Life at No.57
The Sheffield Terraced House Dig

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- Founded in 1981 HCF is a well established Community charity
- Young people, adults with learning disabilities, local communities across Sheffield.
- Regeneration, environmental education, energy efficiency, health and well being
- Heritage work from 2008
- ‘Digging Our Roots’
Alexandra Road

- Terraced houses built in the 1860 and 1870’s
- Compulsorily purchased and demolished in the 1970’s
- The only remaining house is now the South Yorkshire Energy Centre (No.25 Alexandra Road)
No. 57

1950

1890
Life at No.57

• Engage the whole community in archaeological activities
• Opportunity for the community to experience the whole process of an archaeological project
• Give HCF a more informed view of the sites past
• Provided HCF with material for future events
• Make the link between No.25 and the rest of the site past and present.
Engaging the community

- Student Volunteers
- Farm volunteers
- WEA students
- Distance learning
- General interest
- Families
- Children
- Members of local interest groups
- Always wanted a go but never had the chance
- Local residents
- All ages/ethnicities and backgrounds
Group visits

• Sheffield YAC
• The Sheffield Conversation Club
• SOVA
• Rotherham multicultural centre
• Local Play schemes
• Veolia Environmental Services
• 50+ Craft Club
• Sheffield University Outreach (Excellence Hubs)
• Heeley Memory Group
• A Birthday Party
Memories of Alexandra Road

Mrs Jean Pashley
Mr Harrison’s Map

A Mr Harrison's Map

Alexandra Rd.

No. 55 - Mr & Mrs Addy
67 - Mrs Addy & Son
59 - Mr & Mrs J. Harrison
61 - Mrs Stovin
63 - Mr Readfern (Landlord),
     a daughter Josie

Threw at No. 59 from the Sheffield blitz
in Nov 1939 until Jan 1941 when we moved
to No. 42 Ann's Rd until Sept 1944.

Harrison
It's not just about Digging

- Displays
- Finds washing
- Planning
- Victorian Colouring
- Energy Centre
  - Comparisons
  - Garbology
- Life at No. 57
  - Rag Rug making
  - Firelighters
  - Object handling
  - Games
What Next?

• Post ex
  • Public finds washing sessions
• Oral History project
• Local Celebration event
• Handling Collection
• Publication
• More excavation next year!
Thank you

Sheffield University
ARCUS
Business Link South Yorkshire
Council For British Archaeology
The Co-op Community Fund
Veolia Environmental Services
Heritage Lottery Fund
T. Sayner “Dirty and happy what more can you ask for?”

Charise Bonnia – “Really interesting, I think were going to dig up parts of our garden, thanks for the inspiration!”

Mikey Millbank “A wonderful experience – being able to get dirty for a reason”

Ben Marshall “I really enjoyed it and can’t wait to come back”

“Fab day…we battled on despite torrential rain, learnt a lot about archaeology and Garbology for that matter!”

Sam (aged 9) “It has been the best time of my life”

Jenny Green (3 visits) “We as a family had a fantastic time.. our boys (aged 8) were very inspired by it all”