



PHOTOGRAPHING BORING PLACES

**OVERPRICED SANDWICHES - A
RETROSPECTIVE**
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Retrospective. Has it been a year already? March 2020, plans disrupted. All freelance photography work cancelled. Two weeks before lock-down I was due to be in Newcastle to shoot some Roller Derby. The event was cancelled and I decided to get a refund on my train tickets rather than spend a boring weekend wandering around Newcastle in the cold and wet. If I'd known it would have been my last trip for over a year I would have gone.

The week after I was due to photograph an event in London. The event was cancelled as a nationwide lock-down loomed. It all seemed unreal. On the Monday afternoon I was due to be in London, I was summoned to an emergency meeting at work. We're going into lock-down, from next week everyone is to work from home. That evening I received the email. Don't come in to work tomorrow, we're all going to be working from home. It's now been a year. A year put on hold. A year where the world has shrunk, physically and mentally.

At the back end of 2019 I started to save my train tickets, a reminder of places I'd been, journeys not illustrated by interesting images but by boring pieces of paper. As Lock-down 3.0 continues I finally got round to photographing them. It's not definitive collection during that time period, boarding passes and bus tickets have long been discarded, but they serve as a reminder of better times, some unenjoyable, but all missed.

Off-Peak Return

Outward

Valid for one journey
from Sheffield
to Manchester Stations

18-MAY-19

Until

18-MAY-19

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nre.co.uk/10

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£23.10 X

78687-3733-9387-28-03-01

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| A trip to the Thunderdome, Sheffield to Manchester.

TRAVEL CARD

Ticket type

adult 1-day off-peak travel card

valid from

18 May 19

valid until

18 May 19

End of Service

Purchased at

Victoria (21)

valid in

Zone 1+2+3

Price

£4.20

Metrolink

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Off-Peak Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Manchester Stations  Until
to Sheffield 18-MAY-19
Valid via any permitted route 17-JUN-19

See restrictions nre.co.uk/TO
Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£23.10 X

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| And back home.

Off-Peak Day Return

Return

Valid for one journey

from Leeds

to Sheffield

~~Not valid via Doncaster~~

See restrictions nre.co.uk/B1

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee

£12.00 X

22899-2418-6691-34-03-01



Date of travel
22-JUN-19

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A day trip to Leeds.

Anytime Day Single

Valid for one journey
from Shipley (Yorkshire)
to Leeds

Date of travel
14-JULY-19

Adult Standard Class

£4.30

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57669-2785-8347-30-03-01

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Shipley to Leeds.

Anystime Short Return

Return

**Valid for one journey from
Leeds to Sheffield 13-JULY-19
12-AUG-19**

Not valid via Doncaster

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£15.00 X

72236-2417-6691-33-03-01

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Another Trip to Leeds.

Off-Peak Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Edinburgh
to Sheffield

From
20-JULY-19
Until
19-AUG-19

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nre.co.uk/8X

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£126.80 X

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| A long weekend in Edinburgh.

Off-Peak Day Return

Return

Valid for one journey

Date of travel

27-11-19

from Leeds
to Sheffield

Not valid via Doncaster

See restrictions www.rail.co.uk/B1

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£12.00 X

39509-3551-9387-21-03-01

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Another trip to Leeds.

Off-Peak Day Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Leeds

to Sheffield

Not valid via Doncaster

See restrictions nre.co.uk/B1

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£12.00

X

00730-3720-9387-27-03-01

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And Leeds again.

Super Off-Peak Return

Return

**Valid for one journey
from London Terminals
to Sheffield**

07-AUG-19 From
06-SEP-19 Until

Valid only via Chesterfield

See restrictions nre.co.uk/CI

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£80.00 X

79568-2417-6691-33-03-01

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Down to the old smoke.

oyster[®]

Transport for London

Issued subject to conditions – see over



| Going underground.

Off-Peak Return

Return

Valid for one journey from
Manchester Stations to Sheffield
17-AUG-19 to 16-SEP-19

See restrictions on our website at www.rail.co.uk/10

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£23.10 X

55806-3553-9387-23-03-01

0948:170819

Back to Manchester.

