

The logo for 'The Orgreave Inquiry' features the text 'The Orgreave Inquiry' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white circular outline that is open at the top and bottom, resembling a stylized 'C' or a partial circle. The background is a solid dark blue.

The Orgreave Inquiry

**Were you present at Orgreave on 18 June 1984, or impacted by the day's events?
Share your story and information.**

Foreword from the Chair

We launched the Orgreave Inquiry, which is an independent statutory inquiry, on 26 March 2026 to aid public understanding of the events at Orgreave Coking Plant on 18 June 1984 and the subsequent prosecutions of those arrested on the day.

In chairing the Orgreave Inquiry, I wish to help develop a fuller understanding of events that continue to have an impact today - for those who were present at Orgreave, for their families and communities, and for the relationship between police and the mining community.

While policing has changed significantly since 1984, serious questions about the specific events at Orgreave remain unanswered. I approach this responsibility with impartiality, humility, and a firm commitment to transparency. I will follow the evidence without prejudice, wherever it may lead, wholly independent of government, law enforcement, or any other public body.

As Chair, I encourage anyone with relevant information to come forward and contribute to this process. We want to hear from those directly affected and others with relevant knowledge or experience. Your engagement is vital to building a comprehensive and truthful account.

Every submission will be carefully reviewed as the Inquiry considers the material received to assess its relevance and contribute to building a clear and accurate understanding.

The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox
Chair, The Orgreave Inquiry

About Us



The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox - Inquiry Chair

The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox has over 35 years of ordained ministry. He became Bishop of Sheffield in 2017 and is a member of the House of Lords and a Church Commissioner.



Baroness Mary Bousted - Panel Member

Baroness Mary Bousted is a former senior trade union leader representing teachers, leaders and support staff.



Wendy Williams CBE - Panel Member

Wendy Williams CBE is a former Chief Crown Prosecutor and former Inspector with His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.



Dr Joanna Gilmore - Panel Member

Dr Joanna Gilmore is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of York, specialising in public order law, human rights and policing.



Dr Angie Sutton-Vane - Panel Member

Dr Angie Sutton-Vane is a historian specialising in evidence based research, historical accountability, and the preservation and interpretation of police records.

What is an Inquiry

The Orgreave Inquiry is governed by the Inquiries Act 2005 and Inquiry Rules 2006. Public Inquiries are independent of Government and are investigations into issues of public concern to establish what happened and why, and to make recommendations to prevent these circumstances occurring again.

As a statutory inquiry, it has legal powers to:

- Compel the production of documents and evidence
- Require witnesses to give evidence, in writing or under oath
- Access relevant government papers and records
- Hold public hearings where appropriate

The Inquiry's Chair is responsible for discharging the Inquiry's Terms of Reference and establishes the structure and procedures which govern the Inquiry. The Chair is supported by an Inquiry team including counsel, solicitors, assessors, and the Secretariat. On the conclusion of the Inquiry, the Chair publishes a report making findings of fact and recommendations.

Phases of the Inquiry

The Inquiry will follow a phased approach to ensure a thorough and fair process which will enable the participation of stakeholders and individuals.



What we want to know

We want to hear from any individual or organisation, involved in or impacted either directly or indirectly, by the events that took place at Orgreave, or their aftermath:

- Your recollections of the events at Orgreave on 18 June 1984 and any involvement you had.
- Whether you were involved in the planning or conduct of the events at Orgreave.
- Whether you were arrested or charged with any offences arising out of events at Orgreave.
- Whether you were involved in the charging decisions or the prosecutions arising out of events at Orgreave.
- The impact the events had upon you and/or the local community.
- Whether you have any documents relating to events at Orgreave.

Your identity will not be published or disclosed without your consent.

Who we want to hear from

We want to hear from anyone with information relevant to the Inquiry, not only those who were present on 18 June 1984. This includes individuals directly affected, family members, members of the mining community, former police officers and staff, journalists, historians, organisations, and anyone else with relevant knowledge, experience or material.

How to respond

There are many ways in which you can share your experience with the Inquiry. You can use the questionnaire in the pages overleaf if you wish and post this leaflet back to us using the freepost address below. You can answer as many or as few questions as you wish and the amount of detail is at your discretion. However, please do not feel limited to this method of sharing your experience. The Inquiry will accept your information in a way that works for you, as below.

Email: If you are able to provide an electronic response, please email us at legal@orgreave.public-inquiry.uk with your name, email address, and organisation (if any) you are submitting a response on behalf of. You will be emailed with instructions and a secure upload link where you can safely and securely upload your response and any supporting documents.

Post: If you would prefer to reply by post, including sending your questionnaire responses and any supporting documents, please use the freepost address: **Freepost ORGREAVE INQUIRY**. Please note, 'Orgreave Inquiry' needs to be in capitals for it to reach us. Please let us know if you would like your original documents returned to you in your response.

In person: If you have documents that you are unable to scan and would prefer not to post please contact us and we can look into arrangements to obtain the documents from you securely.

Listening will be at the heart of this Inquiry. Work is already underway to strengthen how we reach people, including those in former mining communities, and to ensure there are multiple, practical ways to participate, such as through community based discussions. Further details will be shared in due course.

If you are happy to provide it, please share your contact details below so that we can make further enquiries as required. We will also welcome anonymous submissions.

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Support

Engaging with an Inquiry process can bring up complex feelings, memories, and pressures at different stages.

To support you through this process, the Inquiry have partnered with Hestia who provide independent, trauma-informed emotional support to help you manage these challenges and feel safer and more supported throughout your involvement.

If you would like to know more about the service offered, please call **0800 246 5617** and leave a message or email **orgreaveinquiry.support@hestia.org**. One of our counselling co-ordinators will contact you to discuss your needs and arrange appropriate support.

Accessibility

We are committed to making the Inquiry as accessible as possible. This leaflet will be available in Braille and Welsh on request.