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Spring Comes to Nether

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The Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group was set up in 1973 with the following aims:

To improve the conditions of life especially of those living or working in the areas of Brincliffe, Nether Edge and Sharrow in Sheffield, without distinction of sex or race, or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to advance our education, to improve the environment and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time activities.

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Editorial

We are sorry that this edition of Edge is again not available as a hard copy. Boris' timing for relaxing the lockdown rules came just too late for us. We are confident that we shall be back to paper next month and hopefully permanently thereafter. As spring approaches, with the warmer weather and longer evenings, and so many of us having received at least our first vaccination, there is a sense of optimism in the air. Let us hope that the plan to enable us to gradually reestablish face to face contact with our family and friends can go ahead. It will bring us so much joy. Perhaps a hug is still a step too far, but we have much to look forward to – perhaps even a holiday!

In this edition we have accounts of what our readers have missed during lockdown, how they have adapted, and what they are looking forward to. Many have suffered much hardship during this period and we salute those who have worked so tirelessly to alleviate their plight. There is still much to be done, however. Happily, the pandemic has not stopped the significant progress in making Nether Edge a greener place to live as evidenced by the reports of Paul Selby of NESST and Abbeydale Street Trees. But achievements in one area can easily be overshadowed by developments in another and so we have included information about planning issues that may concern you.

In the coming months those of us who can are hoping to stray farther afield and David Levine's walk provides an idea for that first foray. But do take care on the muddy, overused paths – and take your litter home!

So, there is much to get involved with. Do keep us informed of your ideas, adventures and campaigns. We always welcome your contributions.

Dates for your Diary

Farmer's Market : Sunday, 13th June

Open Gardens : Sunday, 20th June

Nether Edge Arts Festival : week beg 11th September

Connecting Sheffield: Nether Edge – City Centre

Sheffield council have published proposals for new cycling and walking routes into the city centre, the main feature of which is a direct, largely segregated cycle route .

The scheme is out for consultation now, closing on 8th April.

For more information, go to:

<https://connectingsheffield.commonplace.is/proposals/nether-edge-city-centre>

Brentwood Tennis Club

Brentwood Tennis Club Are opening their courts [on the 29th March](#), in line with the Government guidelines on recreational sport. Grassroots coaching will also be restarting. The club has been awarded the Lawn Tennis Association 'Yorkshire Club of the Year 2021' and has also received the LTA 'Yorkshire Disability Award for 2021'.

Nina Wightman, Vice Chair, says 'Our Head Coach Ben Howarth has led all the work for us to receive the award and really is the face of the club. He also received Highly Commended in the Yorkshire Development Coach Award this year for work with Down Syndrome families, coaching at many of the Learning Disability schools in Sheffield. His success with the club's Community Programme has been documented by the LTA in a 'Club Success Story'. Jan Atkins received Highly Commended in the Lifetime Achievement category at the awards something we all know is very much deserved for her commitment to the club.

The LTA are promoting their "Open Court" initiative to get more people involved with disability sports and we are one of their stand out example tennis clubs this year. We are really looking forward to opening up and have planned a calendar of events for the coming year and we'd love it if you could come to the club and meet the team.'

Please see : <http://www.brentwoodtennisclub.com/>

MONDAY MORNINGS IN MILLHOUSES.

We are an informal club for retired men who meet socially every Monday morning at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Grove Road in Millhouses. We are the longest-established Probus (derived from **Professional** and **Business**) club in Sheffield and, there are about 4,000 similar clubs worldwide. Unlike other clubs we meet weekly and have a full programme of speakers, which can be viewed on our website: probusclub.net/Sheffield-millhouses. Members may bring guests (male or female) and we currently have vacancies for new members. Why not give us a try – just log onto the website, then email for a link to our next meeting. Subscriptions are suspended at present and our meetings are held on Zoom so you can join for free. In normal times the subscription is less than £1.50 per meeting, including coffee and biscuits.

Roger Emerson, Chairman
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Update from Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST) *By Paul Selby*

Save Nether Edge Trees no longer exists and we have become Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST). After last years success with the Kenwood Community Growers at Kenwood Hall, that sub-group of NESST is planning ahead for even more crops in 2021.

There are various other plans too, including for turning unloved "green deserts" in our area into wildflower meadows, online educational talks each month, and supporting plans for a Neighbourhood Plan. NESST isn't forgetting its roots however, so street trees will remain a focus. Not least because a number of the roads in our area, with large numbers of street trees, are due to be resurfaced this spring and summer, and we'll be working with the Council and Streets Ahead to support tree retention solutions.

Even more excitingly though, we have launched plans to extend our street tree canopy cover. The whole reason why Nether Edge is so street tree canopied is because of George Wostenhome's vision for the area back in the late 1800s. Over 100 years on, we are all reaping the undoubted benefits of his vision. NESST wants to build on George Wostenhome's vision and take it further. We want to fill in the gaps in Nether Edge, with additional street trees on roads which currently have no street trees, and more street trees on roads with existing ones. We also want to expand this canopy cover into Sharrow, Sharrow Vale, Carter Knowle and other nearby areas.

Having surveyed this area, we believe there are around 3600 locations suitable for new street trees, on top of the existing 2200 that we currently have, and we want to raise the money needed to achieve this goal over the next 17 years. As I write this, only four weeks since the launch of the project, we've already raised sufficient funding to plant 9 new trees before this coming Easter, with a further 8 to be planted during winter 2021-22.

