



OUR GUIDE TO **HOCKLEY**



**WORKING IN ONE OF THE
COOLEST POSTCODES IN THE UK**



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For hipsters who have moved on from Hackney...Nottingham has long been one of England's most underrated cities.



About us

Paragon Law was formed in 2003 with the firm belief that everyone deserves the right to immigrate to the UK safely.

To do this, we've hired and trained expert immigration lawyers over the last 20 years who have supported thousands of people and high-profile businesses navigate the immigration process.

Why work with Paragon Law?

- **Experienced.** Our immigration solicitors and caseworkers are highly passionate about their work and are well-equipped to deal with a range of immigration enquiries and cases.
- **Specialist.** We focus entirely on immigration, our expert lawyers are dedicated to helping businesses and individuals across the globe migrate to the UK.
- **History.** With over two decades specialising in immigration law, we have a long history of successful cases and happy clients.
- **People.** Our people provide a supportive, empathetic, and efficient service. We're dedicated to helping everyone achieve their potential with Paragon Law, and we believe that it shouldn't cost the earth.

Welcome

Dubbed as one of the coolest postcodes in the UK by The Sunday Times, Hockley is located in the centre of Nottingham's Creative Quarter and it's also the place in which we call home. To some, it may seem odd that a law firm can be found next to an independent record store, above a bar and opposite a cinema. However, to us it made perfect sense as Paragon Law's founder, Thal Vasishta, had always wanted to set up a law firm in the area due to its inclusivity and welcoming nature – two things of which lie close to Paragon Law's heart.

It is this welcoming atmosphere which has been integral to Hockley's success: its ability to attract a diverse range of people and businesses (like ourselves) has in turn led to more diverse people and businesses continually coming to the area. Hockley may only be a small enclave within the city but there's enough things to do to be able to spend a full weekend in this bit of Nottingham alone – so without further ado, here is our insider guide to the 'Soho of Nottingham'.

The best bars, cafes, and restaurants

An Introduction to Hockley

Hockley is renowned for its eclectic mix of bars, restaurants, and cafes.

Many of these establishments embody what has been named the 'Hockley-way' whereby they are an independent establishment which champions local ingredients and producers. A day in Hockley will likely mean that you will eat or drink in a place in which you've never been to, or even heard of before - but don't let the unfamiliar scare you. The nature of Hockley means that you are always exploring new things and your curiosity will always be sparked.

Jamcafe

Jamcafe is a well-known establishment in Nottingham. It is a live music venue, a bar, and a café all rolled into one. With a 'no big brands' motto, Jamcafe opts to champion small musicians and labels rather than sticking to the mainstream. During the day Jamcafe is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee whilst watching the world go by, however, it is in the evening when Jamcafe really comes alive: DJ sets, comedy nights and poetry slams – Jamcafe has it all.

jamcafe.info

12 Heathcoat Street, NG1 3AA

Fat Hippo

Fat Hippo was established in 2010, serving burgers and dirty fries to the people of Newcastle. However, its success and popularity soon saw it set-up a restaurant in Hockley. The menu caters for a wide range of dietary requirements and some of the burgers are 'inventive' to say the least!

fathippo.co.uk

9 Broad Street, NG1 3AJ



Fat Hippo



Bar Iberico

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Bar Iberico

Perhaps the most popular eatery amongst Paragon Law employees is Bar Iberico, a restaurant which specialises in small plates that have been inspired by regions such as Spain, South America and the Far East. In 2014, Bar Iberico was awarded with a coveted Gourmand by the Michelin Guide for its quality of food and service. This is no as the staff have a real knack at creating a relaxing atmosphere despite always being rushed off of their feet!

baribericotapas.com

17-19 Carlton Street, NG1 1NL

Sexy Mamma Loves Spaghetti

Undoubtedly this is the name which will have your head turning. It may not be the most conventional of names, but it gives an indication of what to expect: Italian food which you (and your mum) will love. Sexy Mamma Loves Spaghetti is a no-frills experience: as the bulk of the effort is spent on perfecting their dishes (to which they succeed at) but in doing so a truly rustic Italian experience is created. Sexy Mamma Loves Spaghetti regularly switches up its menu – but don't try to research them beforehand as they have a very limited internet presence, instead just show up and see what the handwritten menu has in store.

3 Heathcoat Street, NG1 3AF

Vi-Va Indian Street Food

Vi-Va Indian is a vibrant venue located in the heart of Hockley. As with a lot of the restaurants in Hockley, it is small and makes for a very intimate venue. The size of Vi-Va is reflected in its menu: opting to perfect a small number of dishes rather than half-heartedly cook a large range. However, trust us when we say that what Vi-Va lacks in size they make up for in flavour and authenticity. This is the perfect jaunt for anyone looking to get a real taste of India without leaving Nottingham.

vivastreetfood.com

6 Goose Gate, NG1 1FF

Mowglis

Mowglis may have a presence outside of Nottingham, but we had to include it in this list.