TRAVEL CARD

Ticket type

adult 1-day off-peak travel card

valid from

17 Aug 19

valid until

17 Aug 19

End of Service

Purchased at

Victoria (21)

valid in

Zone 1+2+3

Price

£4.20

Metrolink

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Off-Peak Return

Outward

Valid for one journey from
Sheffield to Manchester Stations
17-AUG-19 to 17-AUG-19

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions www.co.uk/10

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£23.10 X

55806-3553-9387-23-03-01

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And back home.

Off-Peak Day Return

Outward

valid for one journey

from Sheffield

to Hathersage

See restrictions on co.uk/B3

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee

£5.20 X

57467-3553-9387-23-03-01

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Out to the countryside.

Off-Peak Day Return

Return

Valid for one journey

Date of travel

22 AUG 19

from Hathersage

to Sheffield

See restrictions on our website

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee

£5.20 X

57467-3553-9387-23-03-01

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Back to the city.

Off-Peak Day Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Derby
to Sheffield

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nre.co.uk/B3

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£12.30 X

66439-2416-6691-32-03-01

0937-270819

| A trip to Derby, passed through many times but never visited, until now.

Anytime Short Return

Return

**Valid for one journey
from Bradford (Yorks) stations
to Sheffield** **28-SEP-19** **27-OCT-19**

Not valid via Doncaster

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£16.50 X

53597-2419-6691-35-03-01

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Over to Bradford

Anytime Short Return

Return

**Valid for one journey
from Salford Crescent
to Sheffield**

**From
30-OCT-19
Until
29-NOV-19**

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£31.60 W

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| To Salford for work.

Off-Peak Return

Outward

Valid for one journey
from Sheffield
to Manchester Airport
17-OCT-19

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nre.co.uk/TO

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£32.40 X
Bookings Ref. 1Y212960

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Manchester airport for a flight to Derry.

Off-Peak Return

Return

Valid for one journey

from Manchester Airport

to Sheffield

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nre.co.uk/T0

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee

£32.40 X

Booking Ref. IV212960



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1217-151019A

And back from Derry, with a trip to Belfast in-between.

Anytime Short Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Hull
to Sheffield
valid only via Doncaster

25-OCT-19
24-NOV-19
Until

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee

£31.30 X

00912-2417-6691-33-03-01



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Over to Hull for Humberstruck.

Anytime Short Return

Outward

Valid for one journey

from Sheffield

to Hull

valid only via Doncaster

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£31.30 X

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And back home... with a couple of hours stuck in a freezing Goole, a taxi to Doncaster then the last train back to Sheffield.

Off-Peak Return

Outward

Valid for one journey
from Sheffield
to Liverpool Stations
02-NOV-19

Valid only via Stockport
See restrictions nre.co.uk/TU

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee

£38.20 X

09963-2420-6691-36-03-01

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A day trip to Liverpool.

Off-Peak Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Liverpool Stations
to Sheffield

02-NOV-19

01-DMR-19

Valid only via Stockport
See restrictions nre.co.uk/TU
Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£38.20 X

09963-2420-6691-36-03-01

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And back again. I am a day-tripper.

Off-Peak Return

08-10 outward

Valid for one journey
from Sheffield
to Newcastle

08-NOV-19
08-NOV-19
Until

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nre.co.uk/2V
Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£70.25 X

04475-2417-6691-33-03-01

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Off to Newcastle.

Off-Peak Return

Return

Valid for one journey
from Newcastle
to Sheffield

Valid via any permitted route

See restrictions nr.co.uk/2v

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£70.25 X

04475-2417-6691-33-03-01

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Back again.

Super Off-Peak Return

Return

**Valid for one journey
from London Terminals
to Sheffield 23-DMR-19
22-JNR-20**

Valid only via Chesterfield

See restrictions on co.uk/CI

Adult Standard Class

Refundable and exchangeable for a fee



£80.00 X

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London for the Christmas break... my last trip of any note.



This was edition 8.5. Not really an edition just a load of boring train tickets. Even more boring than train spotting. However, it is a reminder of what we used to be able to do and may be able to do once more. Travelling on overcrowded trains used to be a chore but I don't think I will moan about the bad experiences I had ever again. Even sat in a piss wet deck chair staring at oblivion is more fun than living through a pandemic, or maybe about the same.

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