But there is clearly a long way to go to achieve our end goal, so that's where all EDGE readers come in. We need your support, and you can do this in four ways:

- 1) Funding an additional street tree outside or nearby your own house. This will cost roughly £220 to £550;
- 2) Working with neighbours to fund as many trees as you can, collectively, on the road you live on, or nearby;
- 3) Contributing to our Crowdfunding Scheme to fund trees on less wealthy roads in our area - <https://gofund.me/7611bd49>
- 4) Spreading the word about this initiative, with friends, families and neighbours. In particular, if you know anyone who works for a company (local or national) who may be interested in donating money from their community budget on such an environmental initiative.

If you are interested in any of the four methods above, or have questions, please email me at selbypaul@hotmail.com



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Abbeydale Street Trees

Some of you will already have seen that we planted our first three trees in February: a native crabapple and two native wild cherries on the land next to the mini Tesco on Abbeydale Road.

We have also been donated 80 whips from a global IT firm called CGI, 40 of which have been planted as a hedgerow along the front of the Tesco site and 20 hornbeams have been planted in the churchyard of St Peter and Oswald's on the corner of Bannerdale Rd/Abbeydale Rd by Holt House School.

The Tesco hedgerow contains mixed native species: hawthorn, blackthorn, dog wood, dog rose and gorse which all provide fantastic shelter for wildlife and a screen from the traffic fumes.

Away from Abbeydale Road we have donated 30 or so whips to Meersbrook allotments for some new hedgerows they are putting in. We have a bit more planned before the end of the tree planting season. Normally this is in March but due to various delays the Woodland Trust are sending us some more hedging trees in mid-April which we will be planting outside Tesco.

We know lots of you are really eager to get involved and have made kind offers of help. Lockdown makes things extremely difficult at the moment in terms of arranging



any community event but hopefully, as the rules permit, we will be able to invite more people along. As more trees go in, we will also need volunteers to help water them in the summer months so watch this space! As for the street tree pavement planting we are still waiting to hear back from Sheffield Council on the first 10 street trees we hope to plant as part of 30 in total. The council met to agree its new street tree strategy in March so we hope to hear more news soon and will of course keep everyone posted. The 10 trees will be funded through the 5.5k we have already raised but we still need to raise 15k to pay for 30 in total so if you haven't yet donated to the Crowdfunder then please do consider it!

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/help-plant-more-trees-on-abbeydale-road>

And very finally please take a look at our new website abbeydalestreettrees.org.uk

That's all for now. Hope everyone is keeping safe and well and peace, love and solidari-tree

Abbeydale Street Trees

One Year In The Pandemic

Can hardly believe we've been in this pandemic for a whole year.

When the first Lockdown hit in March 2020, we had to finish our classes for local women at Common Ground. We phoned a hundred mums to catch up and see how they were and what would help them get through it. None of us had an idea that we would all still be in the thick of it, a full year on.

At the start of COVID the amazing Family Voice community donated £2600 to help us support families during this frightening time. Fifty local people came to help with delivering children's activities and shopping for those with covid / isolating. Kids weren't at school so we started collecting donations of arts and crafts materials and making packs to send out to children bored at home. We ran a popular art competition which encouraged creativity. A fantastic team worked with the Fire Service clearing people's yards in rented houses where previous tenants had left a mess and there was no safe space for kids to play outside. This transformed many families' lives. I will never forget the moment a 4 year old child squeezed past his mum's legs to come outside his back door for the first time in weeks, possibly months, squinted up at the sky, then noticed his new play space and ran off to play with the new mud kitchen!

By the summer "holidays" many children still weren't going out. Some parents were just too scared for their safety. It's hard to know who to trust when information isn't in your first language, with so much fake news to decipher and especially if you come from a country where you can't trust the authorities. We then worked with 30 children to visit them face to face every week and build up their confidence to start going outside again. We went out with a teenager who hadn't left his house for 4 months. Incredible work by our staff in very challenging times.

By September we had our classes up and running again on Zoom - thrilled that so many mums were brave enough to give the technology a go and join us online for learning, exercise and connection. We were all missing the contact. Our free yoga, Bollywood dancing and Zumba classes have meant that



many women have been able to maintain their physical health during the pandemic. Many women tell us that the days they have a class are their better days in the week. As a result of this, and the need for devices for children's home learning, we then ran a project where we gave 30 parents a tablet with on-going appropriate IT and family support.

With the Sheffield Lockdown in November more and more families in the area were struggling financially, with massively reduced income, fearful of applying for benefits & having other income stopped or the 6 week wait for it to come through and just hoping to get back to work soon. Children were at home for lunch every day and these families would not be eligible for free school meals or Rashford's food vouchers. Fifty seven people donated towards the Family Voice "Food and Fuel" Appeal which raised £3000 - this has meant we have been able to financially support many families in their time of need. Some people, wanting to give money locally and to a small organisation, kindly set up monthly direct debits.

With an established office base at Common Ground on Machon Bank at Christmas we were able to send out Cooking Packs with recipes and food for parents and children to cook together - as well as presents, money, vouchers, hampers, nappies, toiletries, toys and activities to over 50 families.

During all this we have made regular weekly 'catch-up' calls, delivered family essentials weekly, responded to hundreds of requests and worked with 200 families, 50 of them closely. Our work has tripled. All on funding for about 1.5 staff.

