

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN

WORKING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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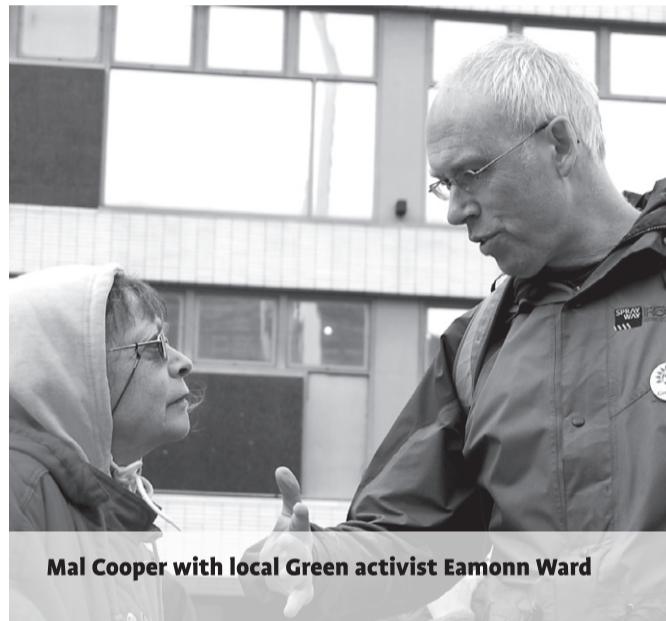
BROOMHALL, SHARROW & HIGHFIELD EDITION

GREENS OPPOSE UNFAIR BENEFIT CHANGES

Local Green **Cllrs Rob Murphy and Jillian Creasy** asked Sheffield Council recently to do more to support those affected by the “bedroom tax”.

Rob Murphy commented “The Council didn’t support our motion; but we’re now pressing them to look into the feasibility of reclassifying certain rooms and having a no evictions policy”.

We’ve delivered an advice leaflet to many council tenants locally – see <http://tinyurl.com/pw9fpca>. Local resident Mal Cooper only realised she could be exempt



Mal Cooper with local Green activist Eamonn Ward

from the bedroom tax when she received our leaflet. Mal said “I’m disabled with other health problems. My doctor confirmed that I need the second bedroom for my carer to use. I’m now campaigning against this unfair tax to help other people who can’t afford to pay it.”

Rob added “We’re continuing to campaign against other government and Council spending cuts and benefit changes, including changes to childrens services, legal aid and the NHS. Also, we oppose any actions that divide our community.”

GREEN FOCUS ON OUR AREA

Highfield Adventure Playground – Green councillors have actively supported the playground for many months. It was due to close in April, but will now stay open during the summer - phone 0114 2734266 for opening times.



Cllr Rob Murphy and local Green activist Sarah Jane Smalley at Highfield Adventure Playground

New apartments beside Sheffield United FC on Shoreham St - Planning permission was recently given for a large apartment block on the corner of John St. Now the club has applied to build another block on

the corner of Cherry St. Local residents have expressed concerns about the size of these buildings, with nearby houses overlooked by both.

Mt Pleasant development on Sharrow Lane – There are plans to convert this into a new retirement village, hopefully following consultation with the local community. More information is at <http://mountpleasant.sevenhills.co.uk/>. The partially demolished St John’s Church site further up Sharrow Lane isn’t part of this development – further proposals for that site are awaited.

Broomhall litter-pick – Local residents and students recently helped to clear litter from parts of Broomhall. **Cllr Jillian Creasy** said “Thanks to everyone involved in this successful event. It was great to see residents and students working together in this neighbourhood. I’m glad I was able to take part.”



Jillian Creasy (centre) with students after the litter-pick

Anglican Chapel in General Cemetery – Even though a number of local people objected, the Council has approved plans to develop the chapel. Local resident and Green activist **Sarah Jane Smalley** said “As the work proceeds, I and others will want to make sure that the conversion is in line with requirements for buildings of this kind.”

ANDREW COOPER, OUR EUROPEAN CANDIDATE



Andrew Cooper speaking at a rally opposing NHS cuts and privatisation

Cllr Andrew Cooper has been selected as the lead Green candidate for this region in the European Elections in May 2014. Andrew has 14 years experience on Kirklees Council, with a very good reputation among local residents there. If Sheffield people support him, Andrew could be the first Green MEP in Yorkshire & the Humber.

IMPROVING OUR ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

The Streets Ahead programme to improve and maintain Sheffield's roads and pavements started recently. This includes resurfacing roads and pavements, replacing street lights and attending to roadside trees and plants where necessary. In our area, the work will start in Highfield this autumn, with other areas having the work sometime in the next 2 years – see www.sheffield.gov.uk/roads.



• Live music
• Entertainers • Childrens play area & activities • Beer tent
• Wholefood café • Vintage & craft fair
• Bike workshop • Evening film • Clothes swap • Co-operative corner • Over 50 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

Bus routes 17 & 252 stop on Bramall Lane near St Mary's Centre

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PARKING CHARGES

Local Green councillors have strongly criticised the Council for recent large increases in parking permit prices. **Cllr Rob Murphy** commented "Labour's use of local residents' parking permits to subsidise city-wide spending is totally unfair. The Greens have always said the schemes should not be profit-making." If you want to help our campaign for a fair deal for our area or have other parking problems, please contact Cllr Murphy.

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