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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GETTING THROUGH LOCKDOWN IN A POSITIVE WAY



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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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As the Editorial Board started to plan the July/August Edge we had not agreed on any theme. We decided instead to see what emerged from all the contributions that we received from our readers. As it turned out this was absolutely the right decision. At this time of gradual easing, in terms of lockdown, and in anticipation of further relaxation over the next few months, people have been using their experience of lockdown to focus on the things that matter to them and the changes they wish for in the future. There are those who feel strongly about pedestrianizing part of Nether Edge Road, others seeking to persuade the council of the need for a pedestrian crossing to be established on Psalter Lane, and those who want to improve our environment through the Abbeydale Road Trees Project. There are our younger readers creatively raising money for charity, our teenage contributors who have had a time of self-reflection and who are emerging from lockdown feeling stronger and more knowing, and those who have sought fulfilment by observing the wonderful wildlife and the countryside. Last but not least, The Yorkshire Tea Bags, who subject themselves to being upbraided as 'tha's nought but a gobby chuff' are able to perform to live audiences again.

We thank all our contributors and the South Yorkshire Police for their sound advice.

We are delighted to have managed at last to put together our What's On section, because things are starting up and are 'happening' at last.

Please continue to let us have your letters, articles, and opinions for future editions of Edge.

Yorkshire Tea Bag Skiffle Band

Adam Pemberton

"Tha's now't but a gobby chuff" All performers have to accept there are risks in doing what they do. Most take steps to avoid them-- but a few seek out dangeras our leader has done on more than one occasion!

When the YORKSHIRE TEA BAGS SKIFFLE BAND played for the Wise Old Owls lunch in the ballroom of the Sheffield Wednesday Stadium, we expected a carefree time, with perhaps an exchange of football banter. We got a wonderful welcome and were entertained to a lavish lunch. We said nothing to give offence. Even when our leader foolishly revealed his allegiance to Sheffield United, our hosts continued to treat us with kindness and courtesy.

This, sadly, was not to last. For this we have no one to blame but our leader!

He should have known better after our experience at a Beer Festival at the Wisewood Inn, where he told the same joke, and only escaped with his life, when some burly locals kept the peace by strong arming an offended Wednesday supporter off the premises. Even so we were very well paid by the Landlord, who wanted to reward us with danger money.

"Know your audience" is guidance freely given to all that seek to entertain. Even the least aware performer might anticipate that offending the host might lead to trouble. Not so our leader.

You may want to know the joke that gave offence? Here it is:

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A YORKSHIRE TEA BAG AND SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY?

Answer:

A YORKSHIRE TEA BAG STAYS IN THE CUP LONGER!

Most of our audience sniggered, laughed or shouted jolly things at us. However, a particularly ardent Wednesdayite, wearing what looked like a blue and white striped deck chair outfit, took offence. After we had finished playing and were packing up our gear, a few people told us they had enjoyed the show. Not our true-blue owl. She fiercely approached our leader and shouted loudly enough for all to hear :-

"I'll not be coming to see thee again. Tha's nowt but a gobby, self-opinionated, chuff".

We have not been invited back.

But we have already got five bookings for this summer. If you dare risk booking us, just go to

www.yorkshireteabags.co.uk where you can see and hear us. We will provide a guarantee of causing no offence, but....



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An Update from Abbeydale Trees

As many of you will already know, Abbeydale Street Trees (AST) has been campaigning and raising money for the planting of up to 30 street trees along Abbeydale Road. This has been done to create a more inviting, biodiverse, 'green' corridor in one of Sheffield's most polluted hotspots. In recent weeks, the realization of this project has taken a significant step forward for two key reasons. First of all, Trees for Cities have promised to match fund whatever money is raised, up to a maximum of £7,500, towards the project. So far, this has amounted to nearly £7,000 which, combined with the Trees for Cities money, would take us tantalizingly close to our £15,000 target. Secondly, Sheffield City Council have said they want to use the Abbeydale Road community planting scheme as one of their pilot projects this year, before formally launching their Street Tree Strategy in spring 2022. Of course, nothing is done until it is done, but momentum certainly seems to be building and, all being well, orders for up to 30 trees to be planted along Abbeydale Road should be going in by the end of July, ready for the planting season this winter.