At Family Voice we work with integrity and respect, sensitivity and empathy. We listen. The next few months are going to be hard for us as COVID funding runs out and we have to keep applying for more funds in a competitive market. We have to make personal decisions about working days for free. But we have been so fortunate to have been here, perfectly positioned to help so many families feel they are not alone during incredibly hard times. And it has been incredibly heart-warming to feel the huge support we have had from individuals in the Nether Edge community.

Kate West, Nasim Begum and Janine Dos Remedios
Co-Directors Family Voice Sheffield C.I.C.
<https://localgiving.org/charity/familyvoicesheffield/>



The Lantern Theatre

As spring 2021 begins, we reach the anniversary of the doors to our beautiful theatre closing until it's safe for groups to re-enter. Viewing the cameras throughout the venue it looks eerily abandoned with things left exactly where they were a year ago. But creative life has continued for our actors, writers and directors throughout the autumn and winter with the launch of our digital channel on YouTube.

Creative people are always looking for a way to continue doing what they love. We received some amazing writing from our supporters all eager for their work to appear online for the world to see. With support from South Yorkshire's Community Foundation we began rehearsing online, filming using a variety of methods and developing new skills so our audiences and actors had something to help them get through the lockdown. Doing all this remotely was an incredible challenge but we've enjoyed every minute. It was fantastic to hear the laughter again that is always present in the rehearsal room and to see the wonderful characters come to life. It's incredible to watch them develop from that first reading through to the end performance. Doing all this online was just as exciting.

What really made it special was to see the responses from everyone. It confirmed just how important our community theatre is. This selection of comments, from a variety of supporters, really highlights that, "Being able to take part in the videos was a joy during such a strange time. To be creative again and have something else to focus on other than the current situation has been a breath of fresh air", "Something that has been uplifting and enjoyable", "You've done a great job. I love the YouTube things. Cheered me up loads", "It made such a positive impact", "The short films you have made on YouTube have been amazing. These clips have kept us going in these trying times."

So where do we go from here? Well, that's an interesting and uncertain question. Right now, we don't know what reopening will look like or even if it is truly possible this year. Throughout April the government is running an Events



Research Programme in select venues. This pilot scheme will determine what theatres must do for creatives and audiences to return. It will clarify the safety measures, cleaning/sanitising requirements, rapid testing requirements and audience sizes allowed. None of this will be known until June. We also have to survive as a venue until then. Although it looks like things may be changing on 21st June, the reality for theatres is somewhat different to the newspaper headlines. But some things are certain - we know there are actors, directors, stage crews, writers and volunteers all eager to get back into our wonderful theatre doing what they love.

We also really appreciate the donations from viewers as it helps to pay the bills. If you'd like to support us or watch our videos, visit our website: www.lanterntheatre.org.uk for details.



The light at the end of the tunnel?

Is it though? Is it daylight showing the exit route from lockdown, or are we in fact gazing into the headlights of an oncoming train? Who knows? A call went out for us to focus on what we are most looking forward to as restrictions ease, and share those positive thoughts for the future. There *are* things I've missed, but I don't really do delayed gratification, so I've decided I'm not going to wait to be cheerful, I'm going to celebrate the awesomeness in Nether Edge right now. You can too.

There is a universe of delights on our own doorstep. Stick your head out of a window early morning, close your eyes and listen to the full force of a dawn chorus. How magnificent is that? Take up forest bathing by strolling through Brincliffe Edge Woods. Please note though, in this context suitable bathing wear does not include mankinis, bikinis or even hand knitted bathing shorts whatever the yarn bombers might have you believe. Walking trousers and a fleece are perhaps more de rigueur. But you know what? In these times, if you feel like heading out dressed up as a dinosaur or wearing a ballgown you just go right ahead.

Nothing seems strange anymore, so why not scatter little ripples of joy in your wake as you pass. The world will be a better place for it. In your fancy dress or unfancy fleece, step into our wooded spaces. Breath in the giddy scents of moss and leaf litter and allow yourself a temporary escape to a parallel universe. We share this space. There is wildlife of course, the woodpecker is noisy at the moment and squirrels furiously frisk around the tree trunks as you pass. However, there are other more mysterious creatures too. Our elfen friends who cheerily keep watch on the footpaths in the woods, gathering treasures and working



their magic amongst the tree routes. On other days I've seen bears! Lots of them, if you go down to the woods today you could indeed be in for a big surprise! Open your eyes, open your heart, let your imagination run free. You



too might find the fairy den, stumble across a teddy bears' picnic, see for yourself the amazing 'termite mound' in Chelsea Park and marvel at the now displaced, but still magnificent, painted stones that made up the Chelsea Park Python. Perhaps it has shed its skin and is simply slumbering before its spring awakening. Best keep an eye out. Look upwards and marvel at the patterns the tree branches make, reaching outwards, see if you can see an early effort at a bird's nest balancing among them.

Have you seen the catkins, or properly admired our very own stink pipe at the top of Union Road? Check out the green man carved out of the hedging on Oak Hill Road, or the rainbow painted stone left at Sharps Greengrocers as a thanks to them for staying open right at the beginning of the very first lockdown. There are joyful discoveries to be made everywhere, we don't have to wait to the end of lockdown to let the happiness in!

If you are still dubious, hang on in there, because I think I may have stumbled across an absolute panacea for thwarting gloomy thoughts bounding about amongst us. Joyful just to be in the world, with each new moment experienced as the best thing ever to happen in the world EVER. FACT. Optimism bottled. I say bottled, but that's not strictly true, good luck getting this one corked. She is more barely contained joy constantly exploding out of her bottle, with a glorious fizz of vitality and enthusiasm showering positivity with a contagion that leaves the most virulent of new variant viruses standing.

