



University of Sheffield



Your guide
to Sheffield.

For students,
by students.

Your university city.

The big city vibe that feels like home

Sheffield has everything you'd expect to see in a major city and more. You'll get a vibrant big city feel as well as the space and adventure of the Peak District National Park.

It's a city that's safe, affordable, creative and welcoming. It's somewhere to fall in love with and set up home.



Your guide to
Sheffield



“Sheffield has
very quickly
become home
for me.”

**One of UK's
best student
cities**

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A guide for students, by students.

This guide has been shaped by our students so you can find out what it's really like to live in Sheffield.

Keep an eye out for our student editors – Ellanna and Samuel – as they share what makes Sheffield so great.

Find out
what makes
Sheffield
a great
university city



“After living here for nearly two years, I love this place!”

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A city like no other.

Sheffield is a
City of Sanctuary.
People in need of
safety are warmly
welcomed to
the city.



“The people in Sheffield
are so friendly. They
always seem willing to
help if they can, which
I love.”

Paula Ugochukwu
London
Journalism

A central city.



By train

<u>London to Sheffield</u>	2 hrs
<u>Birmingham to Sheffield</u>	1 hr 15 mins
<u>Nottingham to Sheffield</u>	50 mins
<u>Liverpool to Sheffield</u>	1 hr 45 mins
<u>Edinburgh to Sheffield</u>	3 hrs 45 mins
<u>Manchester to Sheffield</u>	50 mins
<u>Leeds to Sheffield</u>	40 mins

By road

Sheffield is right off the M1 and a stone's throw from other major roads. It's well connected and easy to get to from wherever you call home.

By plane

It's only an hour and half from Manchester or East Midlands Airport, so you can easily get to us from overseas or explore other countries.



An affordable city.

When you're away from home for the first time, it's good to know you can enjoy student life and stick to your budget. Sheffield is an affordable city, where you'll find lots of student discounts on shopping, travel and eating out.



Meadowhall
Image courtesy of Meadowhall

Sheffield is the 3rd most affordable student city in the UK
The Royal Bank of Scotland's Student Living Index 2022



The Crucible and Lyceum theatres



“There are so many amazing places to get food for under a tenner and for a few pounds you can watch a lot of recently released movies at the University.”

Massimiliano Zingarelli
Italy
Bioengineering



Coffee Revolution



Sheffield Supertram

Student deals you need to know about...

- ▶ Zoom Beyond 18-21 Travel Pass means bus and tram tickets for 80p.
- ▶ CINE26 gives you £4.50 tickets at The Showroom Cinema.
- ▶ £5.00 Sheffield Theatres tickets with Live for 5.
- ▶ £1.20 FirstBus single journey with a valid student ID.

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By
Ellanna
Duncan

Cost of a night out

Student life in Sheffield is great. You can go out partying and still be able to drink, travel and eat within budget.

The typical cost of a night out could look like:

Travel:

For £1.20, you can get the bus into town near to lots of bars and clubs. A taxi home might cost £5-10, but this is often split between your friends, or you can get the Safety Minibus from the Students' Union (SU) for £1.50.

Drinks:

Many places do deals on drinks, so you could get a spirit and mixer for £2 or a pint for roughly £3.50. Soft drinks and mocktails are really affordable too.

Food:

Nights out always end with food, we love to go to Pasam's and might spend around £5-7.



Great experiences.



Cutlery Works independent food hall (Kelham Island)

Food and drink.

You can't beat good food! Certain corners of Sheffield are defined by the food and drink they offer. Whether you're into street food or pub grub, you'll find something to satisfy your taste buds.

Church - Temple of Fun (Kelham Island)



“Within a 30 minute walk from campus there are restaurants from around the globe – Chinese, Italian, Caribbean, Thai, Lebanese, Japanese as well as British/American food. Having all these options is great for the adventurous eater and for international students, there is bound to be a place that reminds you of home.”

Kelci Vittachi
Hong Kong
Landscape Architecture



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**Samuel
Pestridge**

Food for thought

Three words to describe
the food in Sheffield
would have to be
**diverse, independent
and delicious.**

Sheffield is a great place to try new cuisines as the city has such a variety, you're always coming across lots of different new dishes to try.

Kommune is an awesome space that serves lots of different food all under one roof, it's a must visit in the city centre. Otherwise, there are **food markets** throughout the year around the Peace Gardens. During the Christmas period its great for hot chocolate and churros.

