

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN WORKING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



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GREEN HAT-TRICK IN CENTRAL WARD

The Green Party gained 2 new seats on Sheffield Council at the elections in May. **Sarah Jane Smalley** beat the sitting Labour Councillor by 523 votes to be the third councillor in Central Ward and **Brian Webster** took the seat of the Sheffield Liberal Democrats leader in Broomhill Ward.

Greens finished 1st or 2nd to Labour in every ward in Sheffield Central Constituency.

GREEN	2552
Lab	2029
Con	286
Lib-Dem	182
Ind	120
TUSC	75

Central ward 2014 local election result

The three Green Central Ward Councillors:
Sarah Jane Smalley, Rob Murphy and Jillian Creasy



Next year there will be a General Election when voters from Sheffield Central will elect a Member of Parliament to represent us in London.

The Green Party gained its first MP, **Caroline Lucas**, in 2010. In 2015 we will aim to get our first northern MP here.

Cllr Smalley says "Many thanks to everyone who voted. I look forward to serving the whole community. My priorities for this year are supporting the local economy, particularly independent enterprises, including 'ground to mouth' food projects; improving our local environment by

promoting green spaces and combatting litter and pests; dealing with parking issues; working with residents, businesses and vulnerable people in the city centre to get a balance of everyone's needs; and supporting youth and community groups to give them a local voice".

PARKING PERMITS

Green Councillors have been carrying on the fight to bring residents' parking permit prices back down to 2010 levels. The Council has now admitted it made a £1,100,000 surplus from parking permit schemes in 2013/14.

Cllr Smalley presented a petition to the full Council on 5th February 2014, which was then rejected by the Labour Cabinet Member in July. Next, your local Councillors are holding a public meeting on **Thursday 16th October, 6.30pm** at **Duchess Road Community Centre** (S1 4SR), to update residents and discuss next steps in the campaign.



Cllr Creasy wants a fair price for parking permits and visitors' permits.

POLICE CHANGES

We should see more police and PCSOs in Central Ward. A 'Section 30 order' is in place in the **Abbeydale** area to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour. If you are aware of any non-emergency problems, please phone **101** to report them. The more reports they get, the more likely action will follow. **Cllr Robert Murphy** commented 'We are glad that the Police are now more visible but it is important local residents help too by reporting incidents.'

A Section 30 order applies to a defined area on a map and gives the police temporary extra powers to move people on if they are gathering in groups, and to impose a curfew on under-16s.

SHARROW GREEN SPACES

We get a lot of complaints about litter, fly-tipping and pests, and requests to improve our green spaces. We all want to be able to enjoy our local parks, gardens and streets. We are working with Sharrow Community Forum on projects like **#LoveSharrow**. We plan to hold an event in February 2015 to support local projects to improve our shared spaces.



Cllr Smalley led the recycling process at the Sharrow Festival in June.

WELCOME, STUDENTS

We welcome students to Sheffield and we hope you will enjoy your time here. Many of you will be living away from home for the first time. Please get in touch with us if you need help with council services such as recycling, waste collection, street parking etc.

YOUNG GREENS

If you'd like to know more about the Greens, or to get more involved, there is a **Sheffield Young Greens Group**, open to anyone under the age of 30.

You can contact the coordinator, **Aodan Markham**, on 07989 327 118 or sheffyounggreens@gmail.com

STUDENTS - DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR YOUR VOTE.

To register or update your details, go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

HAVE YOUR SAY

Problems in your area? Ideas how to improve things? We want to hear from you!

Contact us at our monthly Councillor's surgery, or by phone, text or e-mail.

To keep up with what your councillors and the Sheffield Green Party are doing, visit the website, Facebook and Twitter.

Get involved and join by going to www.sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk.

USEFUL CONTACTS IN THIS AREA

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COUNCILLOR SURGERY

10.30 - 11.30am
Third Saturday of the month
Highfield Library, London Rd S2 4NF

OFFICE Phone Number

0114 205 3320

ROADS, PAVEMENTS, STREET LIGHTS AND FALLEN LEAVES

Streets Ahead

Phone: 0114 273 4567 or
www.sheffield.gov.uk/roads

WASTE, RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

Veolia

Phone: 0114 273 4567 or
www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/Sheffield

SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP (SCCRAG)

meets monthly (2nd Tuesday), at
Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind, 5
Mappin St, S1 4DT
See www.sheffieldccrag.org/

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SHEFFIELD GREEN PARTY?

E-mail info@sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk
or contact Eamonn Ward, 73 Eskdale Rd,
Sheffield, S6 1SL or phone (0114) 231 1548.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

We are very lucky in Central Ward to have lots of great co-operatives and other social enterprises. We are working with Creative Arts Development Space, Common People, Hagglers Corner, Mesterworks, Opus, Portland Works, Regather, Sheffield Unchained and others to make sure that local independent enterprises get a voice. For more information or to get involved, contact Cllr Smalley.



Cllr Smalley working with Regather volunteers.

The Council is looking for a new investment partner to bring major retail chains to the city centre in a scaled down version of the long awaited **New Retail Quarter**. We have pressed all along for a greater emphasis on small independent retailers and businesses and more residential, leisure and other amenities. We hope that with the council taking more ownership and control of the project (rather than handing it to a single developer), there will be openings for local businesses.

DONATE & SUPPORT US



We don't get donations from big private companies and unions like other parties do. Instead, we rely on small donations from lots of individuals. Can you help, please? What your donation could fund : £20 would pay for 750 window posters for the next local elections. £50 would pay for 2,000 full colour council election leaflets to elect more councillors.

Every pound helps us to get our message across and get more Greens elected.

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