It's no surprise that Mowglis has been able to open up multiple branches across the UK: their quirky interiors and array of small plates will certainly have you going back for more.

mowglistreetfood.com

1 Stoney Street, NG1 1LG



Vi-Va Indian Street Food



Lost Property

31K

Once upon a time, 31K specialised in cocktails and meatballs – an odd combination to say the least. However, as its popularity grew 31K expanded its menu and now gives customers the ability to ‘build-their- own’ dish from a selection of mains, sauces, carbs, and greens which can be accompanied by a range of cocktails.

31knotts.com

31 Goose Gate, NG1 1FE

Lost Property

Nottingham is home to many unique bars and restaurants, and Lost Property is no exception. As the names suggests, Lost Property is a cocktail bar themed around a cloakroom and the miscellaneous items in which you may find. Lost Property is only the tip of the iceberg as if you go down the stairs you will be greeted with Lost Property’s little sister, the ‘Lost Caves’. Lost Caves has a similar vibe to Lost Property, however, there’s one big difference: it’s set in an actual cave (if you didn’t know Nottingham is home to several caves). Aside from its unique setting, Lost Property and the Lost Caves serve up an extensive range of gin, martinis, lager and assorted cocktails.

lostpropertynottingham.co.uk

5-7 Carlton Street, NG1 1NL

The Hockley Arts Club

Notorious for its Instagram-worthy venue, Hockley Arts Club is hidden away in one of Hockley's backstreets. Whilst it may be the interiors and the Grade-II listed building which draw you in, ultimately it is the cocktails which you end up staying for. The award-winning bartenders work tirelessly to design and craft the cocktail menu whose ingredients are all sourced from local suppliers. To accompany the cocktails is a bottomless afternoon tea menu to add a tad of sophistication to your day.

thehockleyartsclub.com
20 Carlton Street, NG1 1NN

Suede Bar

Suede is a pizza and cocktail bar in Nottingham which promises to provide 'good times' for its customers. This is something which it certainly lives up to with its range of deals and events on offer Monday to Saturday.

suedebar.uk
34 Heathcoat Street, NG1 3AA

Shanghai Shanghai

Shanghai Shanghai is one of the most popular Chinese restaurants in the city whose mantra is to 'cater for every customer's taste and demands'. Never one to disappoint, Shanghai Shanghai certainly lives up to this as it offers over 250 dishes. Whilst we cannot give an opinion on all of these dishes, we can say from the ones we've tried that they have been able to balance quantity and quality.

shanghai-shanghai.co.uk
15 Goose Gate, NG1 1FE

Kayal

Whilst Indian food isn't necessarily synonymous with healthy eating, Kayal is certainly establishing a new reputation for Indian food. Kayal prioritises healthy cooking and using fresh ingredients to show how flavour doesn't have to come at a cost, rather flavourful food can be healthy too and it doesn't have to be a compromise. It's not only us who thinks that Kayal succeeds in their mission, for it has been awarded with the 'Healthiest Restaurant' accolade in recognition of its efforts.

kayalrestaurant.com
8 Broad Street, NG1 3AL



Suede Bar

Things to do and places to visit

Activities in Hockley

Hockley is located in the Creative Quarter of Nottingham, it is no surprise then that this is where you will find the city's most notable cinema, the Broadway, and perhaps the most famous independent record store in the world, Rough Trade. In the summer months, Hockley is also home to Nottingham's Pride Festival and the city's own music festival, the Hockley Hustle. So if you have time to spend in between your visits to the various food and drink establishments then be sure to check out the following places.

Peggy's Skylight

Peggy's Skylight is a jazz and soul music venue located in one of Hockley's quieter streets. Each night (Thursday – Sunday), Peggy's Skylight hosts a different artist from the jazz, blues and soul world. Within just three years of operation, Peggy's Skylight has already been named the Jazz Venue of the Year by the UK Parliamentary Jazz Awards.

peggysskylight.co.uk

3 George Street, NG1 3BH

Broadway Cinema

Just a stones throw away from the Paragon Law offices, is the notable Broadway Cinema. The name is right to make you think that this is just a cinema, but it's not 'just' a cinema: it's a key part of Nottingham's history and a key piece of its future. For instance, back in 1993 the Broadway established Nottingham as a movie 'Mecca' when it hosted the UK's premiere of Pulp Fiction. Similarly, in 2019 the Broadway underwent a redesign which saw local legend, Paul Smith, create the interiors of the cinema. In the true Hockley-way, the Broadway continues to shine a light on films and people from all around the world: a regular week at the Broadway can see the latest blockbuster play alongside a Spanish indie film.

broadway.org.uk

14-18 Broad Street, NG1 3ALL



Peggy's Skylight



Rough Trade

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Rough Trade is the most well-known establishment in Hockley and its presence alongside other iconic music venues: Rock City, Bodega and Rescue Rooms has well and truly established Nottingham as an indie music haven.