I speak of course of Chickpea!
You have surely come across Chickpea?

In case inexplicably you have missed out on the most exciting new arrival in our suburb of the century, Chickpea is a Golden Retriever puppy. Well, allegedly so. I say allegedly, because delightful as she is, surely a puppy wouldn't grow that fast, a seal pup possibly... maybe there was some sort of misunderstanding. Either way, you never forget your first sighting, I saw Chickpea venturing out on her first walk ever

in the snow a few weeks ago. She was just 12 weeks, and seeing the world for the first time she was wide-eyed with wonder and enthusiasm at the world unfolding in front of her.

Everything was magnificent, every person to be greeted a friend in the making, life to her was, and still is one moment of gloriousness melting into the next. All is exciting, perfect and about to give way to something EVEN BETTER! Frankly, it's a miracle she and Mr Chickpea - as her accompanying human has come to accept he will be forever known - ever make it anywhere. Everyone has to stop them to say a socially distanced hello to something as wide-eyed, wonderful and enthusiastic as she. It may well be that they are both still on that same first ever outing, trying to get home. No matter, I see them quite regularly, and I swear that Chickpea has doubled in size every day.

With those eyes and that propensity to put on pounds that make my covid kilo acquisitions seem like I haven't even been trying she must be a seal pup? Yet she grows still, so now I'm thinking maybe a rare golden bison. Possibly a yak. Do you get golden yaks? Whatever she is she is much loved and radiates joy. I defy anyone to be in her presence and not feel the better for it. I stopped to talk to Mr Chickpea so I could take a photo of her so you'd know what I mean. It was harder than you think.

That boundless energy is hard to capture in a photo. There's a lesson in there too. Why would we try to squash such enthusiasm for life, let her jump around, the blurry photos just show what a hurry she is in to embrace all that life can offer. I learn that Mr Chickpea, who obviously exists only in relation to this gorgeous pup is but one of three companion humans with whom she shares her home. The Chickpea humans chose her specially from her siblings because her colouring is most similar to their own. They wanted to all look like her biological family! Isn't that lovely? Not weird at all, completely understandable. I want to be Chickpea.



I want to rush at the world expecting the best, I want to be sufficiently body confident that I can throw myself at the feet of everyone I meet demanding a tummy rub and approach everyone I see expecting only to be offered cuddles and doggy treats. Well maybe not doggy treats as such, but I wouldn't say no to a donut (a jam one obvs, anything else is an abomination). She hurtles herself at each moment of life with unbridled optimism, and also the belief that however far she runs off and away, when she's ready to return Mr Chickpea will be there still waiting, welcoming her back without judgement, whether she's been rolling in fox poo or not. It's got to be a good way to navigate the trials of the current time. It's all about attitude. Her positivity creates positivity that ripples outwards and radiates right back at her. Optimism begets optimism and all is well with the world. It's going to all be all right in the end, and if it's not all right, then it's not the end.

These have been hard times, each one of us has possibly had to battle our own demons at times as well as take on practical, physical and emotional challenges. There is much about the current situation that we cannot change. The one bit of power we do have though, is choosing how we react to the world we find ourselves in. Pity parties may have their place at times, this is why we have sofas, tea bags, elasticated waistbands and indeed donuts, but it's worth sometimes remembering that we can also choose to be positive if only for a moment.

All I'm saying is this, if you are having a dark day, breathe in and out, hold your head up high and simply ask yourself this '*what would Chickpea do?*' Channel your inner Chickpea and in that moment the world will be a better place, not only for you, but for those you interact with too. Try it. Why not? What's the worst....

That is all.

Stay positive, test negative, this time will pass.

Lucy Marris

8 March 2021



Neighbourhood Planning for Nether Edge and Sharrow

A neighbourhood plan is a document that sets out planning policies for a local area. It's used to decide whether to approve planning applications, including new buildings (e.g. community facilities) or changes to existing buildings (e.g. giving permission to change the upper floors of shops to flats).

It's written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, design, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues only.

Neighbourhood planning is supported by central government through [the Localism Act](#).

Neighbourhood plans are led by authorised local community organisations rather than the local council's planning department. This means that community representatives lead the plan. If successful at referendum, a neighbourhood plan comes into force as part of the statutory development plan for the area alongside the local plan (<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/sheffieldplan>)

Whilst the local plan covers the whole district, a neighbourhood plan is focused on the needs of the specific neighbourhood and allows the local community to specify what they expect from development. Those producing neighbourhood plans have to speak to a range of organisations, authorities, partners and stakeholders. This establishes a range of dialogues, which may not otherwise take place, and may potentially influence the activities of other local organisations.

Why would we like to see a NP realised for our area?

- Empower our community and local residents
- Ensure services are meeting the needs of our community
- Build upon community development work already done
- Develop a sustainable vision for Nether Edge and Sharrow
- Future-proof facilities
- Ensure community spaces are retained for community use

What steps are needed to realise a NP?