If you're vegan there's a great range of places to eat:

- ▶ **Fat Hippo** (In Kommune and Lane 7)
- ▶ **Bar One** for vegan burgers or **Grill and Go** for a vegan burrito. Affordable and convenient - they're from the SU so perfect for a student budget.
- ▶ **Proove Pizza** does the best vegan pizza EVER. It's a great place to go with your parents - especially if they're paying!
- ▶ **Falafel King** in Broomhall is a student staple.



Proove Pizza (Broomhill)



Chakra Lounge



Bar One (Students' Union)

Unit



City centre spots for halal food...

- ▶ **Unit** – American diner cuisine from burgers to milkshakes (they also cater for vegan and gluten-free).
- ▶ **Akbars** – Serving a variety of authentic Indian food.
- ▶ **Efes** – You'll find a range of delicious Turkish dishes.

Unforgettable nights.



The Tuesday Club at Foundry

Nightlife, music and festivals.



Foundry (Students' Union)

Just like in the daytime, Sheffield is a lively, creative, eclectic city after dark. There are classic pubs, swanky bars and some of the best club nights anywhere in the UK. You can enjoy live music in one of Sheffield's many venues or discover new bands at a festival.

Student picks...

- ▶ **Tank** – Student nights and live house, bass and techno music.
- ▶ **Corporation** – Alternative, pop and rock music and live music venue.
- ▶ **Foundry** – Your very own live music venue and club at the SU.



“I’m not usually one for nights out but I really enjoy the queer club night, Grapefruit, run regularly at Foundry. It feels so safe there to be myself and have a great time with my friends. There is also a Queer Open Mic (QueerComedySheff on Instagram) as well as space for LGBT+ students on campus.”

Samuel Pestridge
Exeter
Politics and Modern Languages
& Cultures

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Nights in the city

You don't always
have to go on
a night out in
Sheffield.



Roxy Ball Room

If going on a night out isn't really your thing or maybe you're just not in the mood, you could do activities like bowling, crazy golf or playing a sport with your friends. Societies are always putting on events in the evening which are really varied so you could try one of those.

If you're looking for a chilled night in, I love having movie nights with my flatmates or playing board games.

If drinking isn't your thing, you can still go out. There's lots of restaurants and friendly pubs and bars which offer a range of non-alcoholic drinks. These are great places to go to catch up with friends!



A night in at Ranmoor/Endcliffe accommodation



Coffee Revolution (campus)



“Peddler Market in Kelham Island has a wide array of street food vendors, artists and live music, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.”

Daniel Woodell
Chipping Norton
Economics

Festivals and music.

As the birthplace of Arctic Monkeys, Reverend and the Makers and Bring Me The Horizon – to name a few – it’s fair to say Sheffield knows a thing or two about music. And there’s no shortage of festivals either. Whatever you’re into, you’ll find something you love.

“Sheffield has a great range of festivals hosted all year round – there’s something for everyone with music festivals like Tramlines, Bassfest and Get Together. Or if you fancy checking out something a little more arty, you could go to Off the Shelf, Doc/Fest, or the Festival of the Mind.”

Ruby Watson
Whitley Bay
English Literature



Tramlines
© Richard Johnson

Festival of the Mind





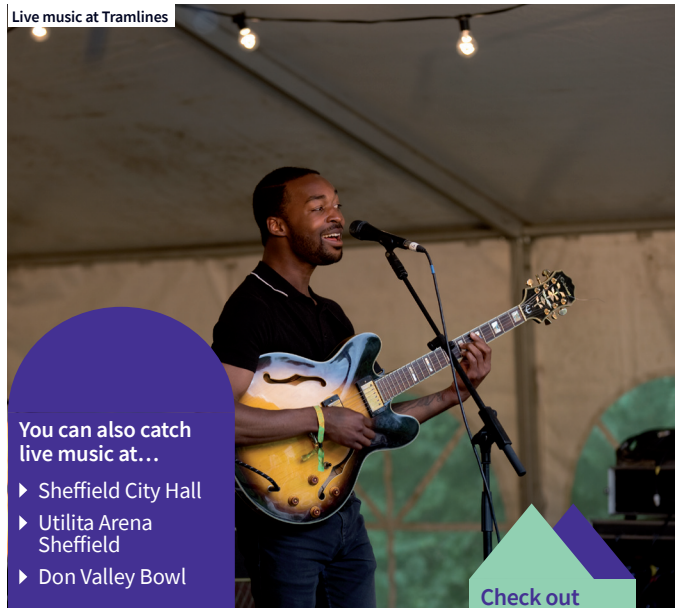
“Explore the local pubs and you’ll find that there’s always live music at weekends. There’s also loads of famous bands that play in Sheffield at venues like Foundry, Leadmill or the O2 Academy.”

