

DONCASTER THE PLACE FOR RAIL



THE PLACE WITH RAIL IN IT'S DNA

Doncaster - Birth place of the Flying Scotsman and Mallard

The town that built the world famous Flying Scotsman and Mallard is today established as one of the most important rail hubs in the UK and at the centre of developing the next generation of rail skills and expertise.

Rail has been a major part of Doncaster's economy for over 150 years; companies based in Doncaster benefit from easy access to the rail industry with an unrivalled combination of location, established supply chain, skilled workforce and world-class training facilities.

With a long history of representation from rail freight operators, rolling stock suppliers, power supply and distribution, infrastructure maintenance and the operational railway, the sector continues to diversify in line with the emerging requirements for the industry.

OVER
150
YEARS
of engineering
excellence in
the rail sector



“Doncaster is the perfect location for our logistics operations. Central, well connected and with a great local population with a wide mix of skills that we need to deliver an effective UK-wide supply chain operation.”

Karen Beardsley
Managing Director, Unipart Rail Operations

THE PLACE WITH OUTSTANDING CONNECTIVITY

Doncaster’s multi-modal transport connectivity offers excellent access to major conurbations, coastal ports and other parts of the UK and beyond, linking east to west and north to south.

“Doncaster is the perfect location for bringing new talent and skills into the rail industry. The local area has a strong legacy of technical and engineering jobs and our depot investment looks set to cement this reputation.”

Geoff Elliott -
General Manager Hitachi Rail



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TRAINS
every day from
Doncaster to
London



Rail

Doncaster train station sits on the East Coast Mainline, providing fast direct trains between London and Edinburgh and serves the largest number of rail operators in the UK.



Road

Connected to the A1, M18 and M180 with links to the M1 and M62; over 6m people live within a 45-minute drive of Doncaster.



Air

Doncaster Sheffield Airport, the UK’s fastest growing airport outside of London, offering flights to and from 45 world-wide destinations across Europe and beyond.



Ports

Doncaster is not only home to the UK’s largest intermodal rail freight facility, its motorway network gives easy access to many international ports, particularly the Humber Ports.

Rail Freight Journey Times



PASSENGER JOURNEY TIMES

To Doncaster from:	Times
York	20mins
Sheffield	22mins
Leeds	30mins
Manchester	80mins
Newcastle	83mins
Birmingham	88mins
London Kings Cross	93mins
Edinburgh	178mins



THE PLACE THAT'S HOME TO MANY LEADING RAIL COMPANIES



There are few locations within the UK that can compete with Doncaster's rail heritage, connectivity and cluster of rail companies. VolkerRail are proud to be part of that rich heritage. Since 1935, VolkerRail has become one of the UK's leading multi-disciplinary railway infrastructure contractors, with over 80 years' experience in heavy and light rail infrastructure sectors.



Jack Pendle -
Engineering Director, Volker Rail

Rail Operations

DB Cargo
Freightliner
GB Railfreight
iPort Rail
LNER
Network Rail
Transpennine

Power Supply & Distribution

Morrison's
SPL Powerlines
Volker Rail

Traction, Rolling Stock and Advanced Manufacturing

EM Deisel
Hitachi Rail
Unipart Rail
Wabtec
Wascosa

Training & Education

Advanced
Manufacturing
Research Centre
Doncaster College
Doncaster UTC
National College
for Advanced
Transport &
Infrastructure
Sheffield Hallam
University
University of
Sheffield

Infrastructure

Amey
Balfour Beatty
Colas
Hird Rail
Pandrol
Progress Rail
Rhomberg Sersa
Schwihag AG
Skanska
Trackwork
Trackwork Moll
TTS
Voestalpine
Volker Fitzpatrick

OVER
25
MAJOR
PLAYERS

AND OVER **50**
COMPANIES IN
THE RAIL SECTOR



THE PLACE WITH GREAT ADVANTAGES

There are many reasons why businesses invest in Doncaster. Here are just some of the key features.



We co-ordinate our international Customer Services from our Doncaster HQ. We can draw on a wide range of rail expertise from the local community, as well as highly skilled professionals across a range of functions. Being well connected by both road, rail and air, Doncaster is where we bring our customers to showcase our business.



Kelly Warburton

Managing Director Unipart Rail - UK Rail Commercial

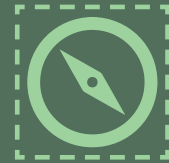


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BILLION
ECONOMY

Doncaster in top 4 of most improved LA's for good economic growth.

PWC Report



220

SQUARE
MILES

The largest metropolitan borough in the country covering 220 square miles of opportunity. Access to 11.6 million people within a 30 mile radius.



310

THOUSAND
POPULATION

Doncaster's growing population currently stands at 310,500 – larger than several cities including Newcastle, Derby and Southampton.



78.7%

EMPLOYMENT
RATE

Doncaster has a total labour force of 187,400. Record levels of inward investment in the last 3 years: £460 million and 4000 jobs created. Over 8,000 in the rail sector.



479

MEDIAN GROSS
WEEKLY WAGE

Favourable average gross weekly pay 13% below national average for businesses, with mean annual pay of £24,931.



10

UNIVERSITIES
WITHIN 1 HR

Excellent education facilities. Proportionately more people hold NVQs up to level 3 than national average 50%.



THE PLACE WITH THE UK'S BIGGEST INTERMODAL RAIL FREIGHT FACILITY

The iPort rail terminal is an international bonded intermodal development which offers secure modern rail freight handling facilities.

6 MILLION SQ FT



- Direct access to the UK National Rail network and direct services to Europe via the Channel Tunnel
- Daily, frequent rail services providing access to all major UK ports
- Channel Tunnel bonded specifications
- An open access terminal with flexible single or shared train loads
- Competitive terminal turnaround times
- Direct motorway access (Junction 3, M18)
- High volume and secure container storage facilities
- A terminal site of 35 acres

Other top sites for Rail and Logistics

- Redhouse Interchange
- Doncaster Railway Station
- J5 M18 Unity
- Doncaster Sheffield Airport
- Doncaster Distribution Park
- New 51 ha extension to West Moor Park
- First Point, M18 Balby Carr
- M18 Junction 6, Thorne
- Doncaster Lakeside



THE PLACE THAT OFFERS A GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE



Every type of accommodation is readily available from large detached houses and picturesque cottages, to modern estates and cosmopolitan apartments.

But that's not all, house prices in Doncaster represent excellent value for money and deliver a great return on investment when comparing like for like with other areas in the UK.

A 3 BED SEMI
FROM ONLY
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Doncaster is an attractive, affordable market town with first class amenities surrounded by open green spaces and beautiful countryside to explore.

Doncaster has a lot to be proud of, from its racing calendar including the classic St Leger Festival, its rich railway heritage and wealth of Georgian and Regency architecture through to the UK's No.1 walk through Wildlife Park Adventure.



THE PLACE THAT GIVES YOU FIRST CLASS SUPPORT

Your project
is as important
to us as it is
to you

Business Doncaster is the first point of contact for any business looking to locate in Doncaster and to businesses already here.

A partnership consisting of the local authority and business support partners, including Doncaster Chamber of Commerce, the team is here to help you through every aspect of doing business within the area.

We have a passionate and knowledgeable investment team with over 190 years' experience!

Whether you are seeking supply chain assistance or help with international trade, help is at hand.

Free
confidential
support

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The support from the Business Doncaster team has been really important to us in terms of demonstrating that Doncaster supports business and the rail sector in particular.

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Karl Schwiede, owner Schwiag



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MILLION
INVESTMENT
OVER THE
LAST 3 YEARS

4000

JOBS
CREATED

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT

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