In the meantime, AST have been busy taking part in and planning new projects to continue our efforts to make Abbeydale Road and the surrounding area a better place for nature. So far, we have planted 170 whips and trees, including mixed native woodland hedgerows outside Tesco's on Abbeydale Road, and Holt House school on Bannerdale Road (where we also planted four apple trees with the Sheffield Fruit Trees project); a hornbeam hedgerow at St Peter's and St Oswald's church; buckthorn and dogwood shrubs at Nether Edge Primary School and 5 mature trees near to the junction of Abbeydale and Broadfield Roads. Looking forward, we hope to have a parklet (a park within a car-parking space) made and installed just off Abbeydale Road as an additional mini-green space and place to relax, and to work with local businesses to explore the possibility of having a street 'festival' on the road to celebrate the best of the local area. Furthermore, as part of its new Treevitalise project which aims to plant 10,000 trees per year, SCC have also asked us to identify local areas potentially suitable for tree planting in the coming months. So, there is lots going on!

As always, this project has been an incredible collective effort. Whether this is through local residents responding to consultations (the most popular of which we will seek to incorporate); the support of businesses offering to pay for and help maintain the trees; volunteers watering the plants; people offering funds, time and effort to get the trees and whips planted, or just to give kind words of support as they pass by; charities and other local community groups who have really championed our cause; and even those in the council who really want to get this project done, it's been a wonderful experience to see what the coming together of so many minds has been able to, and hopefully will keep on, being able to achieve. Of course, if you have any ideas that you think we could work together on, or thoughts you would like to share feel free to write to abbeydaleroadtrees@gmail.com, or on our Facebook and Twitter pages.



Tesco's on Abbeydale Road

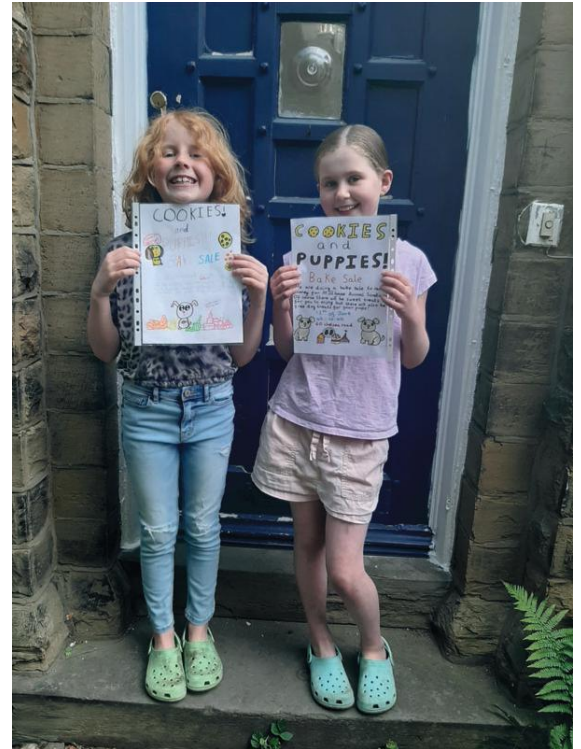


Tree planting outside Holt House school

Dear Edge magazine,

On the 12th of June Bella (my sister) and I did a bake sale to raise money for Millhouse Animal Sanctuary. You see, they don't have a lot of money to care for their animals (mainly dogs) and it makes me heartbroken to hear the sad stories of the dogs' lives before they arrive at the sanctuary. We regularly go and see them and take the dogs out for walks in the countryside. The dogs really enjoy them and it makes me happy to see. Even though the dogs are normally very well behaved there have been a few occasions where they have been a bit naughty. . .

