

# THE SHEFFIELD GREEN

# WORKING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



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CITY CENTRE AND  
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## GREEN FOCUS ON OUR AREA

- We've pressed for improved green spaces in various locations, and are delighted with the new **Edward St park**, near **Broad Lane**.



Local Green activist Sarah Jane Smalley at the Edward St park

- Work is progressing on **Green Lane Works, Alma St**, with its environmental & renewable energy features. The inclusion of two and three bedroom homes will offer more family housing options. See: <http://citu.co.uk>.
- **The Bowery on Devonshire St** now has permission to open until 1.30am from Fridays to

Sundays. **West One** resident Anna Stevens is interested in coordinating responses to future applications in the area, contact her at: [a.stevens@shu.ac.uk](mailto:a.stevens@shu.ac.uk)



Cllr Rob Murphy with a local resident near the taxi rank on Rockingham St

- Late-night taxi ranks on **Rockingham, Carver and Burgess Streets** are now operating on a trial basis. Greens worked with local residents to restrict usage on Rockingham St until 3am. We need your feedback on these ranks.

- Local Green **Cllr Jillian Creasy** has worked with **Kelham Riverside** residents and Uniteto address anti-social behaviour by a small number of students in the adjacent block.

- **Cllr Rob Murphy** joined others in successfully objecting to the lap dancing application by **Steel House** on **West St** on the grounds it would make the area less safe.



Cllr Rob Murphy outside Steel House on West St

## Tackling climate change and energy issues

**Local Green Cllr Rob Murphy** called recently for a reopening of the feasibility study into a wind farm in north Sheffield, but was voted down by Labour and Lib Dem councillors. Rob commented: *"With recent high energy prices, wind power offers real financial benefits to hard-up communities. Our Council should be jumping at the chance to bring investment and jobs to the city."*

We're pleased to support the campaign by Sheffield Climate Alliance (SCA) to prevent

shale gas 'fracking' in the Sheffield City Region, because this can cause many problems. For more information, go to <http://frack-off.org.uk> or [www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net](http://www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net).

Sheffield City Council is developing a Climate Adaptation Plan. The floods in 2007 caused an estimated £135 million worth of damage, mostly in the city centre. Climate change will bring heavier rainfall and central Sheffield is particularly vulnerable due to our steep river valleys. Preventing flooding is a key priority.



Floods in Sheffield in June 2007 (pic: UK\_Pitsmoor)



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# Greens campaign to stop cuts and privatisation



Cllr Jillian Creasy speaking at a rally to support children's services

Local Green councillors **Jillian Creasy and Rob Murphy** have supported city-wide campaigns to save services and stop cuts and privatisation.

For example, many children's centres face the loss of their council funding. **Sheffield Children's Centre on Shoreham St** is one of those affected. The Green Party 2013-14 Council budget, which was rejected by the ruling Labour group, proposed a small increase in council tax (48p a week for most households) to protect children's services. We wanted to

put that choice to the people of Sheffield in a referendum.

**Cllr Jillian Creasy** and other local Greens have also been working with Sheffield Save our NHS and 38 Degrees to halt NHS cuts and privatisation. They've collected signatures from many local residents on a petition to try to ensure that **Hallamshire Hospital's Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)** stays open. **Jillian Creasy** commented: *'Lots of local people use the MIU. Many more have shown their support for it.'*

Live music, entertainers, childrens play area & activities, beer tent, wholefood café, vintage & craft fair, bike workshop, evening film, co-operative corner, over 60 stalls indoors and outdoors. Lots of fun for all!

**Saturday, 13th July 2013**  
11am-5pm at St Mary's community centre  
(corner of Bramall Lane and ring road near Sheffield United football ground) Sheffield S2 4QZ  
Admission only £2 concession £1, free for 16 and under

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### SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP (SCCRAG)

Meets monthly (2nd Tuesday), 6:30-8pm, except in July & August, at Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, 5 Mappin St, S1 4DT  
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