

# LOCAL AREA GUIDE

Sherburn-in-Elmet and Surrounding Villages



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## Semi-rural living

Sherburn-in-Elmet is home to almost 7,000 residents. With York and Hull accessible by a direct train from the village's rail station, and Leeds an easy journey from the village's second station at South Milford, this is a great option for commuters. It's also popular with families looking for a smaller community in which to live. And there is definitely a sense of community here, with multiple local organisations running classes, events and activities throughout the year.

A particular strength of Sherburn-in-Elmet is its facilities. Due to a recent programme of regeneration, there are plenty of cafes, pubs, and restaurants to enjoy here, plus useful shops and supermarkets all located in the centre of the village. Sherburn's immediate surroundings are also appealing, with several smaller villages and beautiful countryside making this a great option for semi-rural living with easy access to nearby towns and cities.

*"Sherburn was one of the main suppliers of teasel (a cone-like flower with a thorny stem) to the wool industry in Yorkshire."*



## The History of Sherburn-in-Elmet and Surrounding Villages

The village of Sherburn-in-Elmet is believed to be Roman in origin. In its early days, it was notable for its large church, which was constructed in the 1100s and is now a Grade I listed building. The village has a bloody history, and played a significant part in numerous battles, including the English Civil War.



Industrially, Sherburn has a varied and interesting past. In the 1700s, the village opened several inns, taking advantage of the numerous guests travelling through with mail and passengers, en-route to York. And, in the 1800s, the building of Sherburn-in-Elmet's two train stations (Sherburn-in-Elmet and South Milford) brought with them new residents, keen to benefit from this new mode of transport.

Sherburn went on to become significant in the manufacturing of textiles, and more recently in the aviation industry, with the Blackburn Aircraft Company formerly constructing and testing out planes in the village. The village is now home to one of the largest industrial sites in the area, with companies such as Eddie Stobart and Sainsbury's represented.



## Sherburn-in-Elmet and Surrounding Villages

### South Milford

South Milford is a pretty village with a great variety of properties, from new build developments to character stone cottages. This well-located village has a train station linking it up with Leeds and Hull. It also offers residents multiple cafes and tea rooms, a Chinese and an Indian. There's a Post Office, health centre, and South Milford Primary School.

### Lumby

Next to South Milford is the tiny hamlet of Lumby. Quaint and pretty, there is little here, but it's so close to its next-door neighbour that you get the best of both worlds - peace and tranquility, but with access to handy facilities. Lumby is known for the Orangery at Lumby Hall, a country home with rooms to rent and a well-liked cafe for brunch, lunch, and afternoon tea.

### Barkston Ash

Named for the large oak tree that was purported to be the central point of Yorkshire, Barkston Ash is in Selby District. Home to two pretty country pubs, The Ash Tree Inn, and The Boot and Shoe Inn, this village is pleasing to the eye and is to Church Fenton railway station. From there Leeds, York, Bridlington, and Blackpool are accessible. There's also a primary school, which is rated as Good by Ofsted.

### Church Fenton

Church Fenton is a village with a sense of community. The village store is run by volunteers, and there are two pubs - The Fenton Flyer and the White Horse - the latter of which was bought by villagers as part of a share buy-in scheme. There's a historic church dating back to the 14th century. There's also an Indian restaurant and Kirk Fenton Parochial Church of England Primary School.

### Little Fenton

Just south of Church Fenton lies Little Fenton. Around 11 miles from York, this was originally part of Church Fenton, but became its own settlement in 1866. Benefitting from Church Fenton's amenities, it's a peaceful place in a semi-rural location.

### Biggin

Biggin is a relatively affluent village eighteen miles east of Leeds, and thirteen miles south of York. Its main amenity is The Blacksmith Arms, which is a hub of the community. It's close enough to both Church Fenton and Sherburn-in-Elmet for railway access, both being between 3 and 4 miles away.

### Scarthingwell

Scarthingwell's big draw is its golf course, which is a popular 18-hole course in a rural setting. There is also Scarthingwell Fishing Ponds and the Church of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic Church with a charming interior.

### Saxton

Saxton is a quaint village with an imposing church and historic inn. In terms of education, there is Saxton CoE Primary School. There's also a village hall, a cricket club and the remains of a medieval castle.

## Property & Demographics in Sherburn-in-Elmet and Surrounding Villages

Sherburn-in-Elmet has been enjoying a buoyant property market during the last five years, with average prices of all property types increasing by almost 25%, or £47,416. In 2021, the average house price in Sherburn-in-Elmet is £245,670, which is just slightly below the English average house price of £256,405.

