



HOUSE HUNTING AREA GUIDE

Our toolkits are an essential
read before you sign on

THE DOTTED LINE!



Signing up early? Think again!

Don't believe the myth that there is a shortage of student housing in Sheffield -it's not true!

Unfortunately house hunting starts early in Sheffield, but that doesn't have to be the case. Despite what you may have heard, there is actually a surplus of student property in Sheffield, so you'll be able to find student accommodation at any point in the year - so don't panic, and take your time! Students who don't start house hunting until the summer before they return to University still secure good properties. We see many students each year that sign up very early, then change their minds a few months later - usually because they have fallen out with their friends or have realised they cannot afford the new rent or have changed their study plans. Once you have signed a tenancy agreement you are not usually able to change your mind and may find yourself having to pay the rent whether you move in or not.

House hunting can be daunting and a very stressful experience.

The safest way to find accommodation is through Sheffield Hallam University's Accommodation Services website. All properties advertised are part of a scheme with Sheffield City Council called Snug. This means that they are inspected by Sheffield City Council before they are allowed to advertise on the website.

For further information visit:
shustudenthousing.co.uk/accommodation

JESSICA'S STORY

"Just after I moved into my accommodation in my first year, everyone was saying that we should look for a house for next year. There was a buzz about finding houses for next year, letting agents started advertising. I had just made friends with 5 other girls all in their first year and new to Hallam and we decided to share a house together. I thought it was early but everyone was talking about it so we started looking. We found a property we liked, but not everyone went to view it. We made a decision and signed up for a property to start the following July and paid our deposits, luckily I had just received my student funding so I could afford the deposit. However, after Christmas one of the girls I was moving in with, fell out with us and so I decided that I didn't want to move into the property. I went to the Students' Union Advice Service for advice- they told me what my rights were, but basically I could only get out of the contract if I could find a replacement tenant. As of yet I haven't managed to do so and I am not looking forward to moving in. I wish now that I didn't sign up so early."



What is Snug?

Snug is a property inspection standard that is awarded when homes meet the required standard of property and tenancy management, and the landlord is considered 'fit and proper'. These standards are set by your Students' Union, Sheffield Hallam University, and Sheffield City Council, to make sure you get more than just a roof over your head - you get a decent home. The University of Sheffield and the University of Sheffield Students' Union are also part of the Snug partnership, which means it is a Sheffield-wide scheme.

The Snug scheme aims to ensure that...

- Landlords are trustworthy and accountable
- Housing is safe, secure, and of a higher quality
- Accommodation is easy to find

The majority of student landlords are professional and ensure that you pay fairly for a good house, but we are aware that

there are some that are not. Snug is a way to ensure that you can distinguish between landlords and agents who comply with their responsibilities and those who do not.

Remember, though, it is the property that is accredited, not the landlord.

In time, we hope Snug will reduce, or even remove, the market opportunities for those landlords who aren't willing to meet their obligations.

How many properties are Snug approved?

As of the start of 2018, there were 550 Snug properties, with a total of nearly 14,000 bed spaces.

Where can I find Snug properties?

First and foremost, we encourage you to ALWAYS ask if the property is Snug approved when speaking to a landlord or letting agent. All the private sector properties offered on the University's Accommodation Services website have been accredited by Snug. That means you can be confident they've been inspected by Sheffield City Council and comply with strict rules.

Why is a Snug accredited property better than a non-Snug accredited property?

The property has been inspected by Sheffield City Council and meets the health and safety law. Your landlord has agreed to meet health and safety legal requirements which includes the management of the property.

This means that:

- Your landlord should treat you in a fair manner
- You should be given a copy of your tenancy agreement
- You should be given a copy of the gas safety certificate
- You should be given a non-emergency number and an emergency repairs number at the start of your tenancy.

