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Meet Millie

Welcome to Millie Fleet, our new Customer Service Administrator here at Electric Works. Millie joined our friendly Reception Team this week and brings with her a wealth of customer service, hospitality and administrator experience.

We caught up with Millie to get her first impressions of our workspace community and this is what she said: “When I saw the job advertised, it was the reference to the Helter Skelter that caught my eye and made Electric Works stand out from the crowd. I had a go on my first day here ... It was a great introduction to what I can already tell is going to be a fun and lively place to work. I’m really enjoying meeting the occupiers and learning about all the different businesses based here and the huge range of events we host.”

Northern Tech Summit

The Northern Tech Summit is coming to Sheffield this October and early bird tickets are now available. **Book now.**

This event is for founders, entrepreneurs, investors, policy makers and decision makers from Sheffield and across the North of England.

During this unique two-day event held in Sheffield city centre on 21st and 22nd of October, 500 delegates will connect, collaborate and learn. The Summit, delivered by South Yorkshire Tech ecosystem partners, TECH SY, will platform speakers sharing insights and experiences from industry, investor finance, policy and innovation ecosystems.

Where to go and what to do? Sheffield City Centre continues to attract new retailers and hospitality venues

Sheffield's city centre continues to attract new retailers, food operators and hospitality brands, adding to the growing mix of businesses around Electric Works. Here are our our newest move-ins.

Recent and upcoming openings include:

- Dave's Hot Chicken – the popular US fried chicken brand has confirmed its first Sheffield location on Cambridge Street.
- Foundry Coffee Roasters – a new independent coffee spot opening in the Heart of the City area.
- MeriGo Sheffield - a recently opened fast-casual food venue on High Street.
- Sheffield Plate is continuing to expand its range of independent food traders in Orchard Square.

Meet Your Neighbours: Armada

We recently caught up with one of our longest standing occupier, Armada, who moved into Electric Works back in 2016. Armada is one of the UK's leading CAD and Creative software training companies and their biggest growth area this year has been in AI – mainly Copilot and Chat GPT. We put some questions to the team and here's what we learnt

Biggest achievement recently?

We've just celebrated our 25th anniversary of being an Autodesk accredited training centre, which is quite an achievement as it makes us one of (if not the longest) standing Autodesk training centre in the UK!

One fun fact about the team.

Our team is made up of such a wide mix of people from all walks of life, I can't think of just one. Our core Head Office team is only small, with 6 of us looking after everything from sales, marketing and course arrangements...but we've got a wider team of colleagues looking after each of our training centres (like Rachel in Electric Works) and over 35 trainers who are out and about delivering training all over the UK!

What's your most popular course at the moment?

Without question it's always our AutoCAD Essentials course – it's attended by over 1000 delegates across all our 8 UK centres every year!

What's the best part about being based at Electric Works?

It's got to be the slide! Also, the great location right by the train station and a short walk to lots of hotels and car parks for our delegates.

What's one piece of advice you'd give to businesses looking to upskill their teams?

Don't hesitate – just do it. Upskilling staff shows commitment to their growth and in turn helps with staff retention and longevity in a company. Staff want to feel valued by their employer and investing in their development is a great way to do that. In turn you get a more stable workforce who are much more efficient and productive. It's a win-win situation!

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Sheffield Grand Prix

Sheffield's streets came alive last Wednesday evening as the annual Sheffield Grand Prix returned, welcoming some of the UK's top cyclists to race around the city-centre circuit. The event once again transformed the heart of Sheffield into a lively sporting venue, attracting spectators, local businesses and visitors to enjoy an evening of intense racing.

Fun Fact:
The 2026 event featured a new 1.4km anti-clockwise circuit through the city centre, with riders tackling Norfolk Street, Surrey Street and the finish outside Sheffield Town Hall.

For businesses based at Electric Works, events like the Grand Prix highlight the growing appeal of Sheffield city centre—not just as a place to work, but as a destination for sport, culture and community events.

Congratulations to **Katie Scott** and **Ollie Wood**, who claimed victory at this year's Sheffield Grand Prix after exciting races through the city centre. The event also decided the 2026 Lloyds National Circuit Series titles, making Sheffield one of the biggest dates on the British cycling calendar.

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WHAT'S ON IN SHEFFIELD?

Great British Food Festival

With your Great British Food Festival ticket, you can enjoy 50% off a house and gardens ticket (normally £15.50, purchased on the day), allowing you to explore even more of this remarkable location.

15 Aug 2026 - 16 Aug 2026

Sheffield Flower Festival

Come along for the Sheffield Flower Festival – a joyful celebration of flowers, creativity and community, hosted across The Victoria and The Mowbray, and brought together by Bloom Sheffield.

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Rock N Roll Circus 2026 - The Kooks

Set to take place over the weekend of 27 - 30 August, the Rock N Roll Circus is where the best in musical talent meets the weird and wonderful world of the circus. Not only will the artists blow you away as they rock the Big Top, but you'll also experience the breath-taking performances by the circus' resident aerialists, stilt walkers, fortune tellers and much more!

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Desi Fest Sheffield Mela 2026

Desi Fest Sheffield Mela is the largest South Asian festival in South Yorkshire, bringing together thousands of people from all backgrounds to celebrate culture, diversity, and community spirit. The festival showcases a vibrant programme of traditional and contemporary music and dance performances by talented local, national, and international artists, creating an exciting and inclusive experience for all ages.

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South Yorkshire Classic Car and Motorcycle Show

Wentworth Woodhouse will be welcoming back the South Yorkshire Classic Car and Motorcycle Show this summer for another spectacular day of motoring heritage – ideal for enthusiasts, families, and day trippers. From a full show of vehicles and trade and autojumble stalls, to modern car dealership stands and quality food and drink, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

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Family Bioblitz at Wardsend Cemetery Heritage Park

'Bio' means 'life' and 'Blitz' means 'to do something quickly'. Together they make 'BioBlitz', a collaborative race against the clock to discover as many species of plants, animals and fungi as possible within 24 hours!

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