

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN WALKLEY WARD



WALKLEY, LOWER WALKLEY, UPPERTHORPE, LANGSETT, BIRKENDALE, CROOKESMOOR, BOLE HILL & NETHERTHORPE

SPRING 2024

FOOD POVERTY - IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!



Bernard visiting S6 Foodbank

On the first Saturday of every month, **Walkley Greens** run a Foodbank collection on **South Road**.

Cllr Bernard Little said "It is a disgrace that in the sixth wealthiest country, even people who are working are dependent on food banks.

There is so much financial wealth in this country (over £8000 bn according to Office of National Statistics) and so much of that wealth is in the hands of the super-rich. It shows that our economy has been badly managed over the last 50 years. And Labour promise that yet more austerity is on the way. Austerity is a political choice and it doesn't have to be like this."

At a Full Council Meeting, Councillor Bernard Little asked the council to seriously look at proposals to **fund public services** properly. Bernard referred to The **Taxing Wealth Report 2024** by Professor **Richard Murphy** (Green New Deal originator and Professor of Accountancy at University of Sheffield). Bernard said, "The Report shows that there's the potential to raise £90 bn of additional tax every year from fairly straightforward reforms to the existing tax system. Only those earning over £75,000 a year and the 1% super rich would pay this additional tax. This would allow for public services to be properly funded and people would not be facing destitution. Sadly The Taxing Wealth Report was dismissed by Labour and the other parties on the council."

CAMP FOR GAZA

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.



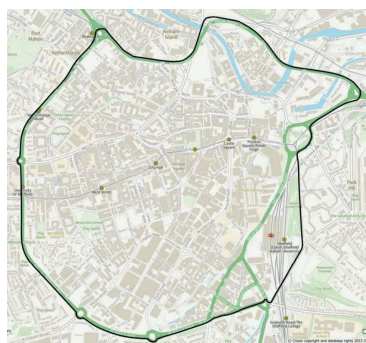
Green Councillors with campaigners outside Sheffield Town Hall

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER



Cllr Bernard Little near Netherthorpe Road - the proposed boundary for a Public Spaces Protection Order

Parts of Walkley Ward are included in a proposal to introduce a **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)** which would prohibit things like **drinking alcohol**, passive begging and **loitering**, within a specified area (see map). Fines of £100 would be issued to people for non compliance.



The proposed boundary of **Netherthorpe Road** runs through Walkley Ward. Some parts are included in the PSPO area and some are on the boundary.

Walkley Councillor, Bernard Little, said "I have raised concerns about displacement of people being moved to the boundaries. This needs to be discussed with our

communities living in these areas.

"I'm also concerned about issuing £100 fines to vulnerable people, rather than trying to help them.

"The PSPO could also mean that students/ young people whose accommodation may not have outside space, could find themselves liable for a £100 fine if they hang around outside in public places."

Walkley Green and University of Sheffield student, Dylan Lewis Creser, commented "The proposed PSPO won't solve the root causes of anti-social behaviour in our city - notably poverty and a need for more community services. Instead, it will further criminalise people and make our city centre less inclusive."



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The council are asking for public comments about the PSPO proposal, so please let them know if you're in favour, or not, and any comments.

haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/proposed-city-centre-pspo or use the QR

The consultation is open until 25th March.



NATURE RECOVERY



Cllr Bernard Little (right), Cllr Marianne Elliot and swift box (second left) with swift campaigners Sarah Blandy (left) and Nicola Gilbert (second right)

Your Green councillor, Bernard Little, has been part of a working group to look at **nature recovery and improving biodiversity** in Sheffield.

Bernard said “Wildlife is under threat from the loss of habitat, food sources and the impact of climate change. We need to be taking every opportunity to consider nature in all the decisions we take.”

In a planning application, Cllr Bernard Little successfully called for the addition of swift bricks to new properties. The **swift bricks** provide nesting accommodation for birds and can be embedded into walls under the eaves.

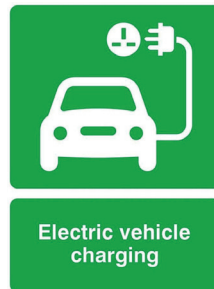
Bernard said “In 2021 Sheffield City Council declared a Nature Emergency and at the time I said that good design of the built environment can help anchor wildlife in urban spaces. Even small changes to planning applications can improve the lot of birdlife and other animals in our communities.”

EV CHARGING

Freedom Road car park is getting 2 new fast charge electric vehicle charging points.

Councillor Bernard Little said “Installing these in a car park provides more public charging points, without taking up space on the road or pavement. It is an essential part of the transition to cleaner, greener transport.”

Contact Bernard if you have any questions.



TARAS SUPPORTING RESIDENTS

Do you know about the local **Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs)** in the ward? They are very welcoming spaces for residents to meet and talk and you can ask for support or advice.

NETHERTHORPE TARA

Meetings are monthly, every second Monday at 6.30pm. Contact netherthorpeTARA@gmail.com

UPPERTHORPE TARA

Meetings are every other month, at the TARA Flat (2 Addy Close). The next one is 10th April at 6.30pm.

LANGSETT TARA

Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

A mix of Committee Meetings and Open General Meetings at The Bungalow, Whitehouse Lane.

EDWARD STREET

For residents of Edward St and St Georges Close. Meet at Edward St TARA Community Room.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or scan the QR code before 16 April



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Please let us know what matters most to you in Walkley, Uppertorpe and Netherthorpe.

Use the QR to complete our survey.

