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City Centre, Highfield and Kelham Island

Election Special 2021



DOUGLAS JOHNSON

CLLR DOUGLAS JOHNSON TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION

This year, you can re-elect your hard-working Green Party councillor.

THREE REASONS TO RE-ELECT DOUGLAS

- Gets things done for our area**
- Works hard all year - not just at election time**
- Listens to you**

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Local elections are to be held on Thursday May 6th this year and Green councillor Douglas Johnson is standing for election again.

He was first elected in 2016 and was due to stand again last year until elections were postponed because of Covid. He leads the group of eight Green councillors in Sheffield.

Residents will also vote in a referendum on May 6th to ask for a change to the way the council is run. This comes after 26,000 people signed a petition for a change from the current top-down "Strong Leader" model of local government.

Douglas said, "Greens have worked with so many residents in Sheffield over the last five years and I am proud of our record."

"On 6th May – it will either be me, or the Labour candidate. **The Conservatives or other parties cannot win here.**"



Councillor Douglas Johnson with fellow Green Party ward councillor Ruth Mersereau who was elected in 2019.

IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK

We all have mental health, and just like our physical health, it needs looking after. If you want to speak to someone about mental health call:

Sheffield Mind: 0114 312 2209

Domestic abuse or violence is a crime and if you are in danger, call 999 – Both female and male victims can access advice and support from organisations there to help.

Domestic abuse helpline: 0808 808 2241

Men Staying Put: 0300 303 0167

For free and confidential financial advice you can contact:

Citizens Advice: 0808 278 7820

National Debtline: 0808 808 4000

BETTER AIR QUALITY FOR CENTRAL SHEFFIELD

The ward councillors arranged for a dozen residents to carry out some air pollution monitoring in 2018 and 2019 – and we have finally got the results.

They were measuring nitrogen dioxide (NO2), the main pollution from road traffic, each month. Across the

city centre, pollution levels are very high – the worst was nearly twice the maximum legal limit.

The worst hotspots were on Glossop Road and near the station taxi rank.

Readings were much higher in the winter months.



I hope voters in our area will re-elect me as your local councillor on May 6th I would like to continue to work to improve our area – with my fellow Green councillors, Martin Phipps and Ruth Mersereau. I'm pleased with what we have achieved and I hope you are too." Douglas Johnson

DOUGLAS JOHNSON

2019 LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS - CITY WARD
MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT ON 6TH MAY

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HOW TO REGISTER FOR A POSTAL VOTE

Local Elections are going ahead on 6th May.

However, we know that there will still be people who feel they will not be able to vote in person.

But you can still make sure you vote in these elections by requesting a postal ballot paper.

To register for a postal vote you need to fill in an application form. You can request one by:

electoralservices@sheffield.gov.uk

0114 273 4093

The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on Tuesday 20 April.



RUBBISH CLEARED

Residents got in touch to tell us about fly-tipping and litter on Lancing Road in Highfield.

Your local Green Party Councillors took action and got it cleared.

Councillor Douglas Johnson said, "Fly-tipping can really impact the quality of life of residents living near hot spots and it can really drag down our local area."

If you want to report fly-tipping, litter or request a street clean, contact streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk or ring 0114 273 4567.

GREENS WELCOME NEW CITY CENTRE PARK

The City Centre is desperately short of green space.

Your Green Party councillors support new proposals for Pound's Park – a small green area between **Carver Street** and **Rockingham Street** – currently used for car parking.

As Greens, we have called for parks

for people, not cars. The park will be a good place for people to enjoy nature.

The plans can be seen at www.heartofsheffield.co.uk.

The initial consultation has closed but you can still submit comments via your local councillors.



JOHN LEWIS SET TO CLOSE IN SHEFFIELD



John Lewis has announced it will close for good.

This is despite Sheffield Council paying £3.4 million last year plus an undisclosed additional sum for refurbishment.

Douglas Johnson said, "At the time, I queried whether this deal removed John Lewis's incentive of low rent to stay in Sheffield."

"This is sad news for the hundreds of people working at the store and another hammer blow for the city centre."

"New documents suggest the undisclosed sum is actually £21 million. At this month's council meeting, I am asking how much of our money has been paid to John Lewis before they close."

PLUGGING CAR CLUBS

Lots of people are concerned about the number of cars the city centre can handle, especially with the continual growth in the local population as new apartment blocks are built.

At the Council meeting that set this year's Council budget, Greens proposed more money for developing

car clubs in the city, designed to reduce individual car ownership.

However, Labour councillors – who currently have a majority on the council – voted against the proposal.

Individual residents can still sign up for car-sharing with various companies such as: www.liftshare.com or www.gocarshare.com



RESURFACING DUE ON ROCKINGHAM STREET

Resurfacing works on Rockingham Street has now started following requests by your local Green Party councillor team.

Bus drivers had contacted your City Ward councillors about the appalling surfaces which they said was causing them neck and back pain.

Councillor Ruth Mersereau said, "I am really pleased that this work has now been agreed and we hope it will happen soon."

"Sheffield Council outsourced this work to a private company and we are now finding it much harder to get essential work completed."

GET IN TOUCH

Do have any issues you want us to help with? Let us know.



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