Like on our first ever dog walk we had a dog called Buster. He kept on chewing his lead but my mum and my sister and I didn't notice until the very end, when he set free racing down the road! My mum tried to run after him, but it was no use. We thought we would just have to give up and tell the sanctuary what happened. Until a lady who knew the sanctuary very well stepped out of her car and grabbed Buster by the collar! It was such a lucky coincidence, we all thanked her and gingerly returned Buster to the sanctuary. The next story I'm about to tell you is about two cheeky pups running free from their leads! So, one time when my whole family came to walk the dogs we got two best friends called Benji and Toby. When we were walking them in a field Bella and I somehow crisscrossed our leads. We were so panicked and confused that we accidentally let go of their leads, sending them sprinting across the grass. Suddenly, my mum and dad noticed and raced across the field! Finally, our mum caught Benji and our dad caught Toby. We were all so relieved and we wiped the sweat from our foreheads. Okay so this is the last dog tale about two tiny chihuahuas getting away with whatever they wanted because of their cute fluffy faces! One time we went to the sanctuary with our granny and grandad and got to take two cute fluffy chihuahuas out for a walk. Their names were Pernod and Hose, they walked so slowly because of their little legs that we had to wait a couple of times! Then when we came to a stile they wouldn't climb over it because they were too scared. So we had to carry them over it! Those really were some pampered pups!



I hope you enjoyed those funny dog situations my family and I got ourselves into! So you see, all those happy and exciting memories came from Millhouse animal sanctuary and that's why we did a bake sale to raise money for them because we care about dogs and other animals as much as they do. Oh and I forgot to mention that we raised £180!

From Polly Foxall (age 10) xxx

We decided to do the bake sale for this charity as not many people know about the sanctuary but, I think it is an amazing place and deserves as much money as any other charity. Money has been a little bit harder over lockdown and fewer people went to walk the dogs there. They have had a few dogs come back after being adopted. I really hope you think about Millhouse animal sanctuary, donate money and take their dogs for walks.

From Bella Foxall (age 8) xxx

New Partnerships for the Nether Edge Fair

Six months after the launch of the virtual Nether Edge Fair, real life fairs and markets are tentatively beginning to reappear, complete with COVID-19 precautions. As a keen market moocher and fair fanatic, I can't wait. And I've been busy...

I am thrilled to announce a partnership with the Nether Edge Farmers Market. From the summer market onwards, the Nether Edge Fair will hire a few stall spaces in which to showcase the wares of a number of members. This will allow creators and makers who have not appeared at the Farmers Market before to do so, and will give customers a chance to see what fabulous stalls the Nether Edge Fair has!

Another exciting partnership is with the Nether Edge Festival. From this September onwards the Fair will be partnering with the Festival (virtually) to provide special Festival discounts and offers, available at the click of a mouse!

I am also taking the opportunity to visit some 'real life' fairs, markets and pop-ups in and around Sheffield such as Unit 6 @DysonPlace in Sharrow Vale Road, Craft and Flea at the Cathedral, Sheffield Vegan Market, Kommune Creators Market, and Traxx Market in Chapeltown. All of these feature members of the Nether Edge Fair, and at each one I've recruited some great new stalls for the Fair. Well, it gets me out of the house.

Follow my blog on the Fair website and social media to see the Nether Edge Fair on Tour!

Jean Allen www.netheredgefair.com @netheredgefair #netheredgefair

MARKETS 83 ABSENCES 1 David Pierce

Sunday June 13th was a glorious day. I wasn't feeling quite myself but as it was the day to hold our 53rd farmers' market I turned out to help as I had done for every one of our markets since March 2008. Once again, as a result of Covid restrictions we reduced the number of stalls and applied other controls. As usual, people attended in their hundreds to enjoy the market. Can you remember before 2008 when it didn't exist? I was particularly looking forward to listening to our entertainers. Making their debut at our market was KLEZMER a wonderful trio playing Jewish folk music. They were followed by Full Moon Freida, a lively rock and jazz group. Then Endcliffe Brass, a sub group of the Endcliffe Orchestra and there's nothing better than the sound of brass in the open air. And finally Ash Gray and his friends didn't have to travel far to wind up our programme with a feast of country and western music. Unfortunately, by the time the market opened the heat was so intense and I was feeling so unwell that I deserted my colleagues and went home to rest. So I missed entirely one of our best programmes of entertainment since we started our market all those years ago.

