

your guide to Sheffield city centre



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things to look out for in the city centre...



New to Sheffield or do you know it like the back of your hand? With around 1000 listed buildings, there's much to explore in this historic city, starting with this year's venue.

Designed by Vincent E. Harris and built of Darley Dale stone, **Sheffield City Hall** opened in 1932 and is now a Grade II listed building.

It was used to promote peace concerts during World War II and just survived the Luftwaffe attacks in December 1940; to this day the frontage and pillars still bear the shrapnel scars.

The Art Deco building was lovingly refurbished in 2005 to preserve its original 1930's features.

Today it is Yorkshire's premier music venue and conference centre, with capacity for over 2000 delegates.

Just a stone's throw from City Hall, the sculpture '**Women of Steel**' recognises the women from all over South Yorkshire, some as young as 14, who were conscripted to work in steel works during the two world wars.



With most of the men away at war, this hot and noisy work in the steel plants and factories in and around Sheffield was more important than ever.

Stationed on the corner of Surrey Street next to Sheffield Town Hall and listed as Grade II, **The Police Box** is the sole survivor of Sheffield's 120 police boxes. First introduced by Chief Constable Percy J. Sillitoe in 1928, the Sheffield boxes were sited on police beats all over the city and provided a direct telephone link with the local police station. A 'blue' electric lamp was located on the top of each box; controlled from the local station they were used to indicate when an important message was to be relayed.



Patrolling officers used the boxes for meal breaks and to write reports. The boxes became obsolete in the 1960's with the development of improved communications and the increased use of police vehicles.



To celebrate every Team GB and Paralympics GB gold medal won during the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, Royal Mail painted more than 100 of its iconic red post boxes gold.

The **Golden Post Box** outside City Hall marks Jessica Ennis-Hill's gold medal-winning performance in the Women's Heptathlon.

Sheffield Legends is a 'walk of fame' located outside Sheffield Town Hall honouring famous people from or with a strong association to Sheffield. Nominations are held annually and a Sheffield Legend is honoured with a plaque joining other local heroes such as Gordon Banks, Sean Bean, Michael Palin and Joe Simpson.



getting around...

By bike:

Sheffield City Hall is a pleasant ten-minute walk from the railway station (see Route 3 on the map overleaf). If you would like to explore further afield, why not hire a bike to see more of the city.

Bikes are available to hire at the station.

For more information go to:

www.russellsbicyclshed.co.uk



By tram:

Sheffield City Hall has its own tram stop. Take the blue route from Sheffield Railway Station towards Malin Bridge.

For more details visit: www.supertram.com



By bus:

The City Hall lies on several bus routes. Visit: www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

On foot:

Recommended walking routes to all three hotels are shown on the map overleaf →