BROOMHALL

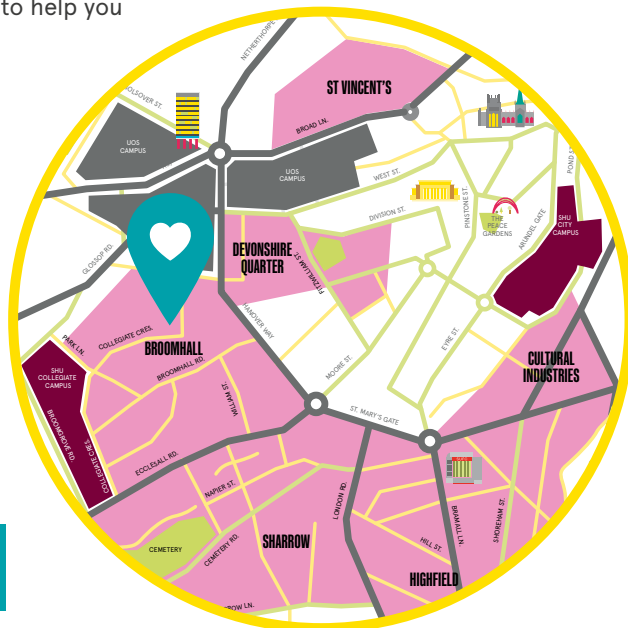
Broomhall is a wonderfully interesting and vibrant community, home to a huge range of different residents - old, young, student, non-student, and very culturally diverse. Stretching from Collegiate Crescent right into the city centre's Devonshire Quarter, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved with your amazing local community.

Things to look out for

1. **Broomhall Centre** - The Broomhall Centre is central to life in the area for many residents, and offers a full 7-day programme of activities and events. From live music, festivals and volunteering opportunities, make sure you pay the Centre a visit!
2. **Sunnybank Nature Reserve** - a real hidden treasure in the heart of Broomhall, this tiny nature reserve is a great place to relax, study or even explore the wildlife!
3. **Unity Gym** - much more than just a gym, Unity Gym uses sports, fitness classes and other events to bring all Broomhall residents together in a fun & friendly environment. It's a fantastic, welcoming place to help you meet new people!

One for the calendar

Broomhall Gala is a fantastic day, bringing together the whole community to celebrate Broomhall and its residents - games, stalls, activities, great food, music & dance, it's all here!



Collegiate Campus (5mins)
City Campus/HUBS (20mins)



HIGHFIELD

Highfield is a wonderful, residential community and Jessica Ennis-Hills' old stomping ground! Many students make their homes here whilst at University, and it is just a stone's throw to both Collegiate and City Campuses! Highfield is also home to Sheffield United FC, and as one of the oldest professional football grounds in the world, Bramall Lane is a must see!

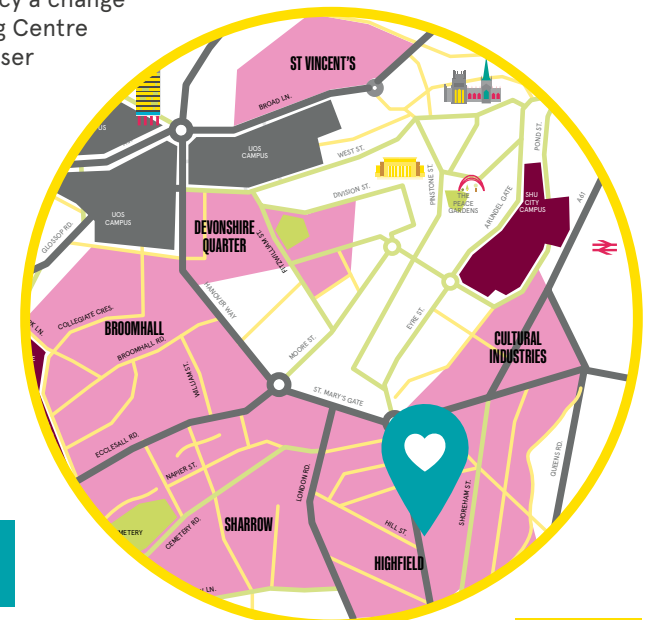
Things to look out for

Highfield sits right on the edge of London Road, so it's surrounded by lots of exciting businesses and places to go to, but right on your doorstep you have:

1. **St Mary's Church** - more than just a church, this beautiful building is also a café, community centre and regularly home to vintage and craft markets!
2. **Portland Works** - the birthplace of stainless steel, this Grade II* listed building is steeped in history, and holds regular open days and events. A real historical and cultural gem!
3. **Highfield Library** - A great local library in a fantastic location. If you fancy a change from Adsetts or the Learning Centre and want to study a little closer to home, why not work in Highfield's very own learning space?

