

# THE SHEFFIELD GREEN ECCLESALL



GREYSTONES, MILLHOUSES, BENTS GREEN, SILVERHILL, CARTERKNOWLE, BANNER CROSS & HIGH STORRS WINTER 2023/24

## WE NEED MORE TREES!



*Peter Gilbert planting trees at High Storrs orchard*

A new map of trees across the country has shown how areas across Sheffield lack trees.

Trees and other plants have benefits for blocking pollution, providing shade in hot weather, soaking up rain and being a home for wildlife. Just

being around trees has been shown to reduce stress - they are healthy for us and the planet!

Often, only wealthy areas have the trees they need. Most areas in Ecclesall are lucky in having trees, though not all.

**Murray Road** in **Greystones** now has new **street trees**.

People on the street organised a crowdfunder and planted 5 trees. Contact Peter if you want to know how your street can do this.

Peter has donated 5 fruit trees as part of **High Storrs School's new orchard**.

There is a community orchard planned by **Friends of Carterknowle Park**.

To see which areas in Sheffield need trees most, see [uk.treeequityscore.org](http://uk.treeequityscore.org)

## CLEARING THE AIR

From September to April, smoke from **moorland burning** regularly drifts across Sheffield. This pollution causes health problems, especially for people with asthma or heart conditions.

Sheffield Green Party councillors are pushing the Council to use 'abatement orders' to stop this pollution



*Peter Gilbert and volunteers planting moss*

that harms health and damages peatland. Peter Gilbert organised a spagnum moss planting day to help restore moorland. Would you like to help? Get in touch.

## ECCLESALL PLAYING FIELDS

An application was submitted by Ecclesall Primary School to build a large Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on its grass playing field.

The **proposal has been revised** since the original application and no decision has yet been made.

For updates and other community news there is a new community website thanks to **Millhouses, Ecclesall & Carter Knowle Community Group**

[www.meck-communitygroup.org](http://www.meck-communitygroup.org)

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record vehicles that are speeding.

The owners of speeding vehicles are then contacted - first with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of dangerous driving, then if there are repeat offenders, with a visit from the local police.

In **Ecclesall** there is now a **Community Speedwatch group** to help make our roads safe. The priority is to increase safety on stretches of road where there are known risks. **Peter Gilbert** is helping to coordinate the group.

If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Peter or the South West Local Area Committee.



*Peter Gilbert on Ringinglow Rd*



# GOSPEL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



Ecclesall Greens have submitted comments on the development of the Gospel Church site, adjoining **Carterknowle Park**, on **Carterknowle Road**.

The derelict site has become overgrown, becoming a much needed haven for local wildlife. The new development has good features, such as **green roofs** and new **hedgerow**, but more could be done to maintain nature corridors.

There is also a high flood risk on the site. Permeable parking and

rain-gardens have been recommended but they aren't yet part of the designs.

Greens would like to see a commitment to **affordable housing** - a critical issue for **Millhouses** and wider Sheffield. This is a large development of 67 apartments and needs to justify its impact. The developer needs to follow the affordable housing guidance and provide good homes for people.

Local residents have set up a **petition** objecting to the development. See [sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk/2024/01/07/we-need-affordable-housing](http://sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk/2024/01/07/we-need-affordable-housing) for links to the petition and application (reference 23/03296/FUL).

## GREENS IN COUNCIL

Sheffield Green Party's 14 councillors are busy working to create a fairer, **greener** Sheffield.

In the Council chamber we have called for **public ownership of our water supply**, more investment in **renewables**, and gained cross-party support for a **ceasefire** in Gaza.

Elsewhere, Green councillors have pushed for investment in **energy saving measures for local businesses**, kickstarted **initiatives to help address poverty** and **supported local charities** in their objection against a new gambling arcade on Fargate.

Greens work hard for their local communities, **bringing new ideas to the Council**, and push for all parties to work together for Sheffield.



*Cllr Christine Gilligan Kubo, Cllr Alexi Dimond, Peter Gilbert, Cllr Maroof Raouf and Cllr Bernard Little (left to right)*

## THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

Would you like to join a local environmental group?

There is a new **Banner Cross** Environment Group that went for its first walk around the area in November. Contact [bannercrossneighbourhoodgroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bannercrossneighbourhoodgroup@hotmail.co.uk)

Other environment groups locally are **High Storrs** Environmental Group, see their facebook group [highstorrsenvironmental](https://www.facebook.com/highstorrsenvironmental) and **Bannerdale** Climate Champions, [bannerdaleclimatechamps@gmail.com](mailto:bannerdaleclimatechamps@gmail.com)

## SHOP LOCAL

**Every pound you spend in a local shop is a pound that does more good.**

Local shops use other local suppliers more than multi-nationals do, and local shop owners are more likely to return profits into building their local business, and that makes everyone in Sheffield better off!

There's loads of great shops around Ecclesall, from the post offices at **Banner Cross** and **Millhouses**, to bakers and the cheese shop at **Silverhill**, to the farm shop down **Carterknowle**, and greengrocers at **Bents Green**, and many more. See the map at [bit.ly/eccyshops](http://bit.ly/eccyshops)

### GET IN TOUCH



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