

THE SHEFFIELD GREEN WORKING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



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Broomhill, Broomhall, Ecclesall Rd, Sharrow
Vale, Springfield Estate and Tapton edition

ONE YEAR OF VOLUNTEER-RUN LIBRARIES



In September 2014 the Labour-controlled Council handed over responsibility for running many libraries to volunteers. **Cllr Brian Webster** comments “The hard work and dedication of dozens of local people keeps **Broomhill Community Library** open for 33 hours a week. Our focus as ward councillors is on ensuring that library groups get the Council support needed to ensure the long-term future and sustainability of these vital community spaces.”

STRONG GREEN SUPPORT IN MAY ELECTIONS



Cllr Brian Webster (left) and Cllr Aodan Marken

Aodan Marken was elected as the second Broomhill ward Green councillor in May – joining **Cllr Brian Webster**. In Sheffield Central parliamentary constituency, **Jillian Creasy** came second behind Labour, with a quadrupled Green vote from 2010.

If Parliament approves, you will be in a new **Broomhill & Sharrow Vale** council ward from May 2016. The **Springfield Estate**, **Broomhall** and **Sharrow Vale** areas are due to move in to this ward. All 84 councillors will have to stand for re-election – you will have 3 votes to elect 3 councillors next May.



“**Climate Sense**” is the Green Party campaign for action at the Paris climate talks in late November. Transforming our fossil fuel based economy to clean renewable energy can reduce the impacts of climate change. Instead the Tory government supports expensive nuclear power and encourages dirty fracking in South Yorkshire. We support the work of **Sheffield Climate Alliance** to raise awareness and bring about the local actions needed. www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net

CAN GREEN COUNCILLORS HELP YOU?

Do you or your community group have ideas to tackle local issues and improve your local area? Your local councillors can offer support and advice. For groups in the current Broomhill ward, we may also be able to offer financial assistance from the Broomhill ward pot. Get in touch!

YOUNG GREENS LIVING WAGE FOCUS

Young Greens groups at both Universities are campaigning on electoral reform and the living wage. Green Party activist **Magid Mah**, former **President of the University of Hull Students' Union**, said: "Greens supported the strong campaign that led to the **University of Sheffield Students Union** agreeing to pay core staff the living wage. But we continue to press for a living wage for all university staff, and a maximum 10:1 pay ratio between the highest and lowest paid staff on campus." Find out more about **Sheffield Young Greens** via sheffield@younggreens.org.uk



Cllr Brian Webster on Clarkehouse Rd - a tree was next to railings here

STREET TREE DEBATE CONTINUES

The felling of roadside trees by highways contractor Amey continues to draw protests across Sheffield. Green **Cllr Brian Webster** said: "Local people want all alternatives properly considered before healthy trees are felled, but the Labour Council just isn't listening. **Private Finance Initiative** schemes, like the **Streets Ahead** contract, make council services less accountable. They are hugely expensive with repayments increasing year on year."

DEVOLUTION WITHOUT DEMOCRACY

A secret deal made behind closed doors with contempt for the views of the public. That's the devolution deal for **Sheffield City Region** negotiated by leaders of 9 (mainly Labour run) councils who announced it alongside **George Osborne**. 65% voted against an elected mayor in Sheffield in 2012 but we are still getting one. The deal brings just an extra £30 million a year to Sheffield – just over 2% of the current council budget of £1391 million.

FLATS PLAN REFUSED



Green **Cllr Aodan Marken** joined local residents and the **Broomhall Park Association** in successfully objecting to plans for a twelve-storey block of flats and shops at the current **Bamboo Lounge** site on **Ecclesall Rd** close to **Summerfield St**. **Cllr Marken** said: "This site needs development but plans need to be scaled down with design improvements so that officers can recommend approval."



Magid Mah at the new wall that prevents access

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BLOCKED ACCESS IN BROOMHALL

Residents are calling for the reinstatement of a key cut-through from **Broomspring Lane** to **Wilkinson St**. Green Party activist **Magid Mah** comments: "The **Upper Springs Estate** has many elderly tenants and people with disabilities. This cut-through is vital for near-level access to reach buses on **Glossop Rd** for city centre shopping."

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