

## Doncaster: A Prosperous Town

Doncaster Chamber's 'Buy Doncaster' campaign aims to encourage and inspire businesses to support Doncaster's economy and think about sourcing locally when procuring goods and services.

Businesses are able to use their purchasing power to enable the local economy to sustain future growth by being persistent and consistent in developing links with new customers and suppliers.

The Chamber is also working with key partners in Doncaster, including NHS Doncaster, Doncaster Council and Doncaster College to ensure local businesses can access opportunities to supply these major public agencies. As a result, the number of Doncaster businesses registered with the Council's tendering website has significantly increased however we want to continue driving the number of Doncaster businesses up to ensure that they have an even greater opportunity to supply to the local public sector.

'Buy Doncaster' is also about raising the profile of Doncaster locally, regionally and nationally; encouraging companies who may be thinking about relocating to think about buying into the area.

## Doncaster: A Businesslike Town

"As Doncaster Chamber President, I am fortunate enough to meet, each day, ambassadors for Doncaster – from entrepreneurs, sole traders and start-up businesses to leaders of industry and owners of multinational companies; the one thing these people all have in common, is that we are passionate about Doncaster as a place to do business, a place to provide opportunities and a place to be proud of.

As a town, we don't celebrate our achievements enough, this booklet aims to highlight just a few of Doncaster's successes that we should be shouting from the roof tops. We are a thriving town, full of award winning and successful businesses and entrepreneurs that are proud to be part of Doncaster's business community. Doncaster is a great place to do business and key transformational projects planned for the near future will continue to change the face of Doncaster, enabling the town to embrace new opportunities."

Nigel Brewster, President, Doncaster Chamber

"Doncaster is the most enterprising place in the UK and you better believe it. A culture of enterprise is embedded into everything we are and do. Just look at the statistics. In the last 18 months, 761 new business start-ups, 1,492 new jobs created and over 7,000 businesses and individuals engaged with. Doncaster is open for business and moving forward at a rapid rate."

Peter Davies, The Mayor of Doncaster



Doncaster Chamber is an independent, member-led organisation representing and supporting over 1200 businesses in the Doncaster region.

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## Invest in Doncaster

Invest in Doncaster provides comprehensive packages of support to help companies who wish to move to Doncaster, expand or relocate within the region.

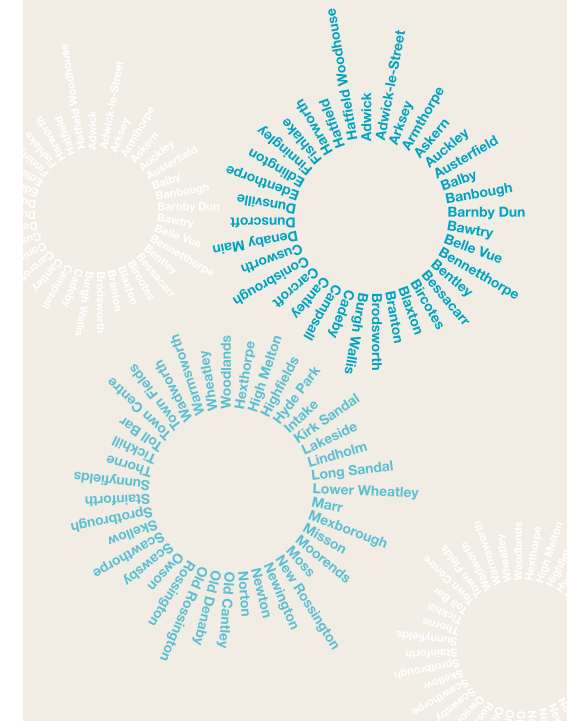
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## Doncaster: An Enterprising Town



## 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 over 10,000 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.