

Welcome to Sheffield, the home of steel and association football.

Sheffield is famous for being built on seven hills but today's tour is mostly flat with the odd slope and only a short walk up a gentle hill, after which the reward is lunch.

Unlike recent visits we will always be within a 10 minute walk of Midland station as I feel pubs here have been overlooked in the past and the Tap is frequently only visited by the keener attendees. I feel there is still a fine selection but you must judge for yourselves . . .

To tour the selected pubs, we will **not** start at a Wetherspoons but instead we can breakfast at the **Showroom Café**, and **note** that we will also be **imbibing here** since this guarantees an opportunity to sample ale from The Abbeydale Brewery. To this end the kitty will purchase a drink for attendees. However, it is also easy for people to enjoy a tram trip directly to a Wetherspoons, **The Banker's Draft**, and then return to the **Showroom Café** or join at the first pub, **The Sheffield Tap**.

The walk to the **Showroom Café** is about 200 yards and takes under 5 minutes. Leave through the middle set of doors at the front of the station and slip right to walk up Sheaf Square between the two water features. If you look to your left as you exit the station you will see the Steel Salmon sculpture which celebrates their return to the river Don. The steel wall waterfall to the right is officially called The Cutting Edge but is referred to locally as The World's Largest Urinal. After the short walk, cross Sheaf Street at the pelican and carry on towards the mock Tudor Howard pub (Marston's) but after about 20 yards turn left into Paternoster Row. The **Showroom Café** is on your left after a walk of about 50 yards.

**1 The Showroom Café    15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX    Opens 09:00    JB Times   => 11:20ish**

The Showroom Café is an art deco building built in 1936 for the Kennings car dealership and that heritage can still be seen through images of the letter K appearing in the original metalwork. Diagonally across the road from the café is the long defunct National Centre for Popular Music, a failed millennium project. The building is known locally as the kettle drums and is now home to the Hallam University Student Union and is known to them as The HUBS. Just past The Hubs is Charles Street which leads to **Wellies** café and **The Red Lion**.

Food and beer are served from 09:00 with the following ales routinely available; Abbeydale's Daily Bread, Heathen, and Moonshine together with Thornbridge's Jaipur and Camden Pale Ale.

I ordered the sausage bap but was disconcerted to receive an open toasted bun with pea shoots on the sausage half! Fortunately, once I'd spread the two pats of butter on the roll halves, I reassembled a very tasty traditional offering. I ate the pea shoots separately in the belief this constituted one of my five-a-day. The brunch menu is included towards the end along with a picture of the sausage bap.

Please read on for alternative breakfast options...

If you follow the path from the **Showroom Café** towards **The Red Lion**, then after 150 yards you come to a small café on your left called **Wellies** which sells keenly priced traditional fare, e.g. Bacon or Sausage rolls at £3.20, a Breakfast Wrap of Bacon, Sausage, Cheese & Hash Brown at £5.20 or a cooked breakfast of Two Bacon, Two Sausages, Egg, Beans, Mushrooms, Tomatoes & Toast for £7.50.

To breakfast at Wetherspoons, exit the station from the overbridge at the platform 6 stairs end and take the lift or short flight of steps up to the tram stop. Take any **blue** or **purple** tram, i.e. any tram, towards the city and get off at **Castle Square**. Having alighted, turn around and look slightly to your left for **The Banker's Draft** on the corner of the road which is about 25 yards across the tram tracks.

Remember that National Bus Passes can be used on the Supertram after **09:30**.

To return to the station, leave **The Banker's Draft** and wait at that side of the tram stop for any **blue** or **purple** tram but **do not** use any other tram route, see the tram layout towards the end for details. As a point of interest, Castle Square is situated on the site of the iconic 'Hole in the Road'.

Our next stop is less than 5 minutes away. Turn right out of the café and retrace your steps back towards the station. After crossing Sheaf Street at the pelican, turn immediately left keeping The Cutting Edge water feature to the right, and follow the curve of the road down to the far-left hand corner of the station where we find **The Sheffield Tap**.

**2 The Sheffield Tap 1B Sheffield Station, S1 2BP Opens 11:00 JB Times 11:25ish => 12:10ish**

Please note there is no access from platform 1B. On entering from Sheaf Street, you pass the name plate for GWR 6964, Thornbridge Hall, and can enjoy the panelled rooms and comfortable leather seats. On the visit there were 3 of their own Tap beers, 2 from Thornbridge, Catch The Sunrise & Jaipur, Timothy Taylor's Boltmaker, Yorkshire Heart's Blackheart Stout, Anarchy's Hellraiser, Rudgate's Valkyrie and Bonza's Aussie Pale Ale.

