

Steph McGovern

Presenter

Award-winning journalist and broadcaster Steph McGovern co-hosts the *The Rest Is Money* with Robert Peston, exploring the economic issues that affect our everyday lives.

Steph is also a regular face on the BBC fronting shows such as *Have I Got News for You*, and *Crimewatch* as well as two new programmes due to air in 2026. For over three years Steph hosted her own BAFTA nominated daily magazine show *Steph's Packed Lunch* on Channel 4. The show broadcast over 500 episodes, after starting in her house in lockdown.

Working in financial journalism for over twenty years, with eight years on BBC Breakfast, Steph travelled all over the UK covering economic news and broadcasting live from over five hundred businesses. Whether speaking to factory workers or FTSE 100 CEOs, Steph's mission was to uncover and explain the real economy. She continued that work on her Channel 4 show, with regular features such as her *Small Business Market* and *Job Clinic*.

Steph is also the founder of the fitness business *ClimbAhub* in Newcastle and is the co-owner of the kids slime retailer *Gootopia*, which now has over ten stores nationally as well as two in the EU. Steph also has a number of other business investments as an angel investor. Away from news and business, Steph launched her own CBBC show looking for the next generation of entrepreneurs, *Pocket Money Pitch*. On BBC Two's *Made in Great Britain* she joined 21st century makers exploring the skills and industries that built the nation.

She co-hosted five series of the BBC One show *Shop Well For Less*, and four series of the consumer rights institution *Watchdog*. She also joined Hugh Fearnley-Whitting stall to present the BBC One health show *Easy Ways to Live Well*. Before becoming an on-air correspondent, Steph was the lead producer of financial news for the BBC, working with then Business Editor Robert Peston at the forefront of the award-winning coverage of the credit crunch and banking crisis. She soon began broad casting herself, and delivered the business news on 5Live, Radio 4 and on the Chris Evans show on Radio 2 before gaining a fulltime role on BBC Breakfast.



Originally from Middlesbrough, Steph started as an apprentice engineer at Black & Decker where, aged nineteen, she won the title of Young Engineer for Britain before studying at University College London. Steph is involved in lots of community and education projects in her native North East. She launched the 'Steph McGovern Women in Engineering Scholarships' at Teesside University in 2026, with the science charity Eminent, and regularly works with schools in the area. Steph is a patron of the charity Rubies, supporting disadvantaged children, and is a former champion Irish dancer.

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