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MERCIA & FW CAPITAL SHORTLISTED FOR SHEFFIELD BUSINESS AWARDS

Our occupiers Mercia and FW Capital, along with Wake Smith Solicitors and Castle Square Corporate Finance, have been shortlisted for the Collaboration Excellence Sheffield Business Awards, thanks to their partnership with, and investment in, Play Padel Group.

Play Padel opened their doors in Abbeydale just over a year ago. Since then, over 7,000 people have played Padel with them, and they've maintained near-100% court occupancy every single month.

The Collaboration Excellence Award celebrates successful partnerships between two or more organisations that have resulted in a positive impact on the local region. This award acknowledges the importance of collaboration in achieving common goals, creating a better community for all, and evidencing excellence in team collaboration while achieving the desired outcome.

POST SUMMER EVENT SEASON IS GO!

The Electric Works conference room is booking up fast with events planned across September and October. It seems that people have returned to work after their summer breaks and top of their ‘to-do’ list is to plan an event!

Hosting events is something we are very good at, so the influx of enquiries and bookings we’ve had this week make a lot of sense.

We look forward to welcoming all our new visitors this autumn. And if you’re looking for a city centre space to host your next workshop, meeting, conference or event - get in touch with our team today: **info@electric-works.net**

BUSINESS FUNDING ROUNDUP FROM BUSINESS SHEFFIELD

For support accessing these funds: businesssheffield@sheffield.gov.uk

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Made Smarter Cyber Security Support for Manufacturers
Fully funded cyber security support for manufacturing SMEs, from awareness training to ISO 27001 accreditation.

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Global Network Programme (FCDO)
Helping UK business leaders explore international markets, build partnerships and manage global risks.

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UKEF Global Female Founder Accelerator
Free accelerator programme supporting women-led businesses to grow internationally and access export opportunities.

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Innovate UK TechLocal: AI and Cyber Talent Programme
Fully funded AI and cyber security training for businesses across Yorkshire.

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Barclays Eagle Labs Veteran Founders Programme
Free accelerator programme for veterans, reservists and military spouses looking to start or grow a business. Deadline: 8 September 2026.

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Company of Cutlers Charitable Trust
Grants of typically £1,000 to £2,000 for charities and community organisations in Sheffield and South Yorkshire. Deadline: 30 October 2026.

Weston Park Cancer Charity

Together at every step.

WALK AS ONE ON | SEPTEMBER 13TH

One in two of us are affected by cancer at some point in our life. Weston Park Cancer Charity do truly amazing work here in Sheffield, and as the Electric Works community, we are hoping we can come together and raise money for their vital work this September.

For the fourth year, supporters are participating in the Walk As One - coming together 'as one' and walking in solidarity for everyone who has experienced cancer or lost a loved one to it.

Whether you take on the 4 or 10 mile route, every step you take helps raise vital funds to support people across our region. Walk As One events have raised an incredible £150k (so far!). Learn more and **get involved today.**

SHEFFIELD IN TOP FIVE OF UK'S MOST RELAXING CITY BREAK DESTINATIONS

Sheffield's visitor economy attracted over 18 million visitors on the latest count.

A recent article in unLTD magazine highlighted a 7.3% increase compared to the previous year – generating more than £2 billion for Sheffield's economy and supporting over 16,000 full-time equivalent jobs.

Driven by a world-class calendar of cultural events like Tramlines and DocFest, a thriving independent food scene, and its reputation as the UK's greenest city on the doorstep of the Peak District, Sheffield has firmly established itself as a premier destination for business and leisure alike.

The positive impact of this growth in tourism and regional visibility has a knock on affect for our workspace and our businesses based here.

Located just two minutes from Sheffield Station, Electric Works is one of the first buildings people see as they arrive in Sheffield. This is useful, not just for our occupiers' visiting clients, but for the business tourists that arrive in the city for the growing number of events and conferences we are hosting.

Increased footfall and higher visitor numbers for cultural events translates to greater profile for Sheffield. It presents opportunities for Sheffield to showcase its vibrant lifestyle offer - widely accepted to be one of the city's strongest propositions, and a magnet for attracting businesses and talented people to relocate here. **Read unLTD's article about the booming visitor economy here.**

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WHAT'S ON IN SHEFFIELD?

Sheffield Half Pint Marathon

The Sheffield Half Pint Marathon 2026 is a month-long celebration of beer, art, and independent spirit, running throughout September. Participants are invited to explore 26 of Sheffield's finest pubs, taprooms and bars – plus a few surprise bonus stops along the way.

01 Sept 2026 - 30 Sept 2026

Dine @ The Hide - Pie & Pea Supper

Come along for a special Dine at The Hide - an evening of relaxed dining, great company, and heart warming food.
The menu has been prepared by co-owner and resident chef Andy, showcasing hearty flavours in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

10 Sept 2026

Quayside Market: September 2026

Taking place along the cobbled quayside at Victoria Quays on the edge of Castlegate and the city centre, Quayside Market brings together a host of amazing street food traders along with independent craft stalls, live music/DJs, cocktails and craft beer.

12 Sept 2026 - 13 Sept 2026

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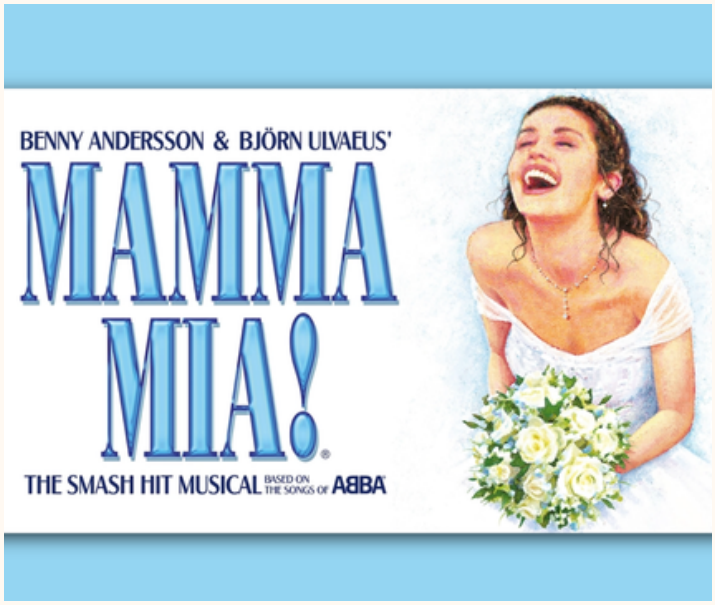
Castlegate Festival 2026

The tenth edition of Sheffield's Castlegate Festival is set to take place 12 - 20 September.
The festival is a celebration of heritage as well as the rich arts, music and market scene in Castlegate, Sheffield's oldest quarter.

12 Sept 2026 - 20 Sept 2026

Mamma Mia!

Set on a Greek island paradise, a story of love, friendship and identity is cleverly told through the timeless songs of ABBA. Sophie's quest to discover the father she's never known brings her mother face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget.



15 Sept 2026 - 26 Sept 2026

Spirit of Independence Film Festival 2026

The Spirit of Independence Film Festival returns to The Light Cinema, Sheffield, from 25–27 September 2026, bringing together filmmakers, audiences and industry professionals for a weekend celebrating the very best in independent cinema.

25 Sept 2026 - 27 Sept 2026

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