

SPRING 2022

# THE ECCLESALL GREEN



DELIVERED BY VOLUNTEERS TO 7000 HOUSEHOLDS IN GREYSTONES, MILLHOUSES, BENTS GREEN, SILVERHILL, CARTERKNOWLE, BANNER CROSS AND HIGH STORRS



## FAIR PAY FOR A FAIRER CITY

The pandemic has been tough for all of us, with many in Ecclesall Ward relying on deliveries. Couriers have helped us through. Yet, just as the cost of living increases, Sheffield's Just Eat couriers are being hit with a 24% pay cut. They fought back with what has become the UK's longest running gig-economy strike.

Ecclesall Green council election candidate Peter Gilbert has been speaking up for these key workers at demonstrations and pickets. He said, "I have been a delivery driver myself. It's a sector staffed disproportionately by black and minority ethnic employees and it is exploitative. Supporting them is a question of social justice."

The Green Party campaigns for fair pay and a fairer Sheffield. We believe in trade unions. You can find out about the strike and support them at [bit.ly/sheff-just-pay22](https://bit.ly/sheff-just-pay22)

## BETTER BUSES

**Connecting Sheffield: Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road** is a plan to boost public transport in the southwest of Sheffield, with buses given priority at traffic lights and improvements made to junctions and roundabouts.

A public consultation on these plans was carried out. The consultation also asked for feedback on **initial ideas** to change bus lane times and parking enforcement.

Our candidate Peter Gilbert has been listening to local residents' views and hearing the concerns of business owners. Peter arranged a meeting between Ecclesall Road businesses and Green Councillor Douglas Johnson, Executive Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport.

The Council are considering over 3,000 responses to the plans and initial ideas. They are also interviewing shoppers and conducting parking surveys along Ecclesall Road and Abbeydale Road to better understand the impact of any possible changes. **Further public consultation will take place on any specific designs.**



PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME

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Please contact me if you have any issues or concerns in your local community. Could you deliver this newsletter or get involved in the work we do in the area?

**Get in touch.**



# LOCAL SNIPPETS

**The Felling**, a feature film documenting the fight to save Sheffield's street trees, premiers 20th March at the City Hall. Tickets available: [www.fellingfilm.com](http://www.fellingfilm.com)

Over half the respondents to our **Ecclesall Air Survey** said that air pollution was a serious problem in the area. There was lots of interest in electric vehicles, and improving cycle routes was a big priority. See the results so far [bit.ly/EccyAir22](http://bit.ly/EccyAir22)

**Ecclesall Forum** and **Carterknowle & Millhouses Community Group** are proposing a merger. They are seeking your views. Contact [mikehodson26@gmail.com](mailto:mikehodson26@gmail.com) (CKMCG) & [pauljmay@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pauljmay@blueyonder.co.uk) (Ecclesall Forum)

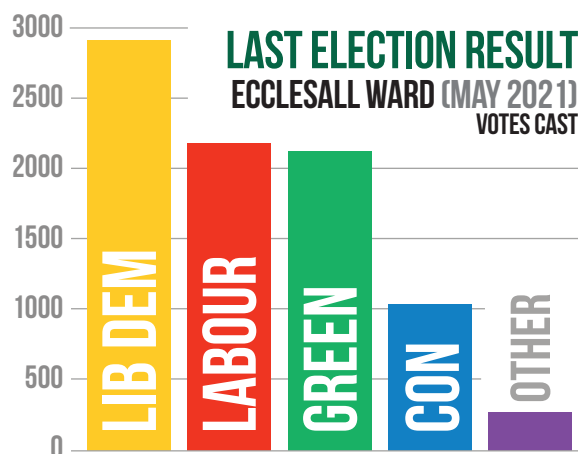
The Council's **Green Homes Grant** is available for lower-income households wanting to improve their energy efficiency. See [bit.ly/scc-ghg22](http://bit.ly/scc-ghg22)

## GREEN VOTES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For a long time many would-be Green voters in Ecclesall have felt obliged to vote tactically in the two horse race between red and yellow. Not any more. As can be seen from the graph, the Green Party were neck and neck with Labour in 2021.

The number of Green councillors has been steadily increasing in Sheffield. There are now thirteen, with three holding Executive posts in the Labour and Green co-operative administration. Greens secured agreement with Labour that posts would be held open for the Lib Dems but they declined to take on the responsibility.

A vote for the Green Party is no longer a "wasted vote". Your vote could be the one that elects Ecclesall's first Green councillor!



## OPEN (ECO) HOUSE

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ENERGY SAVING HOME IMPROVEMENTS?**

**Our candidate Peter Gilbert invites you to visit his retrofitted home in Greystones. Please get in touch to learn about his Air Source Heat Pump and exciting insulation!**

**SATURDAY 26TH MARCH, 2PM-4PM**

## VOTE FOR PEAT



*Peter and Julia rewilding Totley moor with RSPB*

From scientists, celebrity gardeners and conservationists, the message is clear: **nothing justifies the use of peat based compost.**

Peatlands form over thousands of years. They cover just 3% of the world's surface, yet hold 30% of the carbon stored in soil. Digging them up releases CO<sub>2</sub> and causes climate change.

Peter is passionate about this issue as his partner Julia is an expert on peatlands. Together they are working with Green Peers in the House of Lords to pressure the Government to bring forward the ban on peat sales.

### What you can do now!

Go peat-free. There are now good alternatives. Peter was in touch with Bents Green Nurseries, which confirmed they stock peat-free compost. As the BBC's top gardener Monty Don says, "It is time for every gardener to play their part and ditch peat." **All we are saying is Give Peat a Chance!**



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