

The History of Sheffield and the Day I met my Girlfriend

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When I was little I came to Sheffield town centre. I planned a visit to go around Sheffield and to see the Sheffield Cathedral with Shane my brother and my dad. We wanted to know all about the history of the Cathedral so we bought a little book telling us all about it. One thing it told us was when they had to rebuild Sheffield Cathedral after a fire in the war and it was really interesting. We saw the tombs of all the soldiers, Kings and Queens who are all buried in the grounds of the Cathedral.

When I was 33 years old, I visited the Millennium Galleries. I found it really interesting and took some photographs of people in history. I saw the sculpture with all the knives and forks which is what Sheffield is famous for. We saw old telephones what we had in the olden days and we learned about what it was like during the war and lots about Sheffield history.

Last year I met my girlfriend Emma at Sheffield City Knights project at Olive Grove Sports Club which is a group for people with learning disabilities to come together and play football and other games. Olive Grove was the first place that Sheffield Wednesday played a match but I am a Sheffield United fan, a true Blade and my brother comes to watch Sheffield United and we have supported them a long time.

Emma is from London and she came to Sheffield and didn't really know anyone. I helped her by showing her around and I told her about the history of Sheffield. I took her on a date to Cineworld and we saw the Norton Water Tower and Norfolk Park, Cholera monument.

We heard on the radio on our phones that they were demolishing the high rise flats on Park Hill towers and went to see this happen. We also took Emma on the Ethel Barge and showed Emma the history of Sheffield and Tinsley canal. I also showed her one of the scenes where they filmed The Full Monty. It was the scene where Robert Carlisle balanced on the car to try and steal the metal girder.

Emma fell in love with the city and I fell in love with her.