The background to the music was the market and I am assured that it too maintained the standards of retail therapy, happy shoppers and satisfied stall-holders in a wonderful neighbourly environment to which we have become accustomed.

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Nether Edge Festival

Many of you will have joined us in the past for the "Party in the Park" event, always held in Chelsea Park on the last day of our festival.

This family-focused event has always relied on a large number of volunteers and this year we will need you even more. In particular there is a requirement from Sheffield City council to provide the contact details of everyone who attends, just in case of a Covid outbreak soon afterwards. So we will need to have someone at each entrance throughout the four hours of the event. If you can help by volunteering for just one hour that would be a great help. More hands make light work!

There are other jobs for volunteers to do as well of course including checking the cleanliness of the park beforehand, putting up a couple of gazebos for information, lost children and first aid, tidying up afterwards, assisting in the information tent, blowing giant bubbles for fun +++ This has been a difficult year and we all need to get out and enjoy ourselves, particularly our children, so we are very keen to have the party as usual. But we can't do it without some help. If you would be willing to assist please get in touch:

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Thank you

Hi, it is just over a year since I last submitted an article to Edge, I have been asked to contribute again. This is a summary of my wildlife year starting in lockdown one, March 2020.

Being limited to local journeys only I spent a considerable time in Brincliffe Edge Woods somewhere I had last visited frequently as a teenager. I had welcome sightings of tree creeper, nuthatch, bullfinch, and orange tip butterfly with the familiar tap, tap, tap sounds of the greater spotted woodpecker. Sightings too of the tree I used to climb, build a den in and scratch the initials of a girl I fancied from school - AS! - around fifty years ago.

By May I ventured a little further afield and spent many wonderful evenings at Redmires Reservoirs listening to the curlews, lapwings, cuckoo, and oyster catchers and as fields became moorland to meadow pipits and skylarks with the occasional call from a red grouse.

By mid-June travel to the Peak District was possible and I had sightings of a pregnant common lizard, blackcap, whinchat, and common snipe, with barn owl sightings in the evenings and some red deer at close quarters, memorable days.

July though was the highlight which brought about a visit from the French Alps of the Bearded Vulture, Lammergeier, which roosted for a few weeks on the exposed moorland near to Derwent Dam. On 17th July after waiting over three hours I got my reward, the bird approached and flew directly overhead before disappearing into the distance with a few effortless flaps of its wings, with a nine-foot wingspan!

August is usually quiet for wildlife but in September I heard of a little owl in the Mayfield Valley. After my first visit I was hooked by the charm of the area with wonderful views, atmosphere, quiet roads, and no people, it was an ideal pandemic environment for me. Further visits brought further sightings of the little owl, a green woodpecker and brown hares which were a delight to see.

October and it was the red deer rutting season and the return of the kingfishers to the Porter Valley. November onwards brought sightings of redwing and fieldfare, birds that migrate here from Scandinavia.

The kingfishers kept me company well into February, as did the families with children who were so excited to see them. I hope I inspired them to leading wildlife filled lives in the future. I hope this article has inspired you to get outside and discover the wildlife that nature has to offer and that we are so lucky to have on our doorstep.



Blue Tit



Common Lizard



Brown Hare



Dipper



Kingfisher



Meadow Pipit

Response to food for thought by P Vaughn

I'm very happy to see there is a debate about the possibility of changes to the road layout in Nether Edge

I'm fully in favour of pedestrianizing the area around the shops and cafes. I would prefer there to be no road access except after 5 and before 9 like they have in Whitby. In some countries bikes and pedestrians have precedent over cars. Nether Edge could lead the way.

Having said that we need somewhere for cars to park. What about behind Pops?

Thought needs to be put in to where traffic would be pushed to if it couldn't go up Nether Edge road.

We must do everything we can to discourage car use and make life better for pedestrians and bikes. Let's face it, with the increase in traffic due to COVID, the way cars park on the pavements forcing people to walk on the roads, let alone increase in air pollution and the contribution to global warming, it's pretty awful.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Kitto



"Really very good for my injury. Perfect recovery program and it works for me. Pooja is a wealth of knowledge and really pinpoints the areas that need work during each visit to help me to regain fitness."

