

# THE SHEFFIELD GREEN

WORKING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

HILLSBOROUGH GREEN PARTY NEWSLETTER

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DELIVERED BY VOLUNTEERS TO 9500 HOUSEHOLDS IN HILLSBOROUGH, LEPPINGS LANE, MALIN BRIDGE, OWLERTON, PHILADELPHIA, WADSLEY AND WISEWOOD

## TRAMLINES AND HILLSBOROUGH PARK



*Councillors Henry Nottage, Christine Gilligan Kubo and Toby Mallinson at Hillsborough Park*

Tramlines is loved by many local residents. But Hillsborough Park became a mud-bath in July. **Restoring the park will take months and restrict access until late October minimum.** We're seeing more extreme rainfall events in the climate emergency – this will happen again.

**We view Hillsborough Park as a public asset for public recreation.** It's important for our health and wellbeing.

We're very concerned about the impact the required closure of large areas is having on park use and local businesses who rely on visitor numbers.

We believe the economic and cultural benefits no longer outweigh the negative impacts combined with park damage risks. Consideration must now be given to finding suitable alternative venues in the Sheffield area. That may take time and it must be considered likely Tramlines will be in Hillsborough Park next year. If that happens, we are demanding:

- **A robust weather action plan** that kicks in based on weather forecasts.
- **More temporary surfacing and walkways** during the festival to protect the park surface.
- **Smaller capacity** - fewer than 40,000 attending would reduce damage risks and allow more areas to stay open for public use.
- **No additional similar sized events** - the Arctic Monkeys' concerts were a joyful homecoming but risked similar damage and further restricted summer access.
- **Restore re-entry to all ticket holders** to help local residents and businesses.

Our view that an alternative site is found is not made without full consideration – **please view our full statement here [bit.ly/tramhp](https://bit.ly/tramhp)**

## LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT!



Recently Christine opened the new **Niagara weir and fish pass** close to **Winn Gardens** and Toby visited the **Healthy Holidays** summer camp there organised by **Zest** with the support of the **Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme**. Christine was at the unveiling of the **Holme Lane Community Garden** noticeboard funded by the **Hillsborough Together** local businesses group.

# BUS SERVICES IN CRISIS

The Labour Mayor for South Yorkshire, Oliver Coppard, is responsible for bus services - not Sheffield City Council. Local councillors have pushed hard for improvements after losing key services like the **52A to Wisewood and Loxley** and the **SL1/1A Supertram link**. Replacements are infrequent and unreliable with no early morning, evening or Sunday services for many.

There is no good news. Faced with another big cut in government funding, Oliver Coppard has prioritised maintaining basic hourly services with no funds available to improve current services. The Zoom Beyond 18 to 21 travel pass for 80p single journeys is being axed. **The government is increasing the maximum single fare to £2.50 in November.**

The government refuses to recognise the massive impacts this downward spiral in bus services is having on local communities and economies as people struggle to get to work, shop, medical appointments and socialise. **We must get buses back under local control.** The previous Labour mayor finally started the legal process in March 2022 but Oliver Coppard is now making this a priority.

We write this in late August - it's possible more cuts may have been announced by the time you read this. **Our vision for local transport is here** [www.getsheffieldmoving.org](http://www.getsheffieldmoving.org)



Go to the **Travel South Yorkshire** website and social media for service information and updates. Support the **Better Buses for South Yorkshire** campaign via their Facebook page.

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**Discuss issues directly with councillors at surgeries** at First Point, Hillsborough Barracks Shopping Mall, on Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 & Dec 7 from 9 to 10am. No appointment needed.

**S6 Community Litter Pick:** Second Saturdays monthly at 4 rotating locations. Organised jointly with Loxley & Wisewood Litter Pickers. E-mail [S6litterpick@outlook.com](mailto:S6litterpick@outlook.com) to receive information.

**S6 Foodbank collections:** Bring non perishable goods or cash donations to The Green Shop, 128 Wadsley Lane, on Saturdays Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25 & Dec 16 between 10am and 12 noon.