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Local Sheffield author Carl Lee has been asking a lot of questions.

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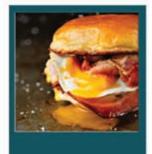
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Local rivers and park ponds, often former industrial sites from old water-powered industries, are happy hunting grounds for one of our most spectacular birds, the Grey Heron. Indeed, as I write a dark, **Grey Herons** almost prehistoric shadow flew in the late afternoon darkness just beyond my study window into the sunset. A few years ago, such a sight would have been unusual, since these magnificent birds were formerly uncommon across our region. Today however, herons are on the up following a mid-twentieth-century nadir, their widespread decline due to four main problems of habitat loss, pollution of waterways and water-bodies, intake of persistent pesticides (like DDT) from their fish-based diet (and resultant egg-shell breakage and poor breeding success), and of course, persecution. But now many urban rivers are cleaner (at least in terms

of the gross pollution experienced up until the 1980s). persecution has reduced, the birds are protected, and DDT contamination has largely gone from food-chains. Along with nature reserves established by conservation bodies, this means herons are increasing to healthier numbers. Excitingly too, they are sometimes joined by their cousins (Little, Cattle, and Great White, Egrets), and in the eastern lowlands, bitterns too. I think this is all great news, and these pterodactyl-like birds are stunning to see as they pass low over our suburban gardens with their great wings slowly, deeply flapping, and uttering loud, guttural croaks.



Of course, they are less welcome for pond-owners with goldfish or koi carp, who have to take



necessary precautions to protect from predation. But overall, these are welcome returnees to the region's avifauna, as they have gradually increased their breeding sites and have winter roosts along the urban rivers too.

But here's the rub, all wild birds, including herons, are protected under the 'Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981', to kill, injure or take

without a licence being illegal, the maximum penalty being six months in prison and unlimited fines.

The Act states that killing and catching grey herons is illegal, and as is intentionally destroying grey heron nests. This raises big issues about ring-barking of nesting trees of the Ecclesall Woods heronry. Done by City Council under pressure from the Forestry Commission and Defra (to control



disease in larch trees). Is this not *deliberate destruction* of nest sites? What actions are being taken to limit the damage? So far there is no strategy or funding to help these iconic birds re-locate when the dead larch-trees eventually fall. So please let me know what is to be done.

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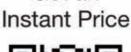
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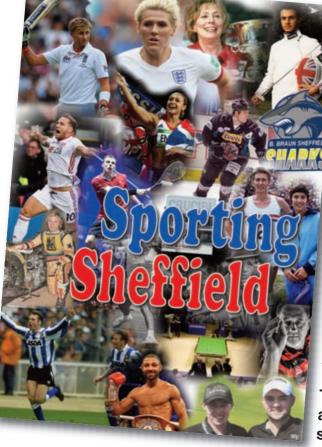
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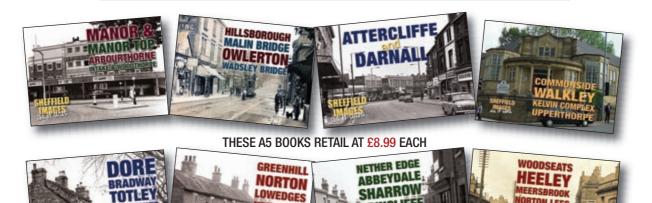


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Growing up in Attercliffe

by Michael Liversidge,

author of Attercliffe, A Wander up the 'Cliffe

Looking through an old Sheffield and Rotherham Kelly's Directory (1957) I found my memory of the Attercliffe I knew fading away. I looked at the names of shops in which I had been many times, cinemas I almost lived in, public houses regularly visited and I genuinely struggled to recall some of them to my mind's eye. At this point I visited my parent's house and purloined all their pictures of myself as a child, plus others of family and friends, some with old Attercliffe looming grimly in the background.

Some of these images conjured up memories of what Attercliffe was to me from the late 1940s to its early 1980s demise. I don't for one second think I can capture the formula of what made Attercliffe such a special place in so many hearts, or even with the aid of the odd photograph capture the sheer volume of people on the streets day and night.

I was born (1949) on the 'Cliffe (302 Attercliffe Common to be precise) now the arena car park. I lived and worked in the Attercliffe area for 25 years. From early years at Carbrook Elementary school then onto Coleridge Road School and in 1964 I gained employment at a printing company Elias Bradbury on Attercliffe Road and a couple of years later at Fred Mellings Printing which was situated on Zion Lane.

I don't want to look at Attercliffe through rose tinted glasses; we lived in very cramped housing conditions. The house I lived, on Belmoor Road, was a two up two down house and it accommodate myself, mother, father, maternal grandfather, auntie and uncle. I slept in the same room as my parents, my uncle slept in the same room as my grandfather and to accommodate her sisters new family my auntie slept at the next door neighbours house. This situation carried on for three years until my auntie moved to Manchester. These houses had no hot water, they had outside toilets, you bathed in the old zinc bath and, obviously, had very little privacy. There was the shocking noise from the steam hammers, 24 hours a day, the massive volume of dirt the factories spewed out on to the Attercliffe streets so, as you can imagine, all this did not make it the most pleasant place to be raised.

The local Attercliffe football teams I played for, in my teens, had one player crushed, burned to death, the player manager lost half his hand and a teammate and close friend's father was killed in one of those big black steel firms, that seemed to be at the end of every Attercliffe street. Very dangerous places.

When people talk of Attercliffe these things should never be forgotten.

Thankfully, when recalling ones childhood and youth, you don't seem to recall the visions of these health problems or life threatening issues. I seem to recall happy days playing football in the rec (Carbrook Recreation ground), shopping with my mother in the many and varied outlets along the main thoroughfare. Attercliffe had three large department stores Woolworths, Littlewoods and Banners, the latter being the first store outside of London to have an escalator. Leisure-time on the Cliffe: you could go swimming in Attercliffe baths, see a film at one of the four cinemas: Pavilion, Globe, Adelphi and Regal, have a drink in one of the many, many pubs and clubs, roller skate or dance in the Palais de danse, pot a few balls in one of the three snooker halls, have a vimto or sarsparilla in one of the many herbalist along the 'Cliffe or take a trip to the Attercliffe Palace of Variety, and have a quick ogle at the nudes, happy, memorable days!

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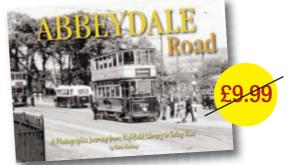
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