James Barber
Cheshire
Architecture

Live music at Tramlines

You can also catch live music at...

- ▶ Sheffield City Hall
- ▶ Utilita Arena Sheffield
- ▶ Don Valley Bowl



Check out Sheffield’s music and nightlife scene



“It’s got nightlife you won’t find anywhere else.”



Bear Tree Records

Art and culture.

Sheffield is a city jam packed with creativity. You'll find art, culture and history gems on pretty much every street corner.

Did you know?

- ▶ The Millennium Galleries are linked to the Tate and the V&A.
- ▶ Sheffield has the largest regional theatre complex outside London.
- ▶ You'll find world-leading classical music year-round, plus the annual Classical Weekend festival.

Check out pioneering contemporary art at Site Gallery.



Millennium Gallery

Museums Sheffield have three great venues in the city centre – all for free!



Sheffield City Hall

And those with a keen eye will discover a thriving underground and street art scene across the city – including pieces by Pete McKee and Phlegm.



Street art by Phlegm



Firth Court

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A cultural hub

Sheffield has so
much to offer
when it comes
to culture.

You get big touring London productions and classical concerts with full orchestras in Sheffield City Hall. Classic ABBA nights at the Leadmill and experimental world music in Firth Court. There is such a range to explore and see what you enjoy. Students can also get great deals on events, so tickets might only cost £5!



Sheffield is also a vibrant indie film city. Local filmmakers and production companies are thriving and you'll find events where different directors, writers and producers share their work and celebrate the city together.

The University provides access to high end video and photography equipment for students to create their own work, which means they can explore their passions in a welcoming and encouraging community.

Close-knit communities.



Pollen, Inner-City Flower Market

Entertainment and activities.

You'll never be short on things to do in Sheffield. We're not all about the nightlife. When you're not studying, you could be shopping, socialising with friends or getting involved in some sporting action.



Vulgar (Division Street)



Monki

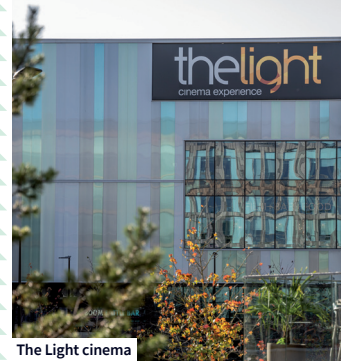
See what our students get up to in Sheffield on their day off



"There's lots of independent shops, pubs, bars and cafes that you can go to."

"One of the most attractive aspects of Sheffield is its vibrant, exciting entertainment culture. Sheffield is a city you will never find yourself bored in."

Georgia Turton
Sheffield
Sociology



The Light cinema

Entertainment.

“I never run out of things to do in Sheffield! A personal favourite is Golf Fang – we go there to play mini golf and enjoy the amazing food and drink. I also have an Odeon cinema membership. I pay around £15 a month, can see films as often as I like and I get a 10 per cent discount on snacks. Plus their recliner seats have so much space! I try and use student discounts where I can which means I don't break the bank, and Sheffield has loads on offer.”

Yanelle Redaus
London
Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Golf Fang



Student picks...

- ▶ **Escape rooms** – Sheffield has many to choose from.
- ▶ **Lane 7** – Bowling, burgers and old school arcade games.
- ▶ **Picture House Social** – Pizza, drinks, dancing and games.
- ▶ **Valley Centertainment** – Food, bowling and the cinema.

Shopping.

Sheffield offers it all when it comes to shopping – national brands, independent originals and high end designer stores.

Sheffield students love...

- ▶ **Meadowhall** – Over 290 stores, 50 restaurants and an 11 screen cinema.
- ▶ **IKEA Sheffield** – Everything you need to kit out your new room.
- ▶ **Big name supermarkets** – A huge variety for those weekly shops.
- ▶ **Zero waste and sustainable produce stores** – Sheffield has a range to choose from.

“One of my favourite things about Sheffield is the number of independent shops. The owners are so kind and chatty, and I always feel that it’s through these people that you best experience the community of Sheffield.

One area which is home to a lot of these businesses is the Devonshire Quarter, with plant shops such as MoonKo and Plantology and vintage clothes shops like Freshmans and Preloved Kilo. Some more great areas for independent businesses are Crookes, Ecclesall Road and the Moor Market.”

