

# THE SHEFFIELD GREEN ECCLESALL



GREYSTONES, MILLHOUSES, BENTS GREEN, SILVERHILL, CARTERKNOWLE, BANNER CROSS & HIGH STORRS

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## PETER RAISES THE BAR!



Peter with the newly refurbished Hunter's Bar toll gate

Your Green councillor, Peter Gilbert, spotted that **the iconic Hunter's Bar tollgate was rotting and falling apart**. Peter says, "I saw the gate at Hunter's Bar was looking in a sorry state. Thousands of people pass by every day and it's special for our area. **It's part of our history!**"

Peter contacted council officers, who were very helpful, and a fresh gate was made and installed. Learn more about the history of Hunter's Bar at **BBC Sounds: Secret South Yorkshire**.

## GETTING A GRIP

In the recent week of icy weather, Peter worked alongside residents to clear and grit footpaths so that people could get about. The contractors who look after our roads, Amey, **gritted many roads but managed few pavements or cycleways**. Some people find icy weather very difficult or dangerous. As your Green councillor, Peter called on the Council to make clearing and gritting busy pavements and cycleways a priority, alongside roads, **to help everyone get around safely**.



Peter gritting on Psalter Lane

## INTRODUCING TESSA

Hello, I'm Tessa Lupton and I'm introducing myself because I would love the opportunity to be a councillor alongside Peter.

Growing up in Ecclesall, I developed a deep connection to this beautiful area. Returning as an adult to raise my children, I've rediscovered a **profound sense of community and belonging**. I am passionate about becoming a councillor to champion environmental sustainability and contribute



Tessa and Peter helping restore peatland

to our vibrant community. I am committed to advocating for the issues that matter to you, listening with empathy, and dedicating my time to our collective well-being. My lifelong desire to help people drives me to work tirelessly **for a greener, more sustainable future for Ecclesall**.

# SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES

The parent-led Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) movement is very active in Ecclesall! It's a national campaign bringing parents together to change the norm around giving smartphones to young children. It's a non-judgmental support space and information hub for parents.

This generation of parents are the first to encounter the dangers of young children using smartphones. The movement **supports families to help keep children safe** and explores alternatives, such as



**Our Green councillor Peter alongside Tessa and local campaign members**

phones with calling functions but without access to social media, known as 'dumbphones'. Local activist **Tessa Lupton has been a member since the movement came to Ecclesall**. Recently, Tessa arranged a meeting with Councillor

Peter Gilbert and parents from local Smartphone Free Childhood groups to discuss next steps.

For further information, including how to join the community, visit: [smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk](http://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk)

## PLANNING MATTERS IN ECCLESALL

- In line with Ecclesall Green objections, **a development on the Gospel Church site on Carter Knowle Road has been refused** after the developer wouldn't contribute to affordable housing. See updates at [meck-communitygroup.org](http://meck-communitygroup.org)

- Peter and Tessa worked with local residents to raise concerns about the **lack of a crossing at the junction of Carter Knowle**

**Road and Ecclesall Road South.** The Council are now committed to assess safety at the junction.

- After calls by Peter in the South West Local Area Committee and a Green Party motion, **a Council task force on parking** will now look at parking issues city-wide.

- After a long campaign there are hopes developers will fully commit to protecting the River Sheaf Walk. See [sheafportertrust.org](http://sheafportertrust.org)



**Tessa and other residents wanting a safe crossing speak to the press**

- Peter has pushed for the 19 new trees at Banner Cross shops to be planted on both sides of Ecclesall Road, so **we will have a Banner Cross Boulevard!**

GET IN TOUCH



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