Most property sold in Sherburn in the last year has been semi-detached with an average value of £241,183. Detached properties sold for an average price of £322,500 and terraced homes for £125,000.

Due to a number of new housing developments over recent years, and the associated population increase, the social demographic in Sherburn-in-Elmet has changed.

Now, only around 20% of residents work locally, with many commuting to larger towns and cities in the area. The highest proportion of residents fall into the 40-59 age range, and just over 20% are under 18,



**Average Property Prices: £245,670**

**Average Rent: £723 Per Calendar Month**

**Population of Sherburn-in-Elmet: 6657 approx**

Data from Zoopla



# Schools in Sherburn-in-Elmet and Surrounding Villages

The village of Sherburn-in-Elmet has a significant number of schools within a 10-mile radius. Many of these are rated Good, and some are rated Outstanding by Ofsted. There is an outstanding special school, and several independent and grammar schools nearby. Universities are easily accessed in the Yorkshire cities of Leeds, York, Hull, and Bradford.

## Nursery / Pre-Schools

Sherburn in Elmet, Athelstan Community

Primary School (Good)

Selby District Peter Pan Nursery (Good)

Kirkgate Childcare (Good)

Time Out (Good)

Rainbow Private Nursery School (Good)

## Primary Schools

Sherburn Hungate Primary School (Good)

Sherburn in Elmet, Athelstan Community Primary School (Good)

Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School (Good)

South Milford Primary School (Good)

Monk Fryston Church of England Primary School (Outstanding)

## Secondary Schools – Top 5 max and their Ofsted rating

Sherburn High School (Good)

Garforth Academy (Outstanding)

Airedale Academy (Good)

Brigshaw High School (Good)

Castleford Academy (Outstanding)

## Independent Schools

TLG Wakefield

## Special Schools

West Oaks SEN Specialist School and College (Outstanding)

High Well School (Good)

The Pivot Academy LS East

## Grammar Schools and their Ofsted rating

Tadcaster Grammar School (Good)

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School



Garforth Academy



Tadcaster Grammar School

# Things to do in Sherburn-in-Elmet and the Surrounding Area

## Tiger Moth Experience

For a special occasion, Sherburn-in-Elmet has the perfect experience: open cockpit flying in a de Havilland Tiger Moth biplane. This was the official training plane used during the second world war. An expert pilot shows guests the plane in detail, answering any questions along the way. Then, visitors are taken up for a once-in-a-lifetime 30- or 60-minute flight.

## Hields Aviation

Based out of Sherburn-in-Elmet airfield, Hields Aviation is a local favourite. Visitors can experience a private chartered helicopter flight over the beautiful Yorkshire countryside. With 25 years of experience, these pilots know what they're doing and will ensure a cracking day out. And, for wannabe pilots, Hields Aviation also runs pilot training courses.

## Go Ape Temple Newsam

Go Ape has become a hugely popular activity, and you can get to the Temple Newsam Go Ape site from Sherburn-in-Elmet in less than half an hour. A high ropes experience, at this site there's a tricky treetop challenge course that will require strength and not a small amount of bravery to navigate the zip-lines through the trees. There are two other courses for younger Go Ape-ers.



## RSPB Fairburn Ings

Only a 15-minute drive from Sherburn-in-Elmet is RSPB Fairburn Ings, a great place for fans of birds and wildlife. Formerly an industrial site, over the last 60 years, a unique habitat has been forming, which is now an important breeding site for wildfowl. Visitors are free to explore the site, feeding the ducks as they wander along the carefully constructed trails. There's also a play area for kids to burn off any remaining energy.

## Things to do in Sherburn-in-Elmet and the Surrounding Area

### Snozone Yorkshire

The ultimate day out, packed full of all sorts of activities, there's never a spare minute at Xscape! With a 14-screen Cineworld cinema, plenty of popular places to eat and outlet shopping, Xscape also features urban climbing, laser-tag, adventure golf, trampoline parks, bowling, an aerial adventure course and Snozone, an indoor skiing and boarding slope on real snow.



### Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds

The Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds is home to a fascinating collection of artefacts, including King Henry VIII's armour. There are 6 themed areas in the museum - War, Tournament, Hunting, Self Defence, Oriental, and the Hall of Steel - each with carefully curated displays. In addition, during the summer, there are Tudor-themed days and jousting events.

### Lotherton Hall

This beautiful Edwardian country house and estate, with its own wildlife park sits within expansive grounds on the outskirts of Leeds. Visitors can bask in the ambience of this charming country home, and experience a taste of the lives of the English upper classes in the early 1900s. Lotherton's zoo, Wildlife World, is the home of Humboldt penguins, flamingos, resident tapir and capybara.