Joseph Cardoza
Manchester
Architectural Engineering



Just Natural (Crookes)



“At the Moor Market, there are lots of different traders, all very knowledgeable in their fields and able to help with cooking ideas! It’s better value than the supermarkets and guaranteed tasty stuff. There’s lots of choice and food from all over the world.”

Talitha Thompson
Manchester
Law with French Law



Sport.

In Sheffield you can experience national football tournaments, the legendary World Snooker Championships and the electrifying British Bouldering Championships!



Sport Sheffield (campus)



Ponds Forge



The Climbing Works

“Sheffield has a really vast sporting culture.”

Isaac Lewis King
Bristol
Psychology

The city is home to...

- ▶ 2 ice hockey teams
- ▶ 2 football teams
- ▶ 3 squash clubs
- ▶ 2 basketball teams
- ▶ Ponds Forge (an international sports centre)
- ▶ Numerous climbing walls

A green city.

Sheffield is one of the UK's greenest cities – pretty impressive right! We have way more trees than people and parks and green spaces are everywhere.

60 per cent of the city is green space – there's over two million trees and 250 gardens, parks and woodland areas.



Bolehills (Crookes)

Peak District.

In Sheffield, stunning countryside is just a walk or bus ride away. A third of the city lies within the Peak District National Park, where you can explore spectacular scenery, historic houses and lots of alpaca farms.

“The Peaks offer opportunities for a multitude of outdoor activities including walks, hill climbing, running trails, road cycling or mountain biking. It’s a real privilege to have such amazing countryside so close and it’s a great place for me to undertake my hobbies. It also provides a welcome change of pace from the stresses of general life.”

Greg Godwin
Oldham
Medicine



Parks.

There wouldn't be space in this guide to list all of Sheffield's parks. You'll just have to take our word that there's a place for you to study in the sun, play sports or socialise with friends.



“Crookes Valley Park, or CVP as it is known amongst students, is a great hang out place, especially in summer! When the sun's out, CVP is full of BBQs, sunbathing and music.

I lived in Endcliffe and I loved how pretty the surroundings were. I have never seen such a green, luscious student village before – it really helps to capture the green city Sheffield is known to be.”

Izzy Lalli
Derby
International Relations
and Politics



Students also love...

- ▶ **Weston Park** – Somewhere to relax right next to campus.
- ▶ **Bolehills** – Located in Crookes, with amazing views of Sheffield.
- ▶ **Botanical Gardens** – 19 acres of green space just off Ecclesall Road.
- ▶ **Winter Garden** – A giant glasshouse in the centre of the city, displaying thousands of plants from all over the world.



Mayfield Alpacas Animal Park



Sheffield Botanical Gardens (Ecclesall Road)

Sheffield's neighbourhoods.

Students make up around 10 per cent of Sheffield's population. So naturally, you'll be welcomed into a diverse community. Our students find Sheffield is somewhere they can call home with many staying on after university to start businesses and careers.

Though it's big, Sheffield is pretty easy to get around. You can walk to loads of places or hop on a bus or tram. You'll find there's lots to explore outside of the student accommodation areas, which you wouldn't normally get to know until you've lived here a while.

For a glimpse of what you can expect, read on.

