

The Sheffield Co-operator

Published by Sheffield Co-operative Party:
6 Bank Street, Sheffield (later 17 Bank Street, Sheffield)

Printed by The National Co-operative Publishing Society:
22 Long Millgate, Manchester

The Sheffield Co-operator was published by The Sheffield Co-operative Party, monthly, with a guaranteed circulation of 30,000 copies every month from May 1922 to July 1939. Then wartime restrictions brought an end to this publication.

The Sheffield Co-operator was an eight page newspaper and was printed by the National Co-operative Publishing Society.

The complete collection of 170 editions was donated to Sheffield Libraries (Local Studies) by Sheffield Co-operative Party and they are bound in 4 volumes.

The Sheffield Co-operator was a wonderful source of co-operative and political news in pre Second World War days. It also carried adverts from Co-operative Societies and notices from Co-operative organisations. It ceased publication in 1939 due to wartime restrictions, but continued to publish the Sheffield Co-operator Bulletin. The 13 editions of the Bulletin were also gifted to the Local Studies Library.

Photographs from some of the editions which include adverts and articles;

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jargtggsaz012hg/AAB44pxWS8W71o-AnQ-rnNVaa?dl=0>



Alice Honora Enfield
4 January 1882 – 14 August 1935

Alice Honora Enfield became secretary of the Women's Co-operative Guild in 1922 and in the same year she welcomed the publication of The Sheffield Co-operator:



"Sheffield
Co-operator"

"THE SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATOR", an eight-page journal, established in 1922, was completely drawn up and edited by the Party Secretary. Advertisements were also procured by him. To maintain a monthly distribution of 30,000 copies by voluntary effort was no easy task, so periodic district Socials were organised as a means of expressing thanks and appealing for further distributors. Street lists, on a Polling District basis, covering the City, had constantly to be prepared and re-checked to ensure a scientific distribution.

It was felt that the SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATOR did a good job of work and helped in large measure to secure Labour control of the City Council. It is interesting to note, too, that Philip Snowden, in revealing the finances of the Tory party, quoted in the House of Commons from the SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATOR.

The publication ceased at the outbreak of War. It

was substituted by a cyclostyled Bulletin, which was posted to Co-operative Party supporters. Owing to paper shortage and other war-time difficulties this eventually had to be abandoned.

From the minutes of Sheffield Co-operative Party
Sheffield City Archives

[Principle 5 Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre](#) has revived The Sheffield Co-operator and has so far published three editions:

[**The Sheffield Co-operator 2017**](#)

[**The Sheffield Co-operator 2018**](#)

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