### National Trust - Nostell

Nostell is a National Trust-managed Georgian country house located a half-hour from Sherburn-in-Elmet. Visitors can take a walk around the opulent interior of the house, admiring the treasures within. Originally belonging to the Winn family, Nostell has the family's original 18th-century dolls house on display. There are also various gardens to enjoy, including a kitchen garden, orangery, and a rose garden. And the whole house is surrounded by stunning woodland and lakes that guests are free to enjoy.

*"During WWII, the Blackburn Aircraft Company built the Fairey Swordfish in Sherburn-in-Elmet."*



## Shopping & Leisure in Sherburn-in-Elmet and the Surrounding Area



### Shopping

Sherburn-in-Elmet has a wide variety of shops, from independents to chain convenience stores. There are Tesco and Aldi supermarkets for weekly food shopping, as well as Spar, Co-op, and Best One for those everyday essentials. There's also a Boots pharmacy, a post office, a sweet shop and gift shop.

### Eating Out

There are a number of cafes in Sherburn-in-Elmet, and they are all well-rated. There's Elmet Kitchen, 58a Deli, Doughman (a donut shop), and The Little Teapot Tea Room, amongst others. As well, there are takeaways, including Domino's Pizza, Sherburn Shake House, a Chinese takeaway, and Mario's Pizza and Grill. There are also several pubs that serve food.

### Pubs

There are three inviting pubs lining Sherburn's Low Street: The Swan, The Red Bear, and The Oddfellows Arms. For nightlife, the village has the Wakefield Jazz Club, where there's live music each weekend. Larger and more diverse nightlife options can be found in the nearby hubs of York and Leeds.



*"Sherburn-in-Elmet went through an extensive consultation in 2015 to engage residents with a regeneration scheme."*

## Shopping & Leisure in Sherburn-in-Elmet and the Surrounding Area



### Cinema

In Sherburn itself, the Old Girls' School Community Centre often has community cinema events. But nearby Castleford is the closest multiplex cinema to Sherburn, and can be reached in around 15 minutes. In terms of theatre, there's the Stage Door Performing Arts Group in Sherburn, and Tadcaster has its own Theatre Company. Also, less than 10 miles away is the Castleford Phoenix Theatre.

### Gym & Health

Fitness Gym is located in Sherburn-in-Elmet and there is also outdoor gym equipment in one of the local parks. Further afield in Selby, there is Selby Ladies Health and Fitness and Selby Gym, and in Castleford and Pontefract there are also a number of gyms.

### Golf Clubs

There are a several golf clubs in close proximity to Sherburn-in-Elmet. The highest-rated is Garforth Golf Club, less than 10 miles away. The 18-hole club is proud of its historical setting, but also the fact it is incorporating modern technology into its golf course offering. Other golf clubs in the vicinity are Scarthingwell Golf Course, Selby Golf Course, and Ferrybridge Golf Club.



### Other Entertainment

Castleford and Selby offer easy access to ten-pin bowling alleys. There's a roller skating rink called The Hut in Castleford. In Leeds, fans of skating are spoiled for choice, with multiple skate parks, an ice skating rink, plus independent bowling alleys such as The Roxy, all within a half-hour drive.

*"Sherburn Eversley Cricket Club has two teams that play in the Leeds & Wetherby Cricket League."*



## Travel Connections

Sherburn-in-Elmet is extremely well situated, with its own train station making for a simple journey to the heart of larger cities such as York and Sheffield.

The A1(M) is also within easy access of the town and by road, Leeds is only a 30-minute drive. There are plenty of buses that pass through Sherburn picking up passengers en route to destinations such as Leeds, Selby, and Tadcaster.

*"Sherburn-in-Elmet used to belong to the 'Kingdom of Elmet'."*



Sherburn-in-Elmet has a railway station providing services to York railway station, Hull Paragon Interchange and Sheffield railway station, with a second station (South Milford railway station) in nearby South Milford providing services to Leeds and Hull. Both Sherburn-in-Elmet and South Milford are only one stop from Selby. It's a 2hr 8mins direct journey to London King's Cross station.



The North-South A162 runs through Sherburn-in-Elmet and the A1(M) is located slightly to the west, making linking up with other destinations quick and easy.



Leeds Bradford Airport is the closest airport 25 miles away and a 45 minute drive. For London airports, Luton is the nearest – a 2 hour 45 minute drive.



03 Monk Fryton to Tadcaster Grammar  
 64 Selby - to Sherburn Industrial Estate  
 164 Leeds to Selby  
 492 Wetherby to Sherburn-in-Elmet  
 493 (North Yorkshire County Council) Tadcaster to Sherburn  
 493 (Arriva) Tadcaster to Sherburn  
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