

Doncaster: A Regenerated Town

Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield is the UK's newest international airport and was voted the third best airport in the UK for passenger satisfaction by Which magazine; by 2030 the airport aims to be serving 10.8m passengers and 120,000 tonnes of freight.

Doncaster Racecourse recently underwent a £35m refurbishment of its stands and conferencing facilities and it continues to be one of the world's premier horseracing tracks and conference centres.

The £250m redevelopment of the **Frenchgate Shopping Centre** and new transport interchange has propelled Doncaster onto the list of top 20 shopping destinations in the UK.

The £32m **Lakeside Sports Complex** has delivered innovative sports and educational facilities including the **15,000 seat Keepmoat Stadium**.

Doncaster's prestigious **Lakeside Development** features retail, residential and offices around a 49 acre lake. Over 49 acres of brown field land are still to be released for future development.

Doncaster College is now primarily located at The Hub, a £65m building that sits in the heart of Doncaster's Waterfront area; the College provides Further and Higher Education to over 17,000 learners from Foundation Level to Masters Degrees.

Success Doncaster, an enterprise, skills and work programme run by Doncaster Council, has supported 7,327 businesses and individuals since it was launched in 2007.

Doncaster: A Visionary Town

Hatfield Power Park will include the world's largest 'clean coal' power station and attract a range of new industries to its 95 acre mixed use development site.

The Civic and Cultural Quarter is a £300m regeneration project which will transform 25% of Doncaster's town centre. The scheme is expected to deliver a £60m boost to the local economy and create over 1,500 jobs by attracting a different commercial mix to the town. It will also include a unique, multi-purpose New Performance Venue that will increasingly broaden Doncaster's cultural offer and drive the development of the evening economy.

Doncaster Waterfront is, at 114 acres, one of the largest waterside development sites in the UK; this £300m scheme will reconnect the town centre with its waterways bringing quality residential, commercial and leisure facilities.

Church View, the former Art College, is being transformed into a centre for the **Creative and Digital sector**; situated close to Doncaster College and the Waterfront Development it will help foster a creative cluster close to Doncaster's town centre and railway station.

The Building Schools for the Future programme is a £230m investment in schools and ICT and will transform learning environments so that young people and the wider community can obtain 21st Century skills and qualifications.

Doncaster: A Well Connected Town

The £112m **Digital Region** project will provide 90% of Doncaster users with superfast 25mbps internet access by 2012.

Doncaster is well placed on the UK's motorway infrastructure being close to the M1, M18, M62, M180, and A1(M). 40 million people, 74% of the UK population, live within a 4 ½ hour HGV journey of Doncaster and the top 10 cities (by population) in the UK are within a 5 hour drive of the town.

A 445 acre Inland Port to handle national and international freight through rail connected warehouses has been granted outline planning permission.

Doncaster is a mere 88 minutes from London by train; Doncaster train station on the **East Coast Mainline** serves the largest number of rail operators in the UK.

Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield has huge potential for investment due to its 800 acre infrastructure and 164 acre business park.

Doncaster is only a 40 minutes drive away from the **Humber Ports** of Hull, Goole, Grimsby and Immingham.

Doncaster is within a one hour drive of **ten UK universities**.

Invest in Doncaster, part of Doncaster Council, promotes inward investment into the town on a local, regional, national and international scale.

Doncaster: A Historic Town

The famous locomotives the Flying Scotsman (1923) and the Mallard (1938) were designed and built in Doncaster.

Doncaster Racecourse is home to the **St Leger Festival**, the world's oldest 'classic' horserace, which first ran in 1776. Today Doncaster attracts 60,000 people to Leger Week every year.

Doncaster's Mansion House is one of only three in the country.

The UK's **first ever air race** took place in Doncaster in 1909.

Doncaster market has over 600 stalls and is one of the liveliest in the country; it dates back over 800 years.

The borough has two **Norman Castles** at Tickhill and Conisbrough.

Two of the original **Pilgrim Fathers**, William Bradford and William Brewster were born in Doncaster.

Doncaster is home to **Doncaster Rovers Belles, Doncaster Knights, Doncaster Dons and Doncaster Rovers**; the latter being recognised as the most over-achieving football club in recent history.