

# THE SHEFFIELD GREEN CITY WARD



CITY CENTRE, HIGHFIELD AND KELHAM ISLAND

WINTER 2024

## PROTECTING FROM GAMBLING HARM

Residents, public health professionals, police, charities and businesses were all concerned about a gambling arcade opening on **Fargate**.

Your Green Councillor Douglas Johnson spoke against the proposal and the application was not granted.

Cllr Johnson said, "A gambling arcade would only add to nuisance problems in the city centre. **Millions of pounds are being spent to upgrade Fargate, opening a slot machine arcade would damage this ambition.**

It would also undermine the intense work done day-in, day-out by public services and local charities working with people in the city centre who are vulnerable.

In addition to that, the police confirmed that Fargate is a hotspot for anti-social behaviour. Even the applicant told us that closing betting shops on Haymarket "improved" the area. The applicant claimed Fargate isn't a residential area but thousands of people live in the city centre now, many of them students who would be at risk. I am pleased the council has used its muscle to refuse a harmful application."

City Ward councillors have also objected to other gambling premises on **High St** and **Castle Square** because of the risks.



*Cllr Douglas Johnson on Fargate*

### HELP US HELP!

City Ward councillors continue to support the agencies involved in tackling anti-social behaviour in the city centre. If you would like to help, please consider giving any donations to the agencies that help people off the streets, such as the **Archer Project**, **Ben's Centre**, the **Sunday Centre**, **City of Sanctuary** and **Homeless & Rootless at Christmas**.

### ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Council is asking residents' views on how it handles anti-social behaviour.

The consultation is open until 29th January at [haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk](http://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk)

## FRIENDS OF CITY CENTRE



*Rebecca Palmer painting planters in Love Square*

We have a new community group called **Friends of Sheffield City Centre**.

They are city centre residents volunteering to improve green and public spaces to make the city centre more pleasant for everyone living there.

Your Green councillors have helped the group with funding for litter picking equipment.

If you want to join or find out more, ask your councillors for more details.

## NEW CROSSING



*Cllr Douglas and Cllr Maroof Raouf on London Road*

Green Councillors have asked for a new pedestrian crossing to improve safety around **London Road** and **Hill Street**. This has been identified as one of the most dangerous spots, with a high number of collisions and many people have requested action.

A consultation is coming soon.



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# CAMP FOR GAZA



Green councillors with campaigners outside Town Hall

During a cold week in January, two **Palestinian women** camped outside the Town Hall. Their week-long campaign was to draw attention to the 2 million people in Gaza who have been displaced or killed.

Greens have been clear and consistent in supporting humanitarian values and international law. In November 2023, the **council passed a Green motion calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.**

# NEW GP HUB

Plans to move two city centre doctors' surgeries into a historic former bank are underway.

**Mulberry** and **City GP** practices, both currently located near Arundel Gate, will move to refurbished premises on **Church Street** opposite the Cathedral.

Cllr Douglas Johnson said, "This move will provide more space for the two surgeries.

The building has particular interest for me as I was the legal caseworker who brought the court case forcing the Royal Bank of Scotland to admit wheelchair users to its flagship branch. It broke legal history when we secured an injunction in court under the Disability Discrimination Act."



Former Royal Bank of Scotland on Church Street

# PRIDE ON THE RIVER



Kelham Island is holding the first ever Pride on the River event on **Saturday 1st June 2024.** Follow

@kelhampride on Instagram and X for more information as it's released.

# MOBO AWARDS IN SHEFFIELD



This year's MOBO (Music of Black Origin) awards is coming to Sheffield on **7th February** for its incredible 26th year.

Tickets are available now at [mobo.com/tickets](https://mobo.com/tickets)

# SAFER CARVER STREET

**Carver Street** has been closed to traffic on Friday and Saturday nights as part of a trial to improve safety for people enjoying the **nightlife** in the area.

The trial has shown that people have benefited from this busy area being **pedestrianised on Friday and Saturday nights** and permanent measures will now be put in place.

# COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Your Green Councillor Douglas Johnson helped police with a **Community**

**Speedwatch** project on **Shoreham Street** in Highfield.

Contact your local councillors to find out more about this project.



Cllr Douglas Johnson helping police tackling dangerous driving

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