James, Happy Patient, 2021



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A Message from South Yorkshire Police



As we start the new week, we thought it would be a good idea to remind you of the new ways you can make contact with us.

On our online reporting portal you can find 50 different reporting forms, and you can also live chat with dedicated members of our contact centre.

Once you have submitted a form on the portal, you'll be able to keep up to date on what has happened, and you can also read supporting knowledge items on your incident, including links to our partner agencies who may be able to help.

If you do report to us online, we'd love to hear how you found the portal. After each reporting form, and webchat session, you'll be asked to complete a short survey on your experiences. We'd really appreciate your feedback on this, and your comments can help us ensure the portal is meeting the needs of our communities.

To sign up for an account, click here  <https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/>

PCSO Sarah Hague

Petition for a pedestrian crossing on Psalter Lane

Helen Brown

We have recently set up a petition calling for a pedestrian crossing on Psalter Lane in the vicinity of Osborne Road and Brincliffe Gardens. After speaking with locals who regularly cross Psalter Lane, there is a clear demand for a safe pedestrian crossing with many telling us they have had a “near miss” when crossing this busy and dangerous section. Many residents move between Sharrow and Nether Edge to attend local schools, nurseries and amenities. The news that a pedestrian was hit crossing the road in March spurred us into action because we believe that the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing means that a more serious incident is simply a matter of time.

Active travel is necessary in our era of unprecedented national health and obesity crisis. Parents of children at local schools frequently receive letters encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. This is only feasible and realistic if pedestrian routes are made safer and easier. We feel that out-of-neighbourhood commuters using Psalter Lane to avoid the busy Eccleshall Road are currently prioritised over local pedestrians, on whom the burdens of inconvenience and risk to life are inequitably placed.

Changing habits due to the Covid pandemic and changing demographics have led to increased footfall in Sharrow and Nether Edge. The Council has permitted new housing development in both neighbourhoods without updating pedestrian infrastructure. The single existing crossing at Cowlshaw Road on the 1-mile stretch of Psalter Lane between Sharrow Lane and Banner Cross is now insufficient for local demand. Furthermore, it represents a significant half-mile detour for residents moving between Nether Edge and Sharrow via Osborne, Stetton, Hunter House, Roach and Brincliffe Gardens roads. This is especially onerous for young, disabled and elderly residents.

The link to our digital petition can be found on the Sheffield City Council ePetitions website. Please consider supporting our endeavour.

Helen, Liz and Rachael

A reminder of what NENG does and what it can do for you

By Ken Lambert (NENG Chair)

Whilst grappling with writing the Annual Report that NENG has to produce each year for the Charities Commission, I was pleasantly surprised by how much had still been achieved during difficult circumstances. The reports by the various “sub groups” of NENG were provided in the February edition of EDGE, which we could produce only in electronic form and can be found on the revitalised NENG website <http://www.netheredge.org.uk/the-edge/>; the website also has up to date information on activities.

From feedback that I have received from many subscribers and members, I think that the EDGE magazine is in some way the “glue” that binds the neighbourhood group together, and I am extremely grateful to the Editorial Board (Nicky, Ruth, Kevin and David) who have worked so hard to keep the show on the road, as well as guest editors.

Where I believe we could do more is to try to help you with issues that affect all or some of the community (we might struggle with problems that are very localised, such as a barking dog next door). For example, I regularly see comments in the “Only in Nether Edge” Facebook group about speeding and parked cars blocking pavements and driveways. We can only try to do something if you let us know about such issues and problems, or indeed if you have ideas that you think we should be doing to benefit the community. We are always willing to raise issues on behalf of the Nether Edge community with the Council, local councillors, our MP etc.

So, if there is an issue about the neighbourhood where you would like us to try to help, please contact myself or any of the committee members (contact details on page 2 of EDGE).



Interview with Masie Drewery-Harris, Lola Infanti, Martha Drewery-Harris, and Corrin Yates.

