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Relocating to “God’s Own Country”

Thinking of relocating?

If you're not local to West Yorkshire, our Golden Hello package offers successful candidates the potential to claim up to **£8,000 (or for individual circumstances, even more)** to help you relocate.

It extends to supporting with your house hunting and finding childcare – taking the stress away.



Located in the heart of the UK

West Yorkshires is a diverse county with plenty to offer, so you'll be sure to find something you love.

The county consists of five metropolitan boroughs:

- City of Bradford
- City of Leeds
- City of Wakefield
- Calderdale
- Kirklees

All offering something unique to West Yorkshire.

With a population of over 2.3 million people, West Yorkshire is the largest urban area in Yorkshire and the the 4th largest area overall in the UK.



We think it's great

But don't just take our word for it...

In March 2021, The Sunday Times rated many of the areas in West Yorkshire as [the best places to live in the North](#). Top rated was Ilkley, a town located in the city of Bradford. Also mentioned were the Leeds suburbs of Chapel Allerton, Farsley and Horsforth.

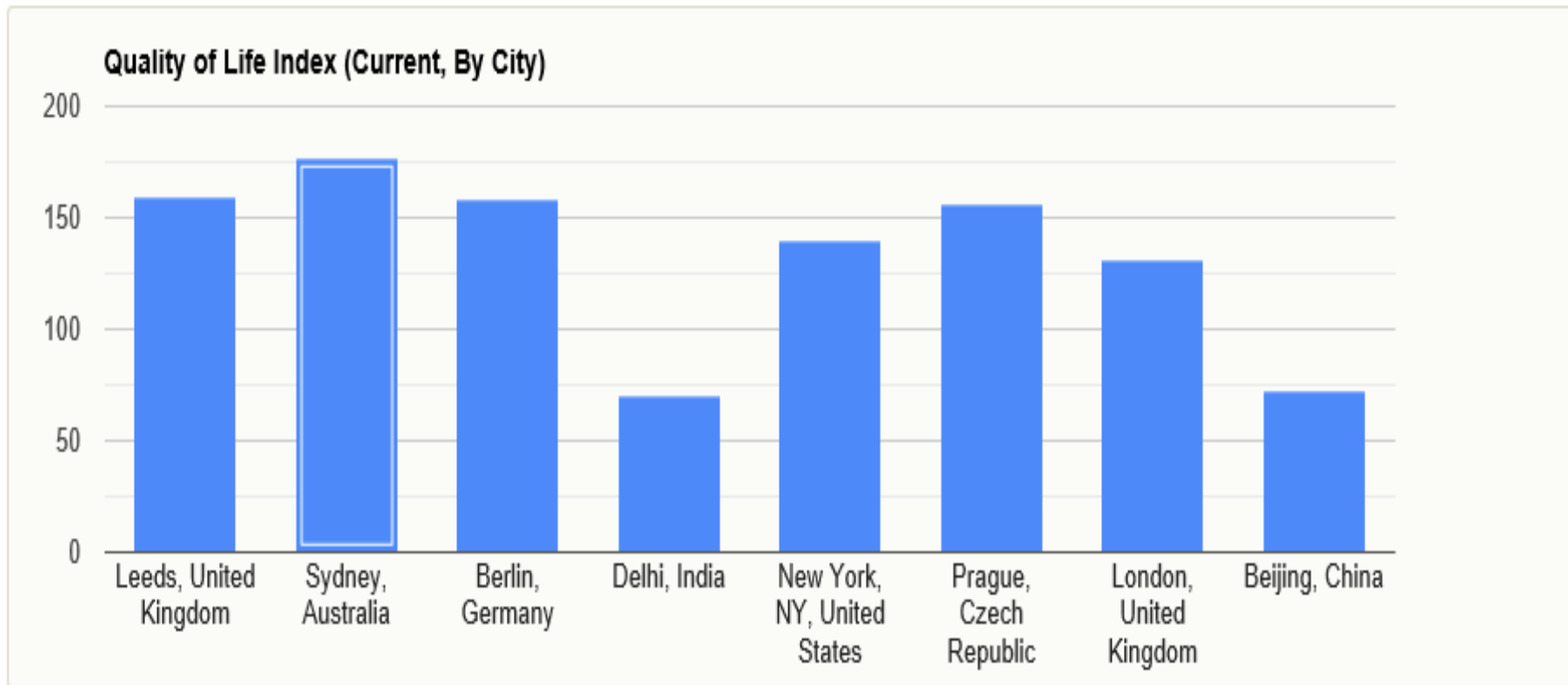
Alongside Bradford, Leeds is the largest area of West Yorkshire and also made this [top list of places to live and work](#) for its thriving university scene, booming retail and leisure sector and being the “epicentre to some of the most breath-taking views of Yorkshire countryside”.