Stage 1 – Getting established: Designation of the neighbourhood area Designation of the neighbourhood forum (in unparished areas only) Building an evidence base Publicity and engagement

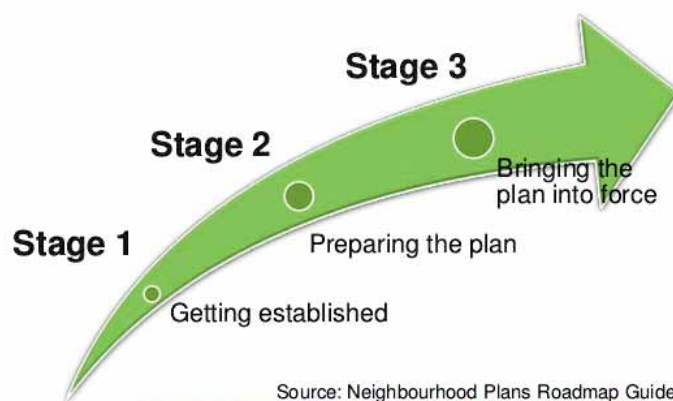
Stage 2 – Preparing the plan: Drafting the plan Meeting the basic conditions Pre-submission consultation

Stage 3 – Bringing the plan into force: Submission Publicity Independent examination Referendum

https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/NP_Roadmap_online_full.pdf

It is evident that establishing a Neighbourhood Plan requires a lot of work and commitment from local people. However, there is support throughout the process in terms of expertise, grants and examples of Neighbourhood planning in practice. The initial stage for Nether Edge and Sharrow has been to gather expressions of interest with over 20 local people already having done so. We are hoping to continue to grow this interest through articles like this, alongside information and consultation events in the near future. Expressions of interest can be made through Sharrow Community Forum and by emailing Jonathan Roberts for a form at jonathan@sharrowcf.org.uk

Key stages of neighbourhood planning



Source: Neighbourhood Plans Roadmap Guide. Locality
<http://locality.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-guide/>

A message to the residents of Nether Edge



I am Temporary Sergeant Ben Brown, covering the Sharrow and Nether Edge Neighbourhood Team, whilst we search for Sergeant Dan Wilson's permanent replacement following his recent move to a post in custody. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you.

I have worked on the Sharrow and Nether Edge team as a PC, since September 2019. The time since this has been challenging for the team and the area, with multiple high-profile incidents and investigations. These incidents have been heavily publicised in the media and on social media. The team and I have worked hard over the last year to prevent any further incidents and prosecute those responsible.

The team has seen some changes over the last 18 months, with officers transferring to other departments or retiring. Our current strength is 4 Police officers and 6 Police community support officers. We are also involved in the organisation's current recruitment process, where officers on the team have the opportunity to pass on their skills to the next generation of police officers. The team will be responsible for tutoring student officers through their Neighbourhood policing training phase. This is something I feel passionately about as it gives our officers a chance to shape the future of policing and introduce and establish problem-solving skills that we hope they will utilise throughout their careers. If you are interested in pursuing a career with South Yorkshire Police, please visit our website and follow the Join our Team link.

I would also like to set out the future direction the team will be taking. We recently published a survey which we asked all the residents of the Sheffield South West area to complete. The survey was published on our social media and through our SYP Alerts messaging service. The results were reviewed, and they will form the basis of our focus as a team for the next few months. The three areas that are highlighted as being of most concern to our residents are house burglaries, drug related crime and speeding vehicles. The team and I will be working alongside wider organisational resources to attempt to reduce the impact of these issues. Please look out for future surveys as this gives you the opportunity to identify the areas you want the team to focus.

The subject of burglaries is something that is at the forefront of our work. We have seen a spike in the local area recently. The PCSOs continue to focus their efforts on high visibility patrols

and crime prevention advice to victims and their surrounding neighbours. This is a time-consuming but essential piece of work. The PCSOs are experienced and continue to provide an excellent service to the victims of these crimes. As a team we are working closely with the Sheffield Burglary Team, to identify and apprehend offenders and to identify patterns to direct the dedicated patrols that our local response team conduct throughout the night. There are a variety of ways you can protect yourself and your property. Always make sure to keep your doors and windows locked even when in your home, keeping both your house and car keys out of sight. Ensure you keep garden gates locked and ensure your fences are in a state of good repair and keep all bikes secured, even when at home. If you would like further crime prevention advice, please visit our website or social media sites.

You will be able to keep in touch with the team and see the strategies used by the team to tackle the priorities highlighted and some examples of the team's fantastic work on our social media pages and by signing up to SYP Alerts to receive updates via email or text:

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Missing Links of the River Sheaf Walk: Little London Road Broadfield Way

By Sheaf and Porter Rivers Trust

Dark, dingy bridge and dead-end cycle route...

You may have seen our River Sheaf Walk map highlighting the Missing Links in the last EDGE. The Missing Links consist of several lengths of the River Sheaf Walk and Cycleway that have not been constructed or have fallen into disrepair. The Sheaf and Porter Rivers Trust is pressing the appropriate parties (City Council, City Region, landowners and developers) to help connect, fund and construct these important sections of the walk. The aim is to provide, as much as possible, continuous, consistent and safe access to the river. We are also working on a similar map for the Lower Porter Brook between Hunters Bar and Midland Station.

The first of the Missing Links we are exploring is the Little London Road to Broadfield Way stretch. This road is



already signposted as a cycle route and has been provisionally identified as part of the more ambitious proposed Sheaf Valley Cycle Route.

One of the key issues along Little London Road is the narrow Rydal Road railway bridge. It currently has no footpath and is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Therefore, we would like to see improved lighting under the bridge and a trial of closing the route to motor vehicles.