Alongside the abundance of vinyl records, the iconic merchandise, and selection of indie books on offer, Rough Trade is also home to an upstairs bar which not only serves up drinks but hosts a range of intimate gigs for up-and-coming artists. Previous gigs have seen Tom Odell, Little Simz, Jungle, and Easy Life perform at Rough Trade.

roughtrade.com
5 Broad Street, NG1 3AJ

Metronome

If you're looking for an intimate venue to catch a talk or performance within Nottingham, then why not check out the Metronome. The Metronome receives less attention than other venues within Nottingham – partly due to its small size and the fact that it was only opened in 2018. However, despite its recency, the Metronome has already hosted performances by Ed Byrnes, and Jason Manford.

metronome.uk.com
Marco Island, Huntingdon Street, NG1 1AP

Confetti

Confetti has been a key part of Nottingham's creative scene since 1994 when it was initially founded by Craig Chettle as a development hub for wannabe sound engineers. Nowadays Confetti is far more than just a training ground for sound engineers: today Confetti is a specialist education provider in Games, Media, and Music. With over 2,000 students enrolled in courses at Confetti it shows how Nottingham's creative scene isn't set to diminish any time soon.

confetti.ac.uk

6-10 Convent Street, NG1 3LL

Antenna

Through its success and growth, Confetti has become far more than just an educational institute – rather it has branched out into other areas with the aim of harnessing Nottingham's creativity. One branch of this is Antenna, Nottingham's creative business hub. Since 2009, Antenna has been providing a space for Nottingham's creatives to meet, talk, collaborate with, and learn from one another. So, if you're getting bored at seeing the same four walls, then why not check out Antenna for a much-needed boost of creativity.

antenna.uk.com

9A Beck Street, NG1 1E



Confetti

Other areas of interest:

The Lace Market

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The Lace Market lies next to Hockley and as its name suggests, played a key part in the world's lace production during the 19th century. Whilst no longer a producer of lace, the area's history is nevertheless still illustrated in its architecture – so even though we could talk for hours and hours about the best bars and restaurants to visit but we thought that we should diverge our attention to the architecture within the region.

Nottingham Contemporary

Nottingham Contemporary is an art gallery in the heart of Nottingham and is arguably the most visually striking building in the city. Nottingham Contemporary is home to an everchanging host of contemporary work, but it also plays host to talks, film screenings and other works of performance art.

nottinghamcontemporary.org

Weekday Cross, NG1 2G

National Justice Museum

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nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk

High Pavement, NG1 1HN

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is not only Nottingham's largest medieval building, but it is also a Grade I listed building because of its architectural and historic significance.

The grandiosity of the church's history and architecture makes for a stark juxtaposition when it is compared to the tranquil street in which it is located – it may be hidden away but it is worthy of being the middle of attention. This magnificence is reflected in the church's interiors: the high ceilings, intricate carvings and abundance of stained-glass windows makes it worthy of a visit regardless of your religious beliefs.

stmarysnottingham.org
High Pavement, NG1 1HN



Sneinton Market

Other areas of interest:

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Sneinton is located just minutes away from Hockley, and together with the Lace Market and Hockley it creates Nottingham's 'Creative Quarter'.

Sneinton is best known for its weekly markets which see a range of independent stalls and sellers flock to the market square. However, Sneinton is currently undergoing a redevelopment which, it is hoped, will allow the area to compete with the reputation of neighbouring areas like Hockley.

Sneinton

Sneinton's proximity to the city centre can mean that it often goes overlooked but since 2014 the area has been going through a period of regeneration. Whilst the area is still in a period of investment and redevelopment it is certainly worth a visit, even if it is a fleeting one. To locals, Sneinton is best known for its market: every Saturday

independent stall holders show up to the square to sell a range of quirky and eclectic goods. This is a tradition which can date back to the 19th century and is only set to continue as redevelopment plans firmly place Sneinton's market in the centre. However, in addition to its markets Sneinton is becoming home to an increasing number of independent shops.

One of Sneinton's most popular jaunts is independent coffee shop 'Blend' which serves up a range of delicious drinks, sandwiches, and slices of cake. Blend's central location makes it the perfect place to watch the world go by whilst enjoying one of its artisan coffees. Another popular Sneinton establishment is Murat, Murat is unmissable: it's a big green warehouse which you can see a mile off. Murat is an international supermarket where you can grab ingredients from countries such as Poland, Turkey, India and Pakistan. Not only is Murat a staple place to grab ingredients from but it has provided many jobs for the BAME and migrant community. Murat is more than just a shop: it's a key part of Sneinton life.

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