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Danny's Peak progress



Mountaineering instructor Danny Brown at the Foundry on Mowbray Street

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We are backed by the British Mountaineering Council and by a local business – Moon Clothing - and have a team of about 20 kids that regularly represents Sheffield in competition.

Parkwood Springs

I know there is quite a reputation surrounding this area but the view from the top is wonderful. Being close to

Sheffield United Football Academy means a walk to the top is a good way to wind down after a long day. The view even takes in a landfill site, but for some reason to understand what is going on, how we are protecting and developing the area makes you feel part a city that is becoming really special.

Old industry

All of my favourite places have grown up out of the industrial heritage of Sheffield's once great past. You only have to go around the corner from any nice, shiny new development to discover run down but still utilised buildings with evocative names such as 'Lion Works' or 'Stag Works'. I love these little reminders of what the city must have looked like and to explore these areas is a little disconcerting and not recommended late at night on your own. They seem to be populated by musicians, artists, electrical goods dealers and other strange shops – a far cry from Meadowhall. There are also large piles of industrial waste in dark corners – metal filings, tons of screws or bits of metal which look like they once had a purpose. They are slowly all being tarted up, and not before time, but they are fascinating and terrifying in equal measures.

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