Another of the significant issues contributing to this Missing Link is the infamous Broadfield Park dead-end cycle track. In the past, parts of a cycle route have been implemented along the River Sheaf as part of new developments but then not continued. Currently cyclists can travel along a wide track until you come to the below unexpected dead-end!

On a more positive note, we are supported in our cause to maintain and improve this part of the route by a number of local organisations. A section of the riverbank that has marguerites and a fuchsia growing along it is maintained by Wolf Safety Lamp Co Ltd and last summer the Firma-Chrome Ltd team did a great job of cleaning up the Saxon Road Wayfinding Wheel. Another local business owner, Anthony Wood of Starprint on Abbeydale Road, has been heavily involved in the Trust as a committee member and volunteer organiser since our launch in 2019.



Looking forward, we are expecting a planning application to be submitted in the near future for the previous Laces Boxing Club, located between Rydal Road and Broadfield Road. The site is extremely narrow and we're concerned that if developed for flats, any public view would probably be blocked, let alone public access. Much better would be a modest building with room for a riverside park...

If you would like to offer support, get involved with our Missing Links campaign or any of our other projects, please get in touch via Facebook @SheafAndPorterRiversTrust or info@sheafportertrust.org.



Draft sketch for proposed riverside park

Micro Charity Plant Nursery Opens in Nether Edge

The Youth development charity Grow are opening a micro plant nursery in Nether Edge as part of their Grow Gardeners programme. The plant nursery will be called The Potting Shed and will initially open on Mondays for face-to-face sales but will also be open online for click & collect orders (www.thepottingshedsheffield.com)

Grow is a youth development charity that works with young people who are in need of support and experience to help them take their next steps towards work and training. All of Grow's programmes integrate coaching with nature-based projects. Their website is www.growuk.org

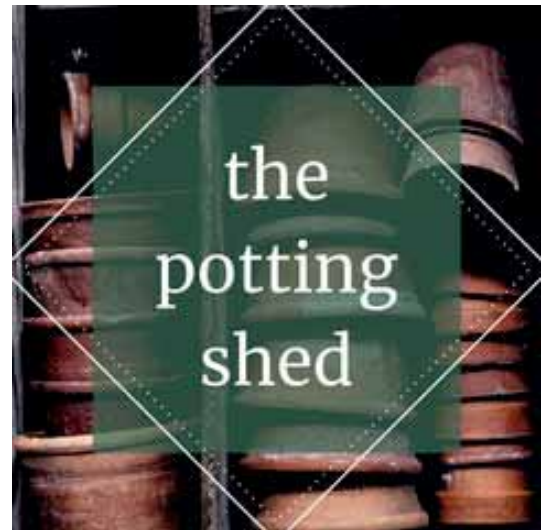
The plants the Potting Shed sells will be grown and selected by young people who are training with Grow to develop their skills and confidence. The young people will also help to staff The Potting Shed to develop their customer service skills.

The micro plant nursery will open every Monday from 10-6pm and a click and collect service is available at other times. It is based on the corner of Kenbourne Rd and Montgomery Rd. They are stocking a range of plants, shrubs and small trees as well as a few garden essentials including hand tools and interesting pots!

The Potting Shed aims to make good environmental choices through using preloved or terracotta pots and peat free compost. They will also be running a pot return loyalty card scheme and a 'fill your own' compost scheme!

Parking is very limited so we encourage people to visit on foot!!

The Potting Shed team are looking forward to welcoming you and sharing some beautiful plants with the residents of Nether Edge!



In the article below Alfie Fitzgerald tells us what he has missed about his Scout Troop during lockdown, and why he is desperate for their activities to start up again.

Hi I'm Alfie. Me and my twin brother Joe are members of the 72nd Sheffield St Andrews (Sharrow) Scout Group. I feel covid has hit our Scout community hard and can't wait to get back together soon. We're really looking forward to doing all the activities we normally do.

There's loads that we've missed this year, Perhaps the biggest gap in our troop's year though is something that we always share with the whole of Nether Edge. Along with the Beavers, Cubs and their families, we're the team behind the famous Chelsea Park bonfire and fireworks. Have a look on Facebook for '72nd Scouts Chelsea Park Bonfire' to see what I mean. It's always an exhilarating and exhausting evening for the Scouts and also traditionally our major fundraiser for the year. Fingers crossed it'll be possible for the bonfire event to be back better than ever this autumn. The warmth of the bonfire, toffee apple in one and collector's bucket in the other is just a feeling like no other.

I have also really missed our camping trips where we do so many great things like abseiling and obstacle courses (even welly-wanging !!) I miss the satisfaction of finishing putting up a tent and having a well deserved serving of piping hot soup. Another thing I've missed is the experiences that come with being a Scout. I don't have enough fingers to count how many things I've learnt in this group. Scouts is a great, diverse collection of people and personalities. I just miss everything that comes with it- the bumps, the bruises, the smiles, the laughter, the very, very muddy trousers, the sense of belonging.

All in all, I am ready to get back as soon as possible and I'm sure everyone, Scouts included, will come back stronger than ever before.



