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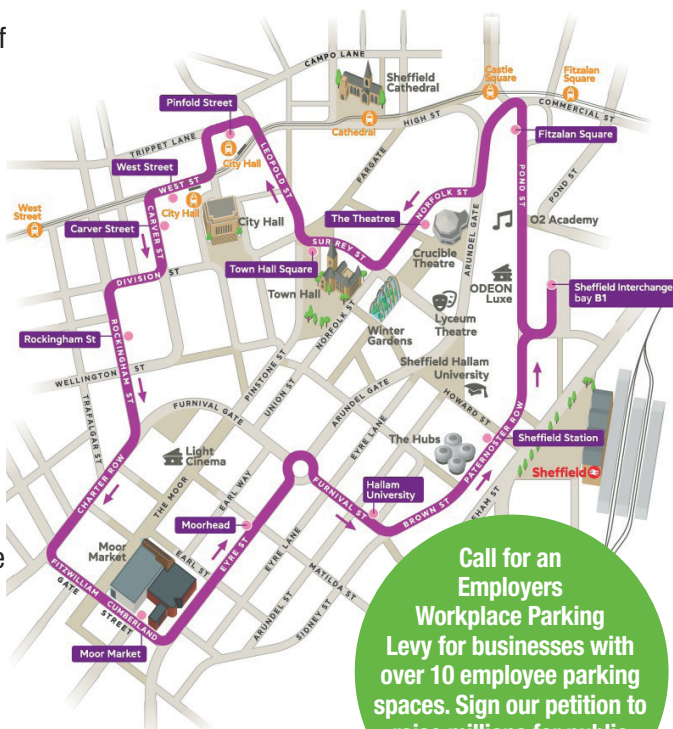
THE ECCLESALL GREEN



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SHEFFIELD CONNECT THE NEW 'FREEBEE' BUS LOOP

With the return of a hop-on, hop-off, city-centre bus, the Greens are celebrating. We have campaigned for it with costed proposals since 2019. Sheffield Connect is **free of charge** to anyone with a bus pass, anyone who has got the bus or tram into town, and **just £1 otherwise**.



The Greens are putting forward ambitious ideas for more funding and better transport: www.getsheffieldmoving.org. Sadly, there are cuts coming as the Government withdraws pandemic support. From 2nd October the **83** is being withdrawn, with the **6** being re-routed up Greystones Road instead, to Bents Green and then Millhouses. We want to see more new services like Sheffield Connect and not more cuts. Please join us alongside **Better Buses for South Yorkshire** in campaigning for change!

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

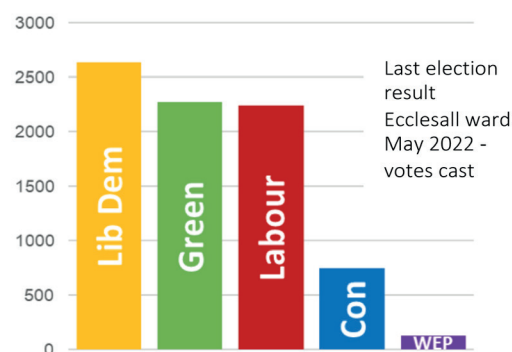
Greens closer than ever in Ecclesall

Thanks to the 2,271 people who voted Green in the May council elections. Our candidate Peter Gilbert was just 370 votes behind the Lib Dems and ahead of Labour. You can elect a Green councillor in Ecclesall ward at the next election in May 2023.

Greens bring fresh ideas and energy to Sheffield Council and were the only party to increase their number of seats; now 14 across the city.

The Council is facing huge challenges with funding cut in half and rising costs. Green Councillors are working to **make social care about outcomes for people, improve access to council customer services and find new opportunities for funding**, such as an Employers Workplace Parking Levy to fund public transport that brings in £9 million every year in Nottingham.

Meeting the challenges we face won't be easy, but if you vote Green, you will be **making a positive difference to Ecclesall and our wonderful city**.



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

Abbey Lane Safe Crossing approved by Council, joining up Ecclesall Woods to make it safer for all - well done to the campaign! Consultation on proposal here: bit.ly/AbbeyCrossing

St Oswald's Scout Group is making a splash on Millhouses Boating Lake! Interested in leading activities like paddlesports? Volunteer via ossies35@gmail.com

Mercia School is erecting fencing around their car park, citing issues with safety and noise. We call on the School and Trust to initiate a proper discussion with their local community bit.ly/MerciaFence

What do you think about climate change? Open chat from 7pm, Monday 17th October at the Cherry Tree Pub, Carterknowle Rd, all welcome. For info: ecclesall@sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk

GREENS ACT ON THE COST OF LIVING

Sheffield has experienced some of the lowest increases in wages for any UK city at the same time as prices of food and energy have gone up and up. Green Councillors have initiated a **Cost of Living Crisis Action Plan**, setting out how the Council will work with other organisations and businesses in the city to support people struggling with rising costs.

One of these organisations is **S6 Foodbank** which covers people across the city including those needing help in Ecclesall. It supports 1200 people every week with the help of many volunteers.

If you can donate, the Co-op on Ecclesall Road collects for the S6 Foodbank. However, if you can give money, that means the S6 foodbank can buy what is most needed - see their '**Nobody Goes Without**' fundraising campaign: bit.ly/NobodyWithout

Many of the people who use food banks are in work, elderly or disabled. **We must aim for a time when we don't need food banks; food poverty is a political choice.** Greens are campaigning to insulate homes to protect people from energy shocks, support cheaper public transport, and introduce fairer taxes and benefits to reduce the wealth gap.



Chris Hardy, manager of S6 Foodbank met with Ecclesall Greens, Colette and Peter

SWIFT ACTION

A movement has started to protect endangered birds



Peter Gilbert presenting nest boxes to his former school.

Home improvements, while necessary, can unintentionally make swifts homeless. Now, nest boxes are being installed across the city and renovation work on council houses will leave space for swifts to access their nests.

Peter Gilbert has been helping the campaign, including taking nest boxes to local schools. With spaces to nest, the hope is that this extraordinary bird can be saved from extinction and stay a common sight in the skies above Ecclesall.

Contact "**Ecclesall Swift Supporters**" to arrange for a nest box fitting at your house and sign their petition to the council to introduce swift-friendly planning rules: bit.ly/Sheff-Swift



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