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PROPERTY INVESTMENT GUIDE SHEFFIELD

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HOUSE PRICES IN SHEFFIELD HAVE GROWN BY ALMOST 25% IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS ALONE

Independent property experts at Aspen Woolf look at how Sheffield is attracting investment and why now is the best time to get involved.

Sheffield's property market is experiencing sustained growth, with house prices rising by nearly 25% over the past five years. This upward trend is fueled by a combination of large-scale regeneration projects, increasing demand for high-quality rental properties, and a strong local economy. As billions of pounds are invested in infrastructure, commercial developments, and residential housing, Sheffield is rapidly emerging as a top destination for property investors.

With a growing population, a thriving student and professional rental market, and high capital appreciation potential, Sheffield offers a compelling opportunity for both first-time buyers and seasoned investors.

Sheffield is attracting new investment partners

Sheffield is undergoing major regeneration, with significant investment transforming the city. Legal & General's £300 million investment in West Bar Square is reshaping the skyline with over 368 build-to-rent apartments, premium office spaces, and vibrant public areas, enhancing accessibility and community life.

Additionally, the £470 million Heart of the City initiative is driving demand with luxury residential and office developments, high-end retail and leisure facilities, and new hotels and public spaces, making Sheffield an even more attractive place to live and work. These projects are expected to create up to 7,000 jobs by 2030. Further strengthening the city's long-term growth, a £1.3 billion devolution deal will inject funding into housing, transport, and business development over the next 30 years.

Property investment in Sheffield:

Booming rental market: high demand & strong yields

With a growing population, expanding job opportunities, and a vibrant student sector, Sheffield's rental market is one of the UK's best for buy-to-let investors.

Of course, Sheffield also has a diverse and thriving population that is increasing every year. Recently, there has been a marked increase in young people (between 20 and 24 years old), which further boosts the buy-to-let market.

Given the population of Sheffield in 1801 was a mere 60,000, the current figures of 757,000 are a clear representation of the city's growth. the population will continue to increase year on year. In addition to people moving to the city for jobs, around 65,000 students also need to be housed at any one time.

Thriving student population means high demand for rentals

Students account for about 10% of Sheffield's population, all centred around the city centre University of Sheffield campus and nearby Sheffield Hallam University, which is situated around two miles away. Areas that have more buy-to-let property include the city centre, Crookesmoor, Darnall, Broomhill, Hillsborough, Millhouses, Walkley, Woodseats and Ranmoor. Furthermore, Sheffield is one of the UK cities that needs far more student accommodation.

While the two universities have capacity for more than 11,000 rooms, there are almost 50,000 full time students that also need accommodation. This is where urban buy-to-let developments such as Sheffield's Cornwall Works are coming into their own. Located in the popular Kelham Island Quarter in Sheffield City centre, the development includes 48 studio and one bed flats, with yields of 8% according to Track Capital.

Sheffield property prices remain competitive

Sheffield continues to be one of the most affordable property markets in the UK, offering significant growth potential when compared to cities like Manchester and London. As of 2025, average property prices in the city are £248,000 for semi-detached homes, £197,000 for terraced houses, £175,000 for flats, and £355,000 for detached properties. With strong capital appreciation and high rental yields, Sheffield is an ideal investment opportunity for first-time and experienceproperty investors.

Areas in Sheffield for property investors to consider

City Centre (population: 32,000)
The fast-growing trend for urban living in Sheffield City Centre means several new builds and conversions for buy to let investment.

West Sheffield (population: 192,000)
This mid to upper residential area has higher house prices and is ideal for professional buy to let investments. The higher house prices mean yields are lower than in other areas, averaging at just over 3%.

South West Sheffield (population: 63,000)
This much-loved residential area runs between Ecclesall Road and Abbeydale Road, and is full of restaurants, shops, bars and amenities. All these reasons make it deal for property investors, with yields of about 8%.

East Sheffield (population: 133,500)
This is the cheapest area and is between the city and the town of Rotherham. It includes traditional terraced houses that were originally built for the steelworkers, as well as newer local authority estates. The average house costs between £100,000 and £160,000 and yields are high, at around 5.4% according to RWinvest.

Strong transport links between Sheffield and major UK cities

Located just on the edge of the Peak District National Park, Sheffield is one of the greener cities in the UK. With numerous parks and, some say, more trees than other cities, Sheffield boasts plenty of buy-to-let property in sought after areas. The M1 is nearby, linking the city to the country's motorway, and there is a comprehensive tram system in SCR too.

As of February 2025 with HS2 Phase 2 cancelled, the UK government is actively exploring alternative transport investments to improve Sheffield's national connectivity.

The city of Sheffield and the SCR has much to offer property investors looking for reasonably priced property. With its booming economy, ambitious regeneration projects, and affordable property prices, Sheffield is one of the UK's most exciting property hotspots.

Whether you're a seasoned investor or entering the market for the first time, now is the time to secure your stake in Sheffield's thriving real estate sector.

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