We thought it would be interesting to ask a group of Nether Edge teenagers how they have dealt with the two lockdowns and to hear what their hopes are for their future.

Masie is currently studying fashion and textiles at Sheffield College and is hoping to progress to university to study theatre studies specialising in costume and stage design. Lola, Martha and Corrin have just completed their GCSEs and are looking forward to a long hot stress-free summer. Lola, who also enjoys modern dance, is intending to go to Sheffield College to study art and design and progress to university. Martha is returning to school to study A levels and wants to go into nursing; she says that the nurses in the NHS have been 'inspirational' and she wants to be part of it. Corrin, who also plays the flute in her spare time and works with her mother in ZEDs part time, is going back to study A levels and is interested in pursuing sociology or marine biology.

The last year has been quite a challenge for them all and 'on-line learning' is exceedingly difficult due to the lack of one-to-one support when you are preparing for exams. It is the lack of informal social interaction in school with peer groups, no sleep overs or visits with friends where you discuss the work you are doing and provide informal support and guidance to each other.

They have spent much more time with their families which has been fine, but you do need to be with your friends; there are only so many times you can do a jigsaw with your families!

Masie does not like social media and resists it but also felt 'trapped to use it'. She values conversations in groups together when you can respond to facial expressions which you see and observe instantly.

They all agree that the first lockdown 'was a novelty' and nobody was quite sure what they were supposed to do or even allowed to do. It wasn't quite appreciated or reported in the media how the younger generation did suffer due to lockdown and they have lost a whole year from their young lives.

They have all made use of the quite different time they have had by working on 'themselves'. They have had time to reflect and get to know their inner selves. They feel as if they have really grown up, become more mature and more reflective. They have learnt how to teach themselves, to fix themselves and identify what they need to work at and become more independent.

They are all looking forward to re-kindling some friendships and are appreciating simple things much more and admit to having become 'eco shoppers' and they all see the merits of supporting small local businesses.

They just want the lockdown to 'go away' and no more masks and go back to a 'normal' school and college life.





MICRO CHARITY PLANT NURSERY OPENS IN NETHER EDGE

The Potting Shed has now been open for just over 3 months and things have started brilliantly. We've sold more plants than we can count and we've been blown away by the support of the people of Nether Edge.

For those who haven't heard of us... we are a micro plant nursery in Nether Edge. We sell a range of small-medium sized plants including herbaceous perennials, small shrubs, edibles and some annuals. We're very conscious of our environmental impact and so grow in organic and peat-free compost and only work with suppliers who do the same!

The thing that makes The Potting Shed unique is that it is actually a programme which is part of the youth development charity Grow (www.growuk.org)

At Grow we work with young people who are in need of support and experience to help them take their next steps towards work and training. All of our programmes integrate coaching with nature-based projects. For example, we run a nature-based walking mentoring programme, wellbeing drop-in sessions at a farm and we also run a gardening social enterprise!

More than ever, it feels as though people are aware of the huge therapeutic benefits of spending time in nature. We have found that our young people gain so much from being in green settings- not only do they develop skills but also they're exercising, breathing in clean air and having space from some of the complexities and chaos of city life!

So, what's next for The Potting Shed? Things have been such a success and we're now exploring options for a bigger site in Nether Edge. Our current location is the drive way of 34 Montgomery Road - it's been a great place to pilot things but we'd love to be able to work with more young people and offer a wider range of plants. If you know of a location that has a larger outdoor space alongside a small-medium indoor space, please let us know. A small shop with a large car park would be the dream!!

In the meantime, we remain open every Monday from 10-6pm for in-person sales and we operate click and collect through our website. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Message from South Yorkshire Police

Many people underestimate the value of the items they store in their shed, garage or garden.

Unfortunately, Criminals are fully aware of the value of the goods that some people do store in vulnerable places.

