

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN CITY WARD



CITY CENTRE, HIGHFIELD AND KELHAM ISLAND

MARCH 2024

RE-ELECT DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Your City Ward councillor, Douglas Johnson, is standing for re-election in May.

Since being elected in 2016, Douglas has worked hard to make a positive difference. Douglas helps people with casework, all year round, like **housing issues** and **school appeals**.

Douglas and Green City Ward colleagues **Cllr Ruth Mersereau** and **Cllr Martin Phipps**, help **community groups** all over the ward. They attend **TARA** meetings and community meetings and provide support when it's needed.

Douglas consistently pushes for improvements to **public transport** and better **walking and cycling** infrastructure, as well as more outdoor/ **green spaces** in Sheffield.



In council, Douglas has spoken out in support of an immediate ceasefire in **Gaza**, more action on the **climate emergency** and better, **warmer homes** for people.

KELHAM ISLAND TREES



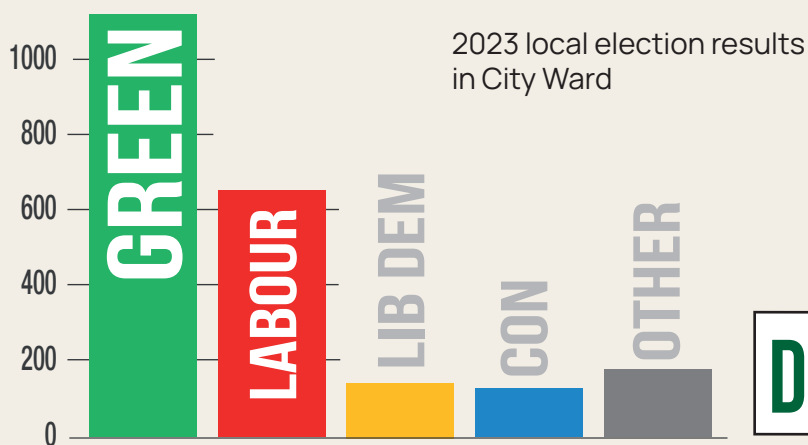
Cllr Douglas Johnson, Cllr Ruth Mersereau and Cllr Martin Phipps with KINCA, planting trees in Kelham Island

Your Green Councillors are working to make City Ward a greener place.

Working with **Kelham Island & Neepsend Community Alliance** (KINCA), 19 trees have been planted in every possible place in the streets of **Kelham Island**. Funded from ward budgets, with 2 funded by local business.

We all look forward to seeing the trees blossom in the spring.

Students, did you know that you can vote here in Sheffield and also at your home address?



DOUGLAS JOHNSON



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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION



Cllr Douglas Johnson on Fargate

The council is consulting on whether to bring in a **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)**. This would make acts like drinking alcohol, begging and loitering into criminal offences.

Cllr Douglas Johnson said, "Green councillors have supported a lot of work on tackling anti-social behaviour for many years, by supporting the organisations that help people. We don't think that handing out £100 fines to people sitting in doorways will help address the root causes."

You can comment until 25th March haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/proposed-city-centre-pspo or use the QR



BETTING SHOPS

Green councillors helped to stop a new gambling arcade on Fargate but the Council has just agreed to the expansion of another betting shop at **Castle Square**. Cllr Douglas Johnson spoke against this at the licensing committee, alongside Peter Sephton of **Changing Sheff**, Charles Ritchie of **Gambling with Lives** and professionals from the Children Safeguarding Team and Public Health.

IT'S NOT GOING TO FIT IN THE BIN!



Fly-tipping on Shoreham Street

Cllr Douglas Johnson said, "I was surprised to find this huge pile of fly-tipping as I was going down **Shoreham St** and thought, 'that's not going to fit in the bin.' I am just glad to say it was cleared up the day after I reported it."

Your local Green Councillors work with the police, Amey and council officers to address graffiti, fly-tipping and litter on our streets, and even in the rivers.

If you see any fly-tipping in the ward, please let your councillors know.

NEW PARK ON SHEFFIELD CASTLE SITE

Work is about to get underway on the old **Sheffield Castle** site between **Exchange Street** and **Castlegate**.



Cllr Ruth Mersereau in city centre park

This will start with an archaeology dig and there are plans to create another **new city centre park**.

Cllr Ruth Mersereau said "We welcome this. Residents often ask us for more parks near where they live."

Your Green councillors also support opening up access to the **River Sheaf** where it flows into the **River Don**, at the edge of the site.

CHILEAN MEMORIAL TREE



Cllr Ruth Mersereau and Cllr Douglas Johnson with members of the Chilean community, planting a memorial tree at Nursery Street

The **Chilean community** in Sheffield commemorated 50 years since the Pinochet coup in Chile in 1973 with the planting of a new tree at **Nursery St Pocket Park**.

City Ward councillors funded the tree and will provide a plaque to be installed in the summer.

PRIDE ON THE RIVER



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

Follow [@kelhampride](https://www.instagram.com/kelhampride) on Instagram and X for more information as it's released.

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