire County Council (Barnsley area), also West Yorkshire County Council, East Riding County Council (part), North Yorkshire County Council (part), Lancashire (part), Cumbria (part), Greater Manchester (part) some functions also transferred to metropolitan and borough councils such as Barnsley MBC

Types of records available:

- Local development plans
- Education records
- Health reports

Related collections:

A-1913-J Staincross Division (West Riding) court records

The West Riding County Council headquarters was located at Wakefield and therefore the records of the council are held at West Yorkshire County Council

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Wombwell Urban District Council

Main areas covered: Wombwell, Jump, Hemingfield, Broomhill, Lundhill, Aldham, Mitchell Main, Smithley,

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Wombwell Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books (council and committee meetings)
- Letter books (correspondence)
- Financial accounts
- Housing
- Cemeteries
- Photographs
- Building plans
- Railways (Dearne and Dove Light Railways)

Related collections:

SY-8-UD Wombwell Urban District Council
A-3602-E Wombwell School Board

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Worsbrough Urban District Council

(Note: name change - Worsborough Urban District Council until 31 January 1956)

Main areas covered: Worsbrough Village, Worsbrough Bridge, Worsbrough Dale, Swaithe, Lewden, Blacker Hill, Birdwell, Rockley, Ward Green
Worsbrough Common until 1938 when transferred to Barnsley County Borough

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Worsborough Urban Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Types of records available:

- Minute books
- Building plans

Related collections:

LD1528 Worsbrough Urban District Council
LD1529 Worsbrough Urban District Council
A-2188-E Worsbrough School Board

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Wortley Rural District Council

Main areas covered: Wortley, Tankersley, Pilley, Howbrook, Bromley, Wharncliffe Wood

Also included the following non-BMBC areas until 1974: High Green, Ecclesfield, Burncross, Warren, Chapeltown, Grenoside, Stannington, Dungworth, Bradfield, Loxley, Oughtibridge, Worrall, Wharncliffe Side, Ewden, Midhopestones, Upper Midhope

(Firth Park, Hillsborough (part), Malin Bridge, Wincobank transferred to Sheffield County Borough in 1901)

(Rivelin Valley to Sheffield County Borough in 1914)

(Birley Carr, Parson Cross (part), Shiregreen, Southey, Wadsley, Wadsley Bridge to Sheffield County Borough in 1921)

(Parson Cross (remainder) to Sheffield County Borough in 1967)

Period of existence: 1895-1974

Predecessor: Wortley Rural Sanitary District/Local Board

Replaced by: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (Wortley and Tankersley Civil Parishes, Sheffield City Council (Bradfield and Ecclesfield Civil Parishes)

Types of records available:

- Building plans

Related collections:

A-2184-E Tankersley School Board

A-1470-P Tankersley Parish Council

A-3146-P Wortley Parish Council

Note: the council offices were located in Grenoside, which became part of Sheffield City Council and therefore the majority of records are held by Sheffield Archives.