One for the calendar

St Mary's Church Vintage & Craft Markets - taking place every few months, these are a great day out with over 45 stalls, great food and an even better atmosphere!



Collegiate Campus (15 mins)
City Campus/HUBS (10 mins)



HUNTERS BAR

Based right at the end of Ecclesall Road the Hunter's Bar community is a vibrant and friendly area. From the quiet beauty of Endcliffe Park to the busy local stores and buzz of the local bars, there's plenty to do and see around the area!

Things to look out for

1. **ECCO** - The Endcliffe Corner Community Organisation are an active community group in the area and are always keen for students to get involved! Photography days, pub nights, cinema outings - there's something for everyone!
2. **Endcliffe Park** - One of Sheffield's 80 public parks, this is a great place to exercise and even better for a quiet walk or a picnic with your housemates! Stroll by the River Porter & check out the wildlife.
3. **Botanical Gardens** - 19 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, home to 4000 types of plants, three ponds and a bear pit! All free and within a minute's walk from Ecclesall Road, this is not to be missed!

One for the calendar

The Sheffield Hallam Park Run is a free 5k run held each Saturday morning at Endcliffe Park. All are welcome regardless of athletic ability, a great way to get some fresh air and meet people, then grab a coffee in the Endcliffe Park Café afterwards!

Collegiate Campus (10 mins)
City Campus/HUBS (30 mins)



SHARROW

Sharrow is a vibrant, multi-cultural community close to the hustle and bustle of London Road and only minutes from the City Centre. It has a really friendly and welcoming atmosphere with plenty of amazing, independent local businesses and events going on! Make sure you check out Sheffield's Antiques Quarter around Abbeydale Road for some incredible vintage bargains!

Things to look out for

Amongst all the great eateries on London Road and the fantastic shops, keep an eye out for:

1. **Sharrow Community Forum** - a great little community centre with a fab café, a huge range of daytime and evening classes, events and volunteering opportunities!
2. **Mount Pleasant Park** - one of Sheffield's 80 public parks, this beautiful green space is a great place to play sport, have a picnic or just relax!
3. **Sheffield Chinese Community Centre** - Here to support the local Chinese community; the centre hosts a massive variety of events and opportunities for all!

One for the calendar

Sharrow Lantern Carnival takes place one night each Spring, illuminating the whole community as thousands of people parade their wonderful home-made lanterns from Mount Pleasant Park to the General Cemetery for a huge party!

Collegiate Campus (10 mins)
City Campus/HUBS (15 mins)



SHARROW VALE

Sharrow Vale is a busy, bustling community close to Eccelsall Road where local business is key! There's plenty of independent stores, boutiques and amazing restaurants along Sharrow Vale Road, and a fantastic mixture of students and non-student residents in the area. Sharrow Vale is a fabulously lively and quirky place to live!

Things to look out for

If you can tear your eyes from the great places to eat on Sharrow Vale Road, then you should take a look for:

1. **Sharrow Vale Community Association** - This community group meet regularly to discuss the events and issues in the area; head to one of their meetings! You might even be able to help planning the Sharrow Vale Market.
2. **Sheffield General Cemetery** - one of Sheffield's hidden cultural gems, this is a MUST SEE for all lovers of history, wildlife and architecture. Tours available on the first Sunday of each month.
3. **Sharrow Vale Road** - fantastic, cheap independent food stores, boutique shopping, street art, amazing pubs & bars, what's not to love?

One for the calendar

Sharrow Vale Market is a food lovers' paradise with loads of street food stalls as well as craft sellers taking over Sharrow Vale Road. Taking place every few months, this is definitely an event to watch out for!

Collegiate Campus (10 mins)
City Campus/HUBS (30 mins)