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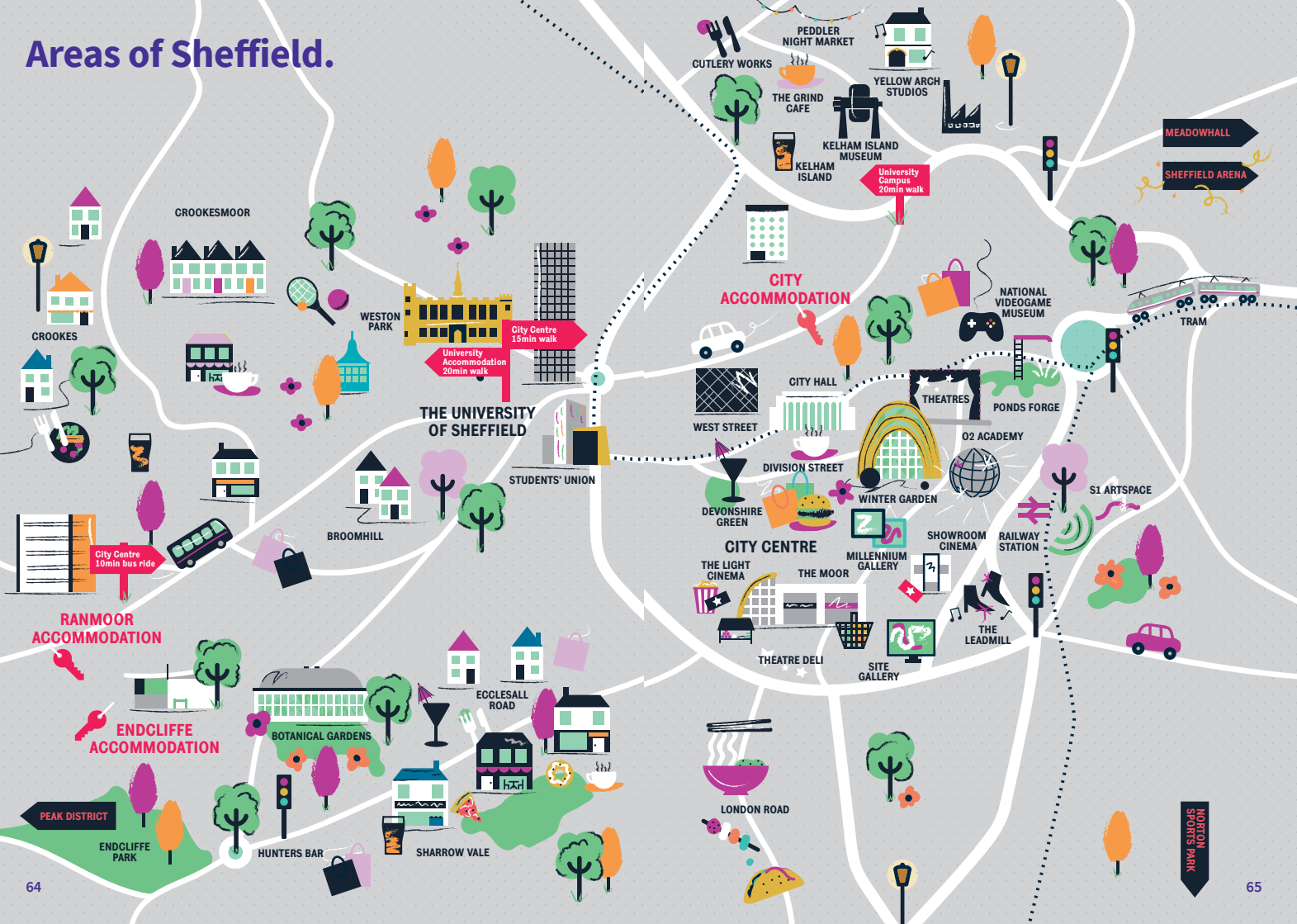
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Take a tour
around
Sheffield



“Sheffield is a diverse and inclusive city that's home to 60,000 students.”

Areas of Sheffield.



Campus

Our campus is part of the city's fabric, sitting between the city centre and the residential areas to the west. Central campus is mostly pedestrianised – with cycle routes and over 1,400 spaces for bikes.



The UK's number 1 Students' Union is at the heart of campus. You will find entertainment, shops, zero waste produce, a cinema, cafes, bars and some of the best club nights in the city.

The SU is also student budget friendly. Grab a meal deal for £3 or a coffee for £1. Use the clothes Swap Shop to refresh your wardrobe at no extra cost. Or dance the night away with affordable club night tickets.

“Sheffield has an amazing Students' Union. It's modern, with lots of varied food options and it's the real hub of student life.”

Jonathan Moriz
London
Structural
Engineering and
Architecture



**UK's number 1
Students' Union**
Whatuni Student Choice
Awards 2017-2022

“Global campus ambassadors create a friendly environment for both home and international students who might feel worried or homesick.”

Christianah Obajuwon
Kent
Law

Ranmoor/Endcliffe student accommodation

Home to the largest undergraduate student community in Sheffield, Ranmoor/Endcliffe accommodation is a short walk from campus and offer a safe and welcoming environment for you to make friends for life.



Not only will you find an onsite shop, bar and other facilities, the accommodation is close to many parks and a short bus ride away from the Peak District. Residence Life mentors also arrange 1000+ resident events and activities each year to keep your social calendar busy.

Students love...

- ▶ Village store
- ▶ Ridge common room
- ▶ The Edge Bar
- ▶ Free Fitness Suite

Broomhill, Crookes and Crookesmoor

Broomhill is a short walk from campus, on your way to Endcliffe and Ranmoor. Crookes and Crookesmoor are just next to Broomhill. You might choose to rent a house here in your second and third year so you can be more independent.



