

The Friends of Edward Carpenter

Edward Carpenter (1844 -1929) was a significant cultural and political activist, who advocated the 'Simplification of Life' and put his beliefs into practice.

He campaigned throughout his life on many issues of social concern, ranging from women's suffrage to the protection of the environment, from sexual emancipation to the formation of trade unions.

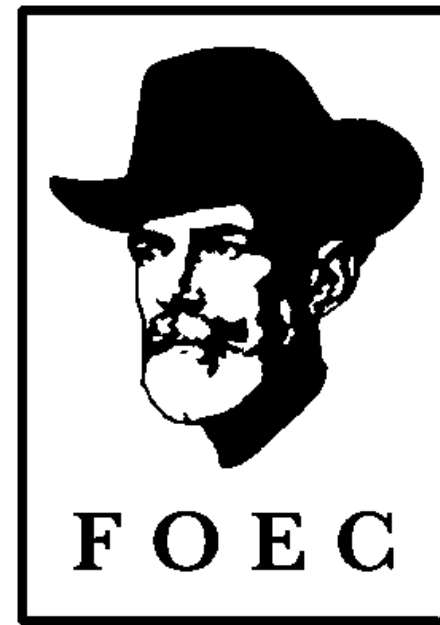
For over forty years he formed a strong bond with the people of Sheffield. He lived and worked in Sheffield as a lecturer and then became immersed in politics and social issues. He settled in Sheffield's outskirts at Millthorpe, Derbyshire. There he worked the land, wrote his poetry and political tracts, hosted all who visited him whether famous or not, and lived openly as a gay man.

His life was one of quiet celebration while his writings and example laid the foundation for the gay liberation movement of the twentieth century.

Through his many friendships and associations, Edward Carpenter transcended the divisions of class, gender, sexuality, race and creed. Men and women from across the world and from all walks of life came into connection with each other through him and his connections with Sheffield and his home at Millthorpe.

The Friends of Edward Carpenter aim to raise funds to establish a fitting memorial for Edward Carpenter, one that will provide both a concrete and spiritual focus for all who are inspired and influenced by him. We aim to commission a work of public art that has integrity and that will ensure a respectful place of pilgrimage, meditation, celebration and memorial in the heart of the City of Sheffield.

**Help us raise funds by joining these rides
and initiating two Carpenter trails.**



Friends of Edward Carpenter Fund Raising Bike Rides

MayDay Monday May 7 2012

**Morning Ride: Edward Carpenter in Sheffield
10.00 a.m. Meet at Barker's Pool**

A 10 mile ride to places where Carpenter lodged and lectured and spoke in Sheffield.

**Afternoon Ride: Edward Carpenter and Millthorpe
1.00 p.m. Meet at Peace Gardens**

A 20 mile return ride from Sheffield to Millthorpe visiting places where Carpenter lived, worked and wrote on the outskirts of Sheffield.

Both rides accompanied by short stops and talks about Carpenter

More information and maps and routes at

www.friendsofwardcarpenter.co.uk

The rides will be at an easy pace, nobody will be left behind.

Bring a picnic or buy lunch on the day

One form for each person completed in BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Please send in before the ride or bring this form, or fill one out, on the day

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Postcode: _____
 Telephone: _____ Mobile _____
 How did you hear about this Bike Ride?

I would like to register as a rider in the
10 mile route (morning)* 20 mile route (afternoon)*
Both rides* (*delete as appropriate)
Same fee - morning and/or afternoon

I enclose my entry fee £ _____
 Full cost: £10 in advance or £12 on day
 Concessions/under 16s: £5 in advance, £7 on day
But please try to raise as much as you can in sponsorship
I would like to donate to/hear more about the Friends of Edward
Carpenter. I enclose a donation of (cheques made payable to Friends of
Edward Carpenter) £ _____
Total enclosed: £ _____

Please sign here _____
(If under 16, signature of parent or guardian. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult)

Disclaimer: All entrants should ensure they are fit to cycle. Bikes will be safety checked before the ride. Friends of Edward Carpenter have risk-assessed the routes and taken out public liability insurance for the ride. You are reminded that you are cycling on the public highway and must therefore observe the Highway Code.

Sponsorship form		
Name	Address	Amount pledged

Please send sponsorship money/donations by cheque (payable to Friends of Edward Carpenter) to: FOEC, 50 Clifford Road, Sheffield, S11 9AQ or donate at <http://www.friendsofedwardcarpenter.co.uk/donate.htm>