West Yorkshire has excellent transport links. Its dissected by the M1, M62 and A1 meaning many places are within easy reach. Leeds and York are on the East Coast Mainline rail network – with London and Edinburgh only two hours away, the east coast within two hours, and Manchester within an hour. Also, Leeds Bradford Airport serves many UK and international destinations.

Quality of life..

Take a look at the quality of life comparison by some selected cities below. Yes that's right, Leeds is rated above London!

York, although not shown below is rated 171.86 for quality of live – that's higher than any of the cities listed.



Cost of living

The average price for property in West Yorkshire stood at **£204,138** in 2020. In terms of property types, terraced houses sold for an average price of **£152,181**.

Compared to other regions in the UK, West Yorkshire has one of the most reasonable costs of living, giving you a lot of value for your money. Average price for a property elsewhere:

- London **£672,918**
- South East England **£451,178**
- East of England **£372,179**
- East Midlands **£237,815**

Compare cost of living where you are now at:
<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

Average cost of rent per month	Leeds	Bradford	Wakefield
Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	£719.12	£460.62	£521.67
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	£528.85	£384.38	£437.58
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	£1,216.67	£692.14	£712.50
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	£884.67	£632.14	£687.50

Shop around for your perfect home



Ok, so this might not be in your price range. But you can shop around places to buy or rent at www.rightmove.co.uk

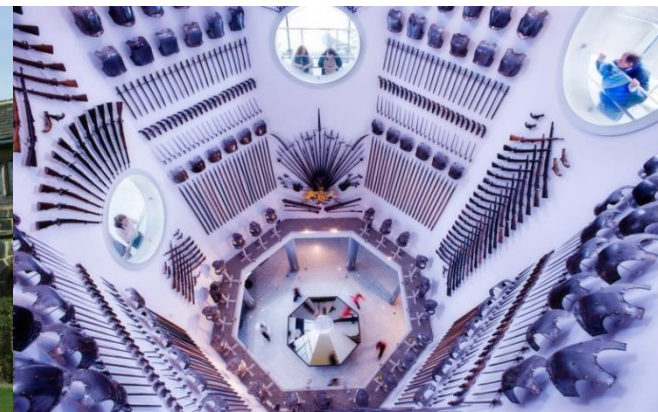
Things to do

Soak up some culture

Home to the famous Bronte sisters, West Yorkshires is rich in culture, spectacular buildings and breath-taking scenery.

Museums include the Royal Armouries Museum (below, right), Thackray museum of Medicine, Bradford Industrial Museum, Yorkshire sculpture park, National Science and Media Museum and Eureka! The National Children's Museum.

There are also the stately homes which are open to visitors such as Harewood House (below, left), Lotherton Hall, Kirkstall Abbey and Shibden Hall (Below, Middle). Shibden Hall was the focus of the BBC drama series, Gentleman Jack. There is always something to see and do.



National Parks

Heritage, landscapes and wildlife

The Yorkshire Dales National Park (pictured) famous for its stone walls and amazing scenery, is easily accessible by car, train or bus.

You're also within easy reach of other amazing places like The North York Moors national park, Yorkshire's stunning East Coast with places like Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay, Scarborough and Filey, and the Peak District national park.

Shopper's Paradise



Leeds' has been dubbed the Knightsbridge of the North, and for good reason with its high street brands, designer stores, independent boutiques and vibrant markets, all offering a unique shopping experience.

From the plush new Victoria Gate complex (left) and the unique Trinity Centre (below), there's everything you could want in one place.

For a more intimate experience, check out the beautiful Victorian arcades or the famous Kirkgate Market, birthplace of Marks and Spencer.

Out of town you'll find retail parks a plenty including the White Rose Shopping Centre towards Bradford, and the J32 outlet mall near Castleford for some great brands and bargains.