Unwrapped

“My favourite pub is The Bloomery in Broomhill – it does a quiz on Thursday!”

Freya Ingram
Chesterfield
Sociology



Crookes Valley Park

You'll find busy high streets with a good range of shops – from pharmacies, banks and charity shops, to zero-waste shops and supermarkets. Not to mention lots of cafes, pubs and bars. All areas are on main bus routes, with buses roughly every ten minutes to campus and the city.



Crookes residential area

Broomhill, Crookes and Crookesmoor Student view

“Broomhill is full of cute cafes, funky charity shops, cool pubs and delicious restaurants. Personal recommendations would be Vittles cafe for a cooked breakfast or Provee for some of the best pizza you've ever tasted.

Another fantastic area to explore nearby is Crookes, home to one of the best places to visit – Bolehills park. On any given night, groups of students can be found on picnic blankets watching the sunset over Sheffield.”

Martha Page
Cambridgeshire
Medicine

Division Street and Devonshire Green

With a distinctly independent vibe, Division Street is the place to be if you want to try something a little bit different. With plenty of cafes, vintage shops and bars, this alternative corner of the city offers plenty of treasures.

At its heart is Devonshire Green, which is usually full of people hanging out, eating food from the local takeaways or soaking up the sun.



- Student picks...**
- ▶ **Vulgar** - Find your next great purchase at this independent vintage shop.
 - ▶ **Forum** - All day dining, coffee, crafted cocktails and late-night DJs.
 - ▶ **Bungalows and Bears** - Quirky, cool, city centre music venue and burger joint.

Ecclesall Road and Sharrow Vale Road

Ecclesall Road is only a short walk from campus. It's packed with cafes, restaurants and independent shops.

Once you discover Sharrow Vale Road, you quickly become a regular. Tucked away behind Ecclesall Road, it has quirky pubs, stacks of indie shops and cafes and one of the oldest chippies in Yorkshire (Two Steps).



The Lescar pub



Made by Jonty cafe

Ecclesall Road and Sharrow Vale Student view

“Ecclesall Road is a place you can visit time after time and there’s always something different to do.

Sharrow Vale Road has cute little cafes including Eve Kitchen which do the most amazing fresh doughnuts. Then you can grab an Instagrammable snack from Pom Kitchen who specialise in vegan and vegetarian food.”

Aminah Patel
London
Medicine



London Road and Abbeydale Road

Vibrant and multicultural, London Road and Abbeydale Road sit south of the city centre, around a 20-minute walk from campus. Although a popular destination for its choice of restaurants and takeaways, you'll also discover international food shops to cook up a feast at home.



KH Oriental Supermarket



Student picks...

- ▶ **Ozmen International Food Centre** – Selling vegetables, fresh fruit, seafood and halal meat.
- ▶ **KH Oriental Supermarket** – The biggest Chinese supermarket in Sheffield.
- ▶ **Amigos** – Halal Mexican cuisine and grill.
- ▶ **Rassam's Creamery** – If you're in the mood for dessert, Rassam's is the place to go.

Kelham Island

Two minutes from campus by tram and a short walk away from the city centre, there's an urban neighbourhood waiting for you to explore. Food, drink, culture, music - Kelham Island has it all.

Kelham Island is the 35th coolest neighbourhood in the world

Time Out 2022



Riverside Kelham

Go for drinks on the rooftop bar at Kelu Sky Lounge and discover new music or find your next read at Kelham Island Books + Music.

Kelham Island Student view

“If you love music, the regular gigs at Yellow Arch Studios – where the Arctic Monkeys began – are a great introduction to Sheffield’s grass roots scene. And there are microbreweries, indie shops and art galleries in the area. But for me, Kelham Island’s biggest draw is the huge variety of amazing food.”

Tori Wensley
Sheffield
International Criminology

Depot Bakery



Student picks...

- ▶ **Cutlery Works** – The biggest independent food hall in the north of England. Everything from Korean fried chicken to burgers and tacos.
- ▶ **The Grind Cafe** – Gastro-cafe serving homemade dishes with amazing salads.
- ▶ **Craft and Dough** – Pizza and beers.
- ▶ **Piña** – Mexican bar and taqueria.
- ▶ **Church – Temple of Fun** – 100 per cent vegan bar and street food kitchen.



Cutlery Works



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