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Cathays Area Guide

Your Guide to All Things Cathays as a University Student or Working Professional

Welcome to Cathays!

Cathays is the beating heart of Cardiff—vibrant, energetic, diverse, and impossibly well-connected. Whether you're a student wanting to roll out of bed and walk straight to your lecture, or a professional looking for a central, convenient place to live with fantastic transport links, Cathays genuinely has it all.



Our office is located on **Senghenydd Road**, directly opposite the **Cardiff University Student Union**, placing Horizon Properties right in the centre of the action. From our front door, you are minutes from everything: university buildings, indie cafés, supermarkets, train stations, gyms, parks, live-music venues, and some of Cardiff's most-loved restaurants.

Cathays is known for its friendly community feel—with students and young professionals living side by side. Streets are bright, busy, and full of amenities, making it one of the safest and most sociable districts in the city. It's the perfect place for people who want to live somewhere central, walkable, and full of character.

From a practical standpoint, renters benefit hugely from the area's convenience. Commuting to the city centre takes under **10 minutes on foot**. Cardiff University buildings are all clustered around the area, and Cardiff Met students have quick bus links. Professionals working anywhere central—Queen Street, St David's, Park Place, the Civic Centre, Heath Hospital, or Greyfriars Road—are all within easy reach.

Why Cathays Works for Students and Professionals

1. Unmatched Walkability

Cathays is one of the most walkable neighbourhoods in Cardiff. Within 2–10 minutes you can reach:

- Cardiff University SU
- Co-op, Tesco Express, Sainsbury's Local
- Cathays Train Station
- Park Place academic buildings
- Cardiff City Centre & St David's
- Bute Park (Cardiff's largest park, perfect for running, walking and picnics)

Professionals love the ease of getting to workplaces in the Civic Centre, the law courts, the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Heath Hospital, and central offices.

Students love the independence of being able to walk everywhere.



2. Food, Social Life & Coffee Culture

Cathays is stacked with some of Cardiff's most iconic student and young-professional hangouts. Within a short walk you'll find:

- **The Taf & The SU cafés** (cheap, sociable, iconic)
- **Zi's Cafe** (student favourite Chinese)
- **Metchy's / Hoffi Coffi / Deri Down / Blue Honey / The Early Bird** (great for studying or working)
- **The Flora, The Vulcan, The Woodville, Misfits, Gassy's** (popular pubs and bar spots)
- **Maria's, Semetary's, Wisconsin, Mowgli's, Pizza Workshop** (takeaway favourites)
- **The Woodville, Misfits, The Mackintosh** (everyone's favourite pubs)

No matter your lifestyle—quiet coffee shop mornings or lively evenings—Cathays suits everyone.

3. Amenities That Make Life Easier

- Gyms: **PureGym Cathays, The Gym Group City Road, UFit**
- Pharmacies: Boots, Well Pharmacy
- Libraries: **ASSL** (Arts & Social Sciences Library), Health Library, RWCMD Library
- Transport: Cathays Train Station + over 20 bus routes
- Healthcare: GP surgeries, dentists, and opticians all within walking distance

4. A Community Feel

Cathays is diverse, multicultural, and welcoming. Because it's full of both students and young professionals, it offers a friendly blend of energy and responsibility. Streets feel alive, but not overwhelming—making it ideal for people who want social convenience alongside personal space.

Horizon Properties: Where Our Homes Are Located

We pride ourselves on offering high-quality, convenient homes scattered across the most desirable streets in Cathays. Each location is chosen for practicality, safety, and walkability—ensuring our tenants experience the best of the area.

Below is a tour of the main streets where Horizon Properties homes are located, including a quick overview of what each area is like:

Richmond Road

A major hub connecting Cathays and Roath. Perfect for both students and young professionals due to its mix of houses, cafés, and fast access to City Road. Shops, gyms, and takeaways are seconds away.

Woodville Road

Known for its restaurants, pubs, bus links, and direct access to the SU. A lively street that's always in demand.

Glynhondda Street

One of the most popular student streets—safe, central, and just a short walk to Park Place and the SU. Ideal for tenants who want everything within arm's reach.





Llanbleddian Gardens

Tree-lined, quieter, and beautifully located near Cathays Park. Professionals especially love this area for morning commutes.

Salisbury Road

A bustling street full of shops, cafés, convenience stores, and restaurants. Amazing transport links.

Colum Road

A direct route into the Civic Centre—excellent for professionals working in government, law, education, or business.

Miskin Street, Catherine Street, Richards Street

Quiet and residential, but still seconds from everything. Great balance of peace and convenience.

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Village-style streets with a friendly community atmosphere. Loved by long-term residents and students who prefer calmer living.

Every one of these streets is **2-12 minutes away from the SU, gyms, city centre, and all major amenities.**

Tenants consistently tell us they had no idea how convenient Cathays would be until they experienced it firsthand.

Why Choose Horizon For Your Next Home

♥ Local Expertise, Right in the Centre of Cathays

We know Cathays better than anyone because we work, live, and specialise right in the heart of it. Our office on Senghennydd Road is open, accessible, and always here to support our tenants.



🏠 Properties for All Lifestyles

Whether you're a group of students looking for your first shared home or a working professional who wants something peaceful but central, we offer a wide range of:

- Studios
- One-bed and two-bed flats
- Small and large HMOs
- Renovated, modern properties with all essential appliances included

💎 Quality, Cleanliness & Maintenance

We ensure all homes are well-maintained, regularly inspected, and ready to move in. Tenants can expect:



- Fast maintenance reporting
- Clean, furnished spaces
- Clear communication
- Responsive support from our office team

Ultra-Central Locations

Living with Horizon Properties means living in the most sought-after streets in Cathays—without the chaos of city-centre traffic or parking issues.

Affordable & Fair Rent

We're open about costs, clear about expectations, and always aim to deliver value. All of our properties offer **no deposits** making moving-in stress-free.

Perfect for Students & Professionals

Students benefit from unbeatable proximity to lectures.
Professionals benefit from the fast commute to the city centre and beyond.
Everyone benefits from living in a lively, friendly, accessible neighbourhood.

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