The next leg takes just over 5 minutes. Leave the Tap and turn left at Sheaf Street, walk the short distance to the pelican and cross to the other side. Walk under the canopy towards the Interchange and use the crossing at the end but do not enter the Interchange. Turn right and use the crossing, on the other side turn left and follow the path. After about 100 yards the path curves to the right but if you look ahead to the other side of the road you will see an arch, helpfully labelled "**The Queen's Head Public House**". Go through the arch and our pub is on the right.

**3 The Old Queen's Head 40 Pond Hill, S1 2BG Opens 12:00 JB Times 12:15 => 12:45**

Unlike The Howard, this is not a mock Tudor building having been built ca. 1475, some 10 years before Henry VII came to the throne to start the Tudor period and is Sheffield's oldest residential property. Our pub opened its doors in 1840 and the name is believed to refer to Mary, Queen of Scots, who was imprisoned in Sheffield Manor Lodge from 1570 to 1584.

This is a Thwaites pub with 5 pumps, two of which are changing varieties. On the recce the beers were Amber, Gold. IPA, Mild and Original.

The next leg takes just under 10 minutes. Leave the pub towards the right, turn left onto Pond Hill and walk about 100 yards up the gentle slope. If you look directly behind you can see a section of the colourful Park Hill Flats, famous in the 60s as the Streets in the Skies and again in the 20s as the inspiration for Richard Hawley's musical, Standing at the Sky's Edge. At the end of the road, opposite the Penny Black (Greene King) turn 'wide' left to enter the Interchange and walk undercover between platforms A & B, do not go down any steps. On exiting the Interchange, cross the road and slip right onto Pond Street and walk about 200 yards back up to the Showroom Café, cross the road and carry on pass The HUBS before immediately turning right up Charles Street. The pub is about 200 yards up this gentle hill, half way up on the left is Wellies café, at the corner of Eyre Lane we reach **The Red Lion**.

**4 The Red Lion 109 Charles Street, S1 2ND Opens 11:30 JB Times 12:55 => 13:40**

This is a cosy pub with a pleasant but compact beer garden.

3 regular beers are served. Bradfield's Farmers Blonde, Stancill's Barnsley Bitter & Blonde. There is usually one changing beer but none was available on the recce.

This is our food stop, serving traditional homemade pub grub, on the recce the special was meat and potato pie. Food is ordered from a separate counter, go past the bar, up the little steps and go right. The menu can be found at the end.

It's just a few minutes to our next venue. Turn left out of the pub and go down the hill about 50 yards, turn right by Wellies café onto Arundel Street. Walk to the end of the street and turn left onto Furnival Street, after another short walk down the slope we find our final pub on the corner, the **Rutland Arms**.

**5 Rutland Arms 86 Brown Street, S1 2BS Opens 12:00 JB Times 13:45 =>**

This is a one room pub with a yard at the back. It serves four Blue Bee beers, on the recce were Reet Pale, Hillfoot Best Bitter, Nowadays Dark Mild and American Five Hop. There were three changing beers, Two By Two's Azacca Mosaic, Marble Beer's Silly Point and Disruption's Shadow of Darkness stout.

To return to the station, turn left out of the pub and walk along Brown Street to the Showroom Café and then retrace your steps back, crossing Sheaf Street at the pelican by The Howard and then walking down Sheaf Square between the two water features. Allow 15 minutes to get to your platform but 20 if you need the lift to the overbridge as it is the world's slowest lift!