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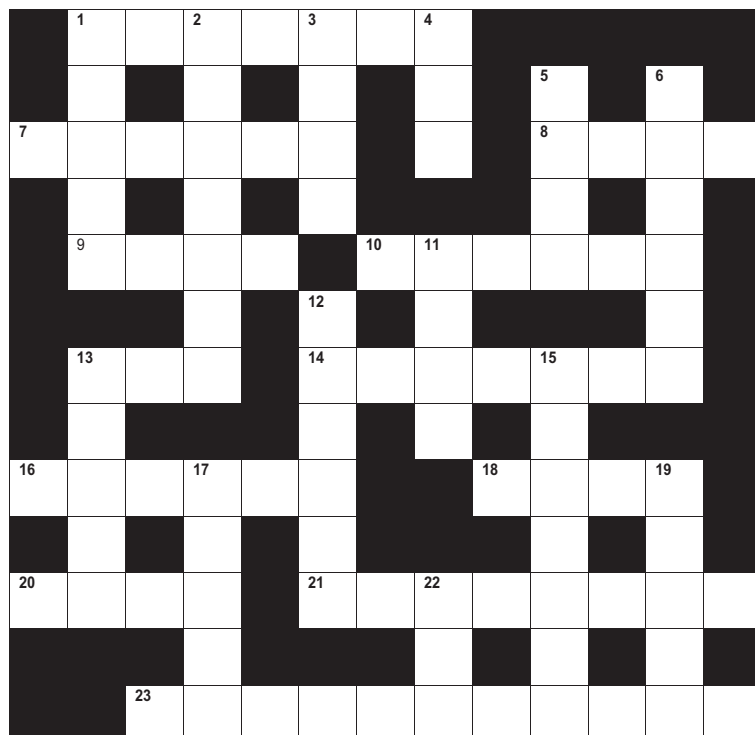
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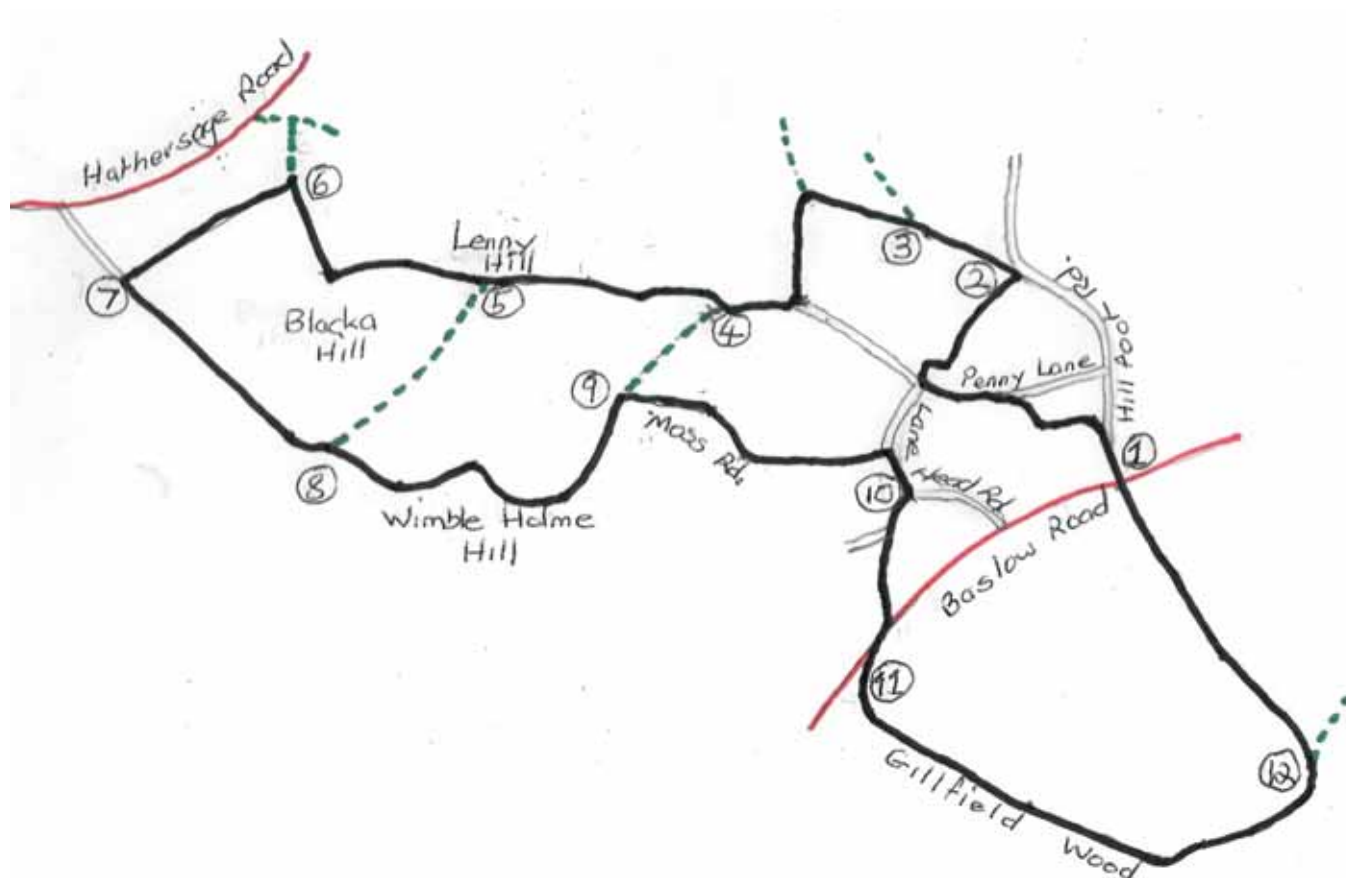
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A walk to and on the edge (of Sheffield)¹

The Peak District National Park is 70 years old this month. It was the first of Britain's 15 national parks and was designated on 17th April 1951. A third of Sheffield is contained in the Peak District including Blacka Moor which is explored in this walk.

