

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN CITY WARD



CITY CENTRE, HIGHFIELD AND KELHAM ISLAND

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CLEARING THE AIR

Sheffield's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) will go live from Monday 27th February.

It covers the inner ring road and city centre.

Green councillors have campaigned on air quality for many years because it contributes to 500 early deaths a year in Sheffield alone. Despite improvements in vehicle technology, air pollution levels are still at illegal levels in parts of the city centre.

Cllr Douglas Johnson said "As Executive Member in 2021, I pushed for a firm decision on the CAZ so that millions of pounds of grants could be unlocked to upgrade polluting buses, taxis and vans. The 2021 Census shows that only 57% of households in City Ward have a car." As part of the CAZ, a new bus gate is planned for Arundel Gate, which will also improve road safety and bus reliability and help to create a high quality public space.

More information on grants to upgrade vans, plus lots more at www.sheffield.gov.uk/cleanair



Cllr Douglas Johnson, Cllr Ruth Mersereau and Cllr Martin Phipps on Arundel Gate



Cllr Ruth Mersereau at Charter Square (above) and at Pound's Park (below)

MORE PARKS

City Ward councillors welcome new open spaces in the city centre.

The creation of Pound's Park is underway, with green spaces, play areas and seating areas.

The park is due to open this Spring between Carver Street and Rockingham Street.

On Charter Square there will soon be a pocket park with musical instruments. Councillor Ruth Mersereau commented, "Residents often tell us there is a shortage of green space in the city centre and they'd like more. These new open spaces are designed so people can enjoy spending time outdoors in the city centre. I hope they will be interesting, attractive and welcoming public places for everyone."

If you have more ideas for open spaces, please contact your local Green councillors.



MENTAL HEALTH HUB



Sheffield has a new mental health drop-in which offers support to anyone aged 16 and over. Referrals or appointments aren't necessary. Located at 44 Bank Street, S1 2DS.

Sheffield Support Hub is open Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight and Saturday-Sunday, 2pm-midnight

Phone advice and video calls are also available; email sheffieldsupporthub.mhm@nhs.net or call 07890 987 384
www.mhm.org.uk/sheffield-support-hub



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MILLSANDS COMMUNITY GROUP



Cllr Martin Phipps at Millsands

Residents of the Riverside Exchange apartments in Millsands have started a residents group. They meet at 6.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month at The Harlequin pub on Nursery Street.

Your local councillors have been attending the meetings.

The group said "We started meeting last year as there were a number of issues which we needed our management company to take action on. We continue to work on issues important to residents in the Millsands area and are hoping to develop our little community. If you want to find out more please come along to our meetings and see our Facebook page, "Mentioned in Millsands."

LOCAL PLAN

The Council has published a draft local plan for Sheffield which will influence the future of the city's open spaces and developments.

You can find out about public drop-in events and make comments at

www.sheffield.gov.uk/sheffieldplan

The consultation closes on Monday 20th February.

VOTER ID



Photo ID will be needed to vote in May's elections. You can find out what forms of ID you can use at www.sheffield.gov.uk/VoterID

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Or ask for a postal vote instead.

GREENS IN SHEFFIELD



Sheffield's Green group of 14 councillors

The Green group have made significant progress in the council, working to make Sheffield fairer, safer and more sustainable.

We have:

- Passed a **renewable energy** motion to commit the council to look into renewable energy installations on council owned buildings and new buildings.
- Passed an amendment on **period poverty** which focuses on the provision of free sanitary products in public buildings such as libraries and community centres.
- Proposed a **cost of living** working group in the council. A package of support is now available to anyone in need and a network of Welcome Places has been created.
- Contributed to the **Local Plan** - through cross-party work, Greens steered the council to publishing a draft local plan for new buildings for the next 15 years.
- Acted on **clean air** - Greens have steered and supported the implementation of a Clean Air Zone, which has released millions of pounds in grants to support taxi drivers and small businesses.

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