

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN

WORKING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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BROOMHILL, CROOKESMOOR & ECCLESALL ROAD EDITION

GREEN ACTION IN THIS AREA

CAFE CLOSURE - SHOCK FOR INDEPENDENTS



Local resident Clare Hughes at the Manhattan

When the **Manhattan café on Ecclesall Rd** closed recently, a notice displayed blamed excessive business rates and rents. **Brian Webster** comments : “Greens have joined residents and community groups in working to maintain the right balance of good quality retail, residential, cafes and licensed premises in the area. If we lose this balance, Ecclesall Rd risks becoming just another “clone” road full of chains rather than distinctive, independent traders.”

PRESERVING VESTRY HALL

Bernard Little at Vestry Hall



Planning permission was obtained in 2011 to convert **Vestry Hall, Crookesmoor Rd**, into student housing but no work has been done. **Bernard Little** comments : “Local residents have expressed concerns to us about the worsening state of this building. We’ve recently notified local residents that Sheffield Council has issued an enforcement notice, which forces the owners to make improvements or face legal action”.

IMPROVING OUR ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

The Streets Ahead programme covers the upgrading and maintenance of our roads and pavements. Work continues in the **Taptonville area**, and will be rolled out across the city from now until 2017. Find out when and where at <http://tinyurl.com/SAsheff>. We’ve requested action on this **Turners Lane** hazard on behalf of a wheelchair user struggling to get to the bus stop on **Whitham Rd**.



GREENS OPPOSE UNFAIR BEDROOM TAX



Mal Cooper at bedroom tax rally in May

A Green motion in April asked the Council to do more to support those affected by the “bedroom tax”. **Jon Ashe** comments : “The Council didn’t support our motion but we’re now pressing them to look into the feasibility of reclassifying rooms and having a “no evictions” policy”. We’ve delivered an advice leaflet to the council estate on **Burns, Roebuck and Sydney roads** – see <http://sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk/2013/04/05/bedroom-tax-leaflet/>

STUDENT AND RESIDENT BALANCE

Brian Webster at Broomhall Rd HIMO seeking expansion



Greens are working to promote a healthy balance between residents and students in the local community. **Brian Webster** comments: "Students bring many benefits to the city. But when student houses become as concentrated as they are in parts of Broomhill, the only winners are letting agents and landlords. Local residents can continue to work with the Council and the universities to limit the proliferation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HIMOs)."

BROOMHILL LIBRARY UPDATE

There was still no firm news from the Council about their plans for Broomhill Library as we went to print. **Brian Webster** comments "Our library is one of the most used in Sheffield and any attempt to close it would have a big impact locally. If it moves to a new site, it needs to be close to Broomhill shopping centre so traders continue to benefit from the footfall." If you've any suggestions for possible new sites, please contact us.

GREENS CHALLENGE LABOUR IN BROOMHILL WARD

Broomhill ward council election result May 2012

Labour 1303

GREENS 1102

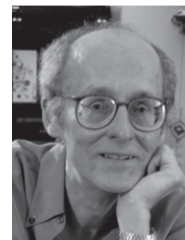
Lib Dem 809

Conservative 197

UKIP 107

In last year's Council elections in Broomhill, Greens came a close second behind Labour, with the Lib Dems a distant third. **YOU CAN VOTE IN A GREEN COUNCILLOR AT THE NEXT ELECTIONS IN MAY 2014.**

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