Shed Security- Sheds can be attractive targets for thieves, they obtain expensive equipment and are often poorly protected. Whilst a shed is not designed to withstand any form of determined attack, there are simple measures you can take to make them more secure

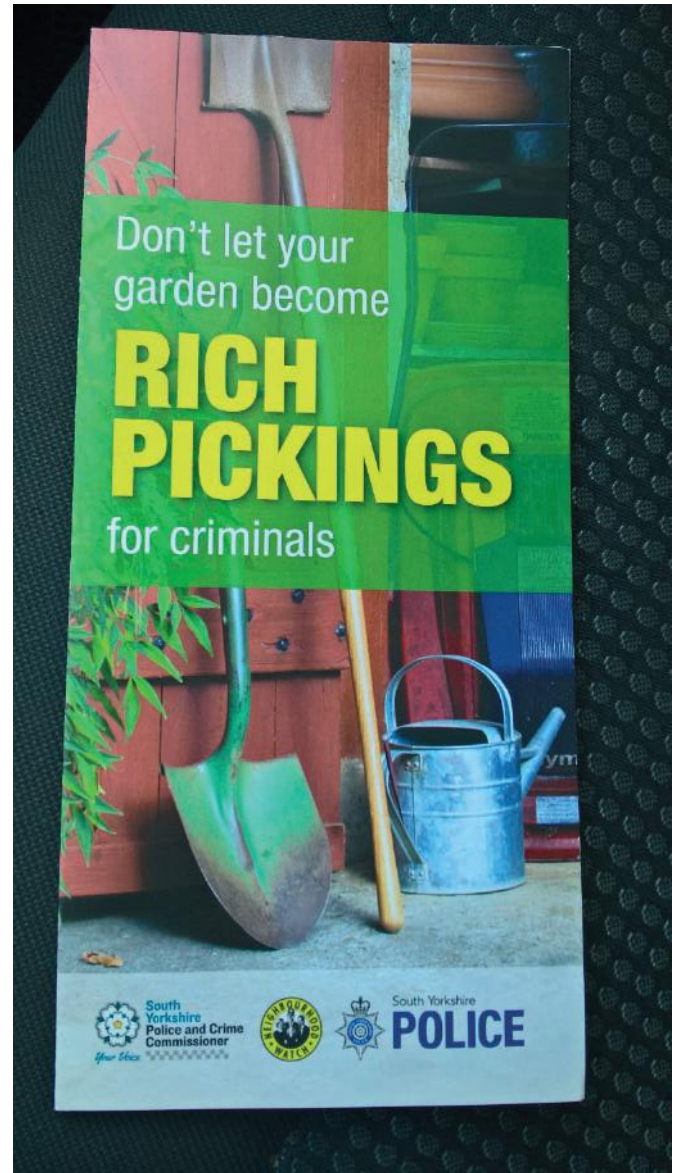
- Position your shed as near to your house as possible
- Paint your house number and name on garden equipment
- Avoid storing valuable items such as power tools, fishing tackle, golf clubs in a shed
- Fit strong hasp and staple, secure with long coach bolts

Garage Security – Garages usually contain valuables items and many have integral doors which a thief could easily access your home.

- Up and Over doors are usually fitted with a central locking door handle, these are often quite weak, try fitting with Hasp and Staple and a strong padlock as well
- If you have a household alarm, consider extending the system to cover your garage
- Fit british standard approved locks to all external doors, including integral garage doors

Your Garden – Many people invest a lot of time and money in their garden, Plants, shrubs, water features, solar lighting and expensive garden furniture are all very attractive to thieves.

- Use strong lockable high gates at side/rear of your home
- Put trellis on top of walls/fencing this will collapse should anyone try to climb over it, therefore making unwanted noise
- Building a path in your garden, consider using gravel, the noise made when walking on it can alert householders to possible intruders
- Good lighting is an excellent way to deter intruders – use Lights with Dusk to Dawn sensors
- Use defensive planting – Prickly plants/hedges- Acts as a Physical barrier



Sprat's Connecting Wall

Fans of Only Connect will be familiar with the Connecting Wall. This is a scaled down version, but the principles are just the same. All you have to do is arrange the clues into three groups of three, and work out what connects them. Best of luck.

