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Danny's Peak progress



Mountaineering instructor Danny Brown at the Foundry on Mowbray Street

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Danny Brown is a mountaineering Instructor and part time physiotherapist with Sheffield United Football Academy

He first gravitated towards the Peak District and Sheffield in the late 80s in the pursuit of the great outdoors.

This passion led him to becoming a climbing instructor since when he has subsequently worked and climbed worldwide and has been working in and around Sheffield since 1997.

He helps the Blades with their physiotherapy and lives with his partner, Jess, a photographer and lecturer, in Nether Edge.

Recently he founded the first youth club dedicated to competition, the Foundry Academy. With six members in the national finals and two in the British team, it is already providing support to the wealth of young talent in the Sheffield area.

www.foundryclimbing.com/theacademy

Stoney Middleton cliffs

There is so much climbing in the Peak, but we all have our favourites and for me, the cliffs above Stoney Middleton have everything I want from climbing. They are steep, high, a little precarious and not for the faint hearted. Climbing is about the whole experience – the movement, the views, the comradeship as well as the fear and Stoney has it all. The place is not as popular as it once was, but it is blessed with some of the finest climbs in the Peak – if you are brave enough.

The Cremorne, London Road

Like many climbers I live as close to the climbing as I can afford . This has meant a disproportionate amount of us live in S7. I also like a good drink and a lively bar with good music. The Cremorne has it all - a favourite of Blades fans on match days and most evenings it hosts top quality, live music and entertains a most eclectic crowd.

London Road

There is so much to like about this part of the city – it has life, character, diversity and great places to eat and drink. The Coop is a lovely new café with great food and The Rude Shipyard also hosts great evenings out such as music and poetry. If that's not your cup of tea there is plenty more to go at.

Kelham Island

Home to The Foundry climbing wall, The Fat Cat pub and The Milestone restaurant. These three, in that order, are my perfect day in Sheffield. Meet the kids of The Academy, have a climb, relax with a quiet pint and then eat what is, without a doubt, the finest local dishes in Sheffield.

The Foundry, Mowbray Street

This climbing wall has been around for a while and has supported climbers and been part of the development

of climbing for as long as I can remember. They have created an environment where regulars are become part of 'the team' and newcomers are welcome. The Academy consists of volunteers from the wall encouraging talented kids and even giving up their time to take them climbing. In this modern age this has proved difficult to get off the ground but not impossible.

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