The walk of about 6.5 miles starts from Totley and goes via the Cricket Inn to Blacka Moor and then along the edge of Sheffield Metropolitan Boundary before returning through Gillfield Wood. (The route can be easily shortened to about 5.5 miles by going directly from Lenny Hill [5] to Strawberry Lee Farm [8]).



Key

1. Cross Scythes pub	7. Sheffield City Boundary
2. Old Hay	8. Site of Strawberry Lee Farm
3. Avenue Farm	9. Moss Road Junction
4. Blacka Moor	10. Track off Lane Head Road
5. Lenny Hill	11. Entrance to Gillfield Wood
6. Footpath Sign near top of Blacka Moor	12. Exit from Gillfield Wood

¹ I thank Peter Machan for providing information on Blacka Moor in the form of his excellent book "Rambling Around Fox House, Longshaw and Blacka Moor"

The walk starts on Totley Hall Lane (if travelling by car) or from the Cross Scythes pub (if travelling by bus - 218 or 97). Walk back to the Baslow Road and after crossing the pedestrian lights at the Cross Scythes pub [1], walk down Hill Foot Lane. At the first bend, just after the school, keep left on Chapel Lane to join a cobble stone path going downhill to Penny Lane (take care during wet conditions as the cobbles can be slippery). Turn left on meeting Penny Lane and walk past the Cricket Inn.

Just before the corner at the road junction turn right and follow the footpath in front of Bents Farm cottages turning right again at the gate and left at a stile, then through a field, to Old Hay [2]. After joining the lane at Old Hay, take a narrow footpath on the left just after the white gate with the signage Old Hay to meet the entrance to Avenue Farm [3].



Avenue Farm

*By 1585, **Old Hay** was the site of a lead smelting mill. By 1805 lead milling had ended and the mill was converted to make saws and then grind scythes for the Totley Forge further upstream. The terrace of cottages was built to house the mill workers. The site closed in 1895.*

*By 1653, at **Avenue Farm** a paper mill was in operation which was converted into a scythe forge in the 1830's. The Tyzack family bought Totley Forge in 1879 and it was used as a forge until 1891 when Joshua Tyzack had the buildings rebuilt for use as barns for Avenue Farm.*

Walk along the lane past Avenue Farm following Old Hay Brook crossing left across footbridge over the brook to walk up the narrow path by the side of Hallfield Farm. At the top turn right and walk up to the car park and enter Blacka Moor [4].

*The **Blacka Moor** Nature Reserve is a Site of Scientific Interest managed by the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. The reserve was in land thought to have been granted in the 13th century to Beauchief Abbey by Matthew de Hathersage. In 1933 it was purchased by the Graves Trust from the Rutland estate and given to Sheffield City Council for the purposes of recreation.*

Continue on the bridleway, for about 700m, which gets steeper as you approach the two benches at Lenny Hill [5].



Lenny Hill

At Lenny Hill take the footpath behind the benches which goes uphill (*if you wish to shorten the route by 1 mile take the wide path in front of the benches which goes uphill to Strawberry Lee Farm [8]*). Continue to ascend uphill for 800 m and turn left at the footpath sign near the top of Blacka Moor as the land becomes flatter [6].



Footpath Sign near the top of Blacka Moor

Keep on the path which runs level and parallel to the main Hathersage Road to reach Strawberry Lee Plantation which is enclosed by a dry-stone wall. Carry on parallel to the dry-stone wall, on your right, until you meet the wall on the Sheffield City boundary and a welcome bench [7]. Go through the gate, turn left and head downhill away from the Hathersage Road and enter the pasture around the site of Strawberry Lee Grange and Farm [8].

*By 1285 the monks of Beauchief Abbey had established a grange, an outlying farm, at **Strawberry Lee** with both sheep and cattle farming which provided a major part of their income. The boundary of the enclosed pasture at Strawberry Lee may represent the original assart² from the moorland.*



Enclosed pasture at Strawberry Lee

Fork right at the Peak and Northern Footpath Society sign and continue down to the corner then left through the gate taking the curved footpath bending round Wimble Holme Hill to meet the main track of Moss Road.

Turn left onto Moss Road keeping on the main track and walk downhill until it meets the top of the Moss Road tarmac on the right [9]. Continue downhill to meet Lane Head Road.

Turn right and walk 100m downhill, and just before the road bends to the left, turn right up a track [10], following a footpath sign. Walk up the track for 50m, crossing over a small ford, and take the stile on your left. It can be extremely muddy here. The mud can be avoided by going straight uphill for 20m and then turning right, parallel to the footpath below which is joined further along. Continue uphill crossing one other stile and make your way diagonally across a field up to a stile at the Baslow Road.

² An assart is a piece of land converted from woodland for arable use

On Baslow Road walk 100m uphill, away from Sheffield, and cross over to the stile opposite. Turn right and walk to a stile at the entrance to Gillfield Wood **[11]** by the bus terminal. *(There is a picnic site, up a short hill, with 2 benches near the entrance).*



Entrance to Gillfield Wood

Keep on the main path for 1.5km passing signs to Storth House and Fanshawe Gate on the right-hand side. Fork left just after the path crosses Totley Brook **[12]** , leaving Gillfield Wood over a stile, to join the Sheffield Country Walk, leading to the bottom of Totley Hall Lane and back to the start.

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