Blackwater	Mustard	White
Haw	Scarlet	Plum
Green	Gold	Yellow

This Pandemic has been much harder on some members of our community than others. But some themes during this time have been common to us all. We have had to reflect on what is important to us, what are our priorities, values, needs and wishes. We have all reflected how we keep ourselves and our loved ones and our communities as safe as possible. We have learned that in order to keep ourselves and our families alright, we must also look after our Community. We have had to think about the shared air we breathe and how we can keep it safe. And so it hasn't been a big jump from there, to think about the quality of air.

We were all made acutely aware of this in the first lockdown, when traffic radically reduced and the quality of the air improved sharply and it smelled good. It was a joy to walk around, and be free to breathe deeply, without the sensation that our lungs were being filled with poison. It was great! Moreover, for both kids and adults, it felt safe to cycle, without continual fear of being knocked over.

Unfortunately, now once again, as we walk along busy roads, we have to breathe in the toxic air, and these roads have become so smelly again. The traffic in Nether Edge is indeed probably heavier than it was pre-pandemic, and causing serious problems both to the quality of our air and causing a significant threat to our health and wellbeing.

There are other problems with traffic, too. Cars are parked on the pavement and so often prams can't get past them without having to be pushed into the street. Similarly for people with poor mobility and people wanting to maintain social distancing. As kids, we all used to play on the street. We had so much space to explore, learn social skills, be outdoors, play and make friends. You hardly see that any more, because it just isn't safe from the cars. What we do see is an increasingly stressed generation of kids, with an ever increasing level of mental health problems.

Although we may have different priorities, many will have the same concerns. So let's address those same concerns, together. We need to find our common ground, where we can work together, to make a better place to live. And for so many reasons, reducing our car dependency is going to have to be part of that conversation.

As regards transport, 'active travel' (such as walking, cycling) is being encouraged, for health reasons as well as Environmental ones. Car sharing needs to be thought about. Could we more actively look at Neighbourhood Car Clubs? Now that Covid is reducing, and the risk of transmission on public transport is very low, can we return to using the public transport?

Having a central pedestrianised bit of public space in Nether Edge would really contribute to the great community feel. We could have a space for a social garden, with social seating, we could have a more Mediterranean feel with social interaction spilling out onto the street, for all of us to enjoy. So for all of these reasons mentioned in this article, I believe that Pedestrianising Nether Edge is a wonderful idea. A win-win! I am in complete support!

(This article is a précised version of the original)

100 year walk revisited

Last month we reported on the intention of some Nether Edge residents (present and recent) to complete the Sheffield round walk in a day. One was 66 (now older), one 33, and one 1. Hence the 100 years. They succeeded.

Rob Skelton said, 'It was a joy to do this 15 mile walk, which we had done in bits but never in one go. As I said in the last newsletter, this was a homage to both Nether Edge and the city of Sheffield. My dodgy knee held up for the first 13 and a half miles, but after that a lot of old man hopping and a break at the (almost on route) Broadfield pub got me through.

I was accompanied by my son Ben and, occasionally by my granddaughter Maya. Old special friends and partners also joined the fun. We did the walk because we wanted to. But we also wanted to take the opportunity to raise the profile of 'Dig Deep', a Sheffield based charity. If you want to know more about Dig Deep see <https://www.digdeep.org.uk/> or if you'd like to donate <https://dig-deep.enthuse.com/pf/robert-skelton>.

And we ended up raising, somewhat to my surprise, a good deal of money.'



What's on in and around Nether Edge in July and August 2021

Sheffield General Cemetery Trust (SGCT) proposed events 2021 if restrictions permit. History walks on the first Sunday of each month. Minimum donation of £5 to help to support the Trust. Meeting place for all events is The Gatehouse, 1.00pm at the end of Cemetery Avenue off Ecclesall Road unless otherwise indicated.

Sat 3rd July. Industrial Connections and Buried Stories. Laura Alston from the National Lottery Heritage Funded 'Parks for People Project' will be outside the Gatehouse between 10.am-3pm with information about burial research and hidden stories about the cemetery. Contact sgct@gencem.org for updated information. Tel 01142 268 3486

Sun 11th July 2.00pm, Tue 20th July 3.00pm. Industrial Connections Exhibition. More information to follow. Contact sgct@gencem.org for updated information. