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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 IN KELHAM ISLAND

On-street parking is a problem in Kelham Island, as commuters working in the city centre use spaces needed by visitors to local businesses and residents.

Pressure will increase as new developments come on stream, for instance the **Little Kelham** housing, the nursery and apartments on **Dun Street** and the flats and retail units on **Russell St** opposite the **Fat Cat**.



Should Kelham Island have permit parking?

Other residential areas near the ring road have parking permit zones. Council officers have already assessed which

streets could be included. We want to hear your views and how it affects you.

ACTION ON ASB

Green Councillors supported residents and businesses opposing a second 24-hour off-licence on **West Street**. The Licensing Committee made it a condition not to sell extra-strong beer or cider, favoured by street drinkers.

We are monitoring enforcement and discussing **Anti-Social Behaviour on Devonshire Green** and elsewhere with police, licensing and support agencies such as the **Archer Project**. We inform residents of applications for late night opening, e.g. Soyo on **Rockingham Street** and Maida Vale on **West Street**. Restaurants and clubs can get Temporary Event Notices but these specify hours and sound levels. Phone 101 to report problems.



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RIVER DON OIL SPILL

On 19th July, a fire at Frogson's waste management plant caused 6,000 litres of oil to run into the River Don.

Kayak Club volunteers worked hard to clean up the affected area but further spills have occurred since. The Environment Agency is responsible for identifying the source and holding polluters to account, but has not prevented severe contamination.



Cllr Creasy visiting the area of the River Don affected by the oil spill. Ball St Bridge and Brooklyn Works are behind.

WELCOME, STUDENTS YOUNG GREENS

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.

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 by phone, text or e-mail. To keep up with what your councillors and the Sheffield Green Party are doing, visit our website, Facebook and Twitter.

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

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SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP (SCCRAG)

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

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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 (CADS), 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.



Green Party leader **Natalie Bennett** and activist **Anne Barr** visiting small businesses in Central ward

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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