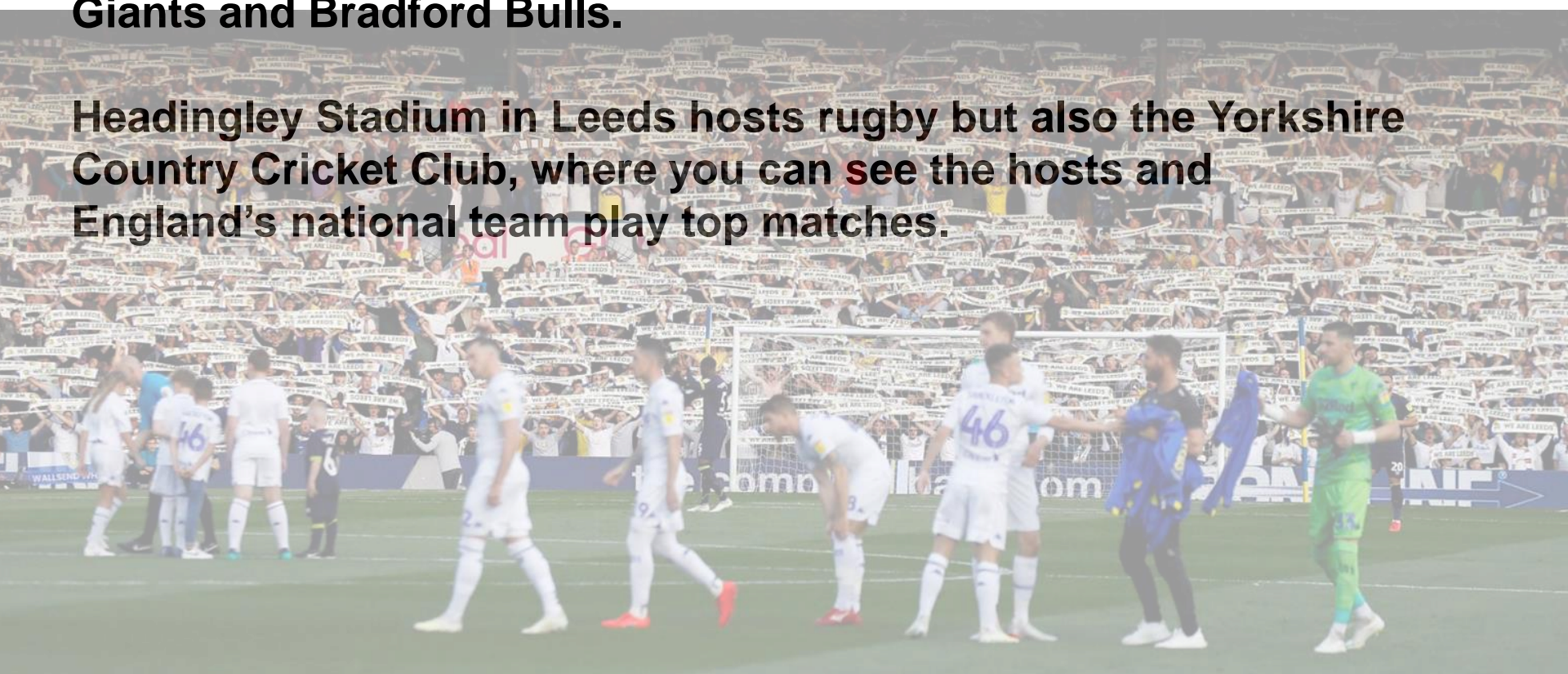


For the sports fans

Catch a match at Elland Road and watch Leeds United in action in football's Premier League (below).

Or if rugby's your game, we have five big rugby league teams: Leeds Rhinos, Castleford Tigers, Wakefield Trinity, Huddersfield Giants and Bradford Bulls.

Headingley Stadium in Leeds hosts rugby but also the Yorkshire Country Cricket Club, where you can see the hosts and England's national team play top matches.



And for music lovers...

There's the First Direct arena (pictured) Yorkshire's largest indoor entertainment venue holding 13,000 people. For more intimate venues, check out the O2 Academy, The Wardrobe and the Brudenell Social Club – recognised as one of the best independent music venues in the UK.



Families with children

West Yorkshire is a very family-friendly county, with lots of exciting things for families to do. With good transport links to major UK cities, it is easy to take your family further afield and enjoy all the fun the UK has to offer!

Search for childcare and family services here – [Childcare and Family services](#)
Search for schools in West Yorkshire [here](#)

Attractions in and around West Yorkshire

[Harewood House](#): A historic house with beautiful grounds featuring a Bird Garden with a touch of the exotic; penguins. Numerous special events are held at Harewood throughout the year

[Tropical World](#): Let the children experience changing climates as you wander through the different areas of Tropical World viewing tropical birds, plants, terrapins, and butterflies; an educational day for the whole family

[Yorkshire Wildlife Park](#): Take a family day out visiting some of the worlds most endangered species in an educational and interactive visit to the park. Enjoy the thrill and excitement of seeing the animals up close.

Attractions continued...

[Battlefield Leeds](#): Children can play in this exciting outdoor gaming field, dodging lasers and getting active

[Xscape](#): Here you are sure to find something for all ages, from an indoor snow slope, bowling aisle, climbing wall, aerial assault course, trampoline park, to a 6D motion ride

[Eureka](#): A national children's museum aiming to teach children about the world around them via fun and interactive exhibits where they can discover and play in a fun and unique way

[Bolton Abbey](#): Admire the beautiful scenery of the Yorkshire Dales, wander the fascinating Priory Ruins, take a picnic by the river, or visit the animals at Hesketh Farm Park. Bolton Abbey also features numerous special events throughout the year.

[Farmer Copleys](#): Home to one of the best meat and deli counters in the UK. Enjoy some food in the award winning café before enjoying a farm walk visiting the animals. A number of events throughout the year take place here such as strawberry picking, sunflower fields, corn maze and the UK'S largest pumpkin festival.

If you like the sound of that and want to discuss your career move to West Yorkshire, get in touch with our recruitment team for more info at:
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