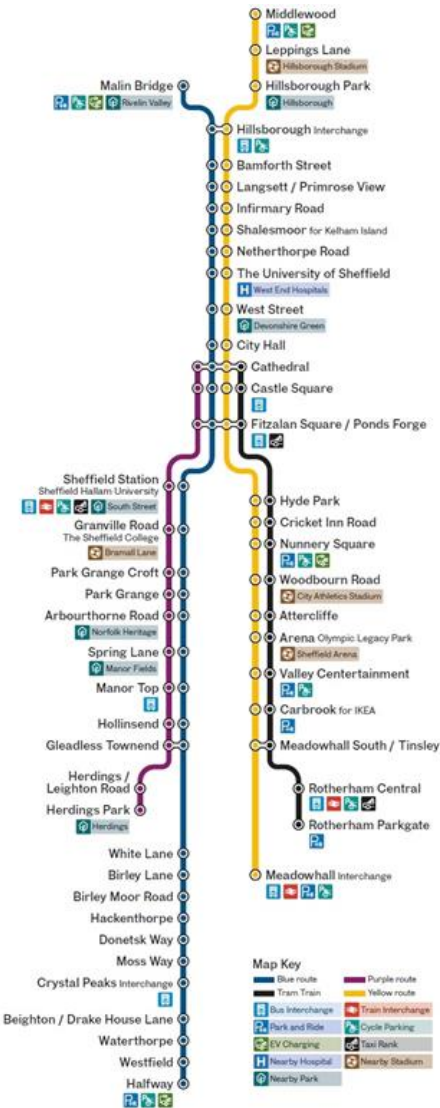
SHOWROOM CAFÉ BAR

# MENU

BRUNCH

Served from 10am - 2pm, Mon to Sat  
and 10.30am - 2pm on Sundays.

<b>Avocado Toast (ve)</b> Grilled Sourdough toast topped with fresh avocado, grilled mushroom and cherry tomatoes.	7
<b>Breakfast Wrap</b> Warm toasted tortilla with grilled bacon, scrambled eggs, wilted spinach, potato hash and spicy pinto beans.	10
<b>Vegan Breakfast Wrap (ve)</b> Warm toasted tortilla with scrambled tofu, wilted spinach, potato hash and spicy pinto beans.	10
<b>English Breakfast</b> Grilled bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, grilled mushroom, tomato, baked beans, hash brown and sourdough toast.	10
<b>Vegan English Breakfast (ve, gfa)</b> Moving Mountains sausage, scrambled tofu, grilled mushroom, tomato, baked beans, hash brown and sourdough toast.	10
<b>Bacon Bap (gfa)</b> Grilled bacon on a soft, floured bun.	4.5
<b>Sausage Bap</b> Grilled sausage on a soft, floured bun.	4.5
<b>Vegan Sausage Bap (ve)</b> Grilled Moving Mountains sausage on a soft, floured bun.	4.5
<b>Eggs Benedict (gfa)</b> English muffin topped with cured ham and hollandaise sauce.	12
<b>Eggs Florentine (gfa)</b> English muffin topped with wilted spinach and hollandaise sauce.	11



Deconstructed Sausage Sandwich



## Red Lion Menu

### Burgers

Served on a white roll, chips or wedges and a salad garnish.

1. Choose your Burger;  
Beef Burger £6.75  
Spicy Bean Burger £6.75  
Southern Fried Chicken Burger £6.95  
Spicy Chicken Burger £6.95
2. Choose Chips or Wedges
3. Choose extra fillings;  
Extra Burger £2.50  
Bacon £1.25p  
Cheese- 95p  
Onions - 75p

### Sandwiches

Served on a white roll, with chips or wedges and a salad garnish.

Choose your filling;

#### Hot

- Chip Butty £4.00
- Chicken Club £5.95 add bacon £1.25
- Bacon and Mushroom £5.50
- Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato £5.50
- Sausage and Onion £5.95
- Beer Battered Fish Fingers £6.50
- Beef in onion gravy £6.50

#### Cold

- Cheese £5.50
- Ham £5.75
- Tuna £5.75

Add Extra Toppings:

- Tomato 50p
- Onion 75p
- Cheese 95p

#### Sides

- Chips £2.50
- Wedges £2.50
- Garlic Bread £3.50

### Jacket Spuds

All served with a Salad Garnish.

- Plain with Butter £4.95
- Cheese £5.95
- Chilli £6.75
- Beans £5.50
- Tuna £6.75
- Add Cheese for 95p

### Mains

Sausage and mash - Served on a bed of creamy mash potatoes with onions, peas and gravy. £8.50

Cottage pie-topped with melted cheese, chips and peas £8.50

Lasagne - Topped with cheese, served with chips or Garlic bread and a salad garnish. £8.50

Beef mince chilli con carne - Served with tortilla chips, and Rice or chips £8.50

Spicy 5 bean chilli - Served with tortilla chips, and rice or chips. £8.50 (V)

BBQ chicken melt - 2 chicken breasts topped with bacon, BBQ sauce and melted cheese served with chips, peas, garlic bread and a salad garnish. £8.95

Salmon and sweet potato fishcakes - served with chips or rice and salad garnish £8.50

Vegan Thai Penang curry- served with rice or chips £8.50

Whitby breaded scampi - Served with chips + peas £8.95

Fish and Chips-Homemade, beer battered fish, served with chips + peas £9.45

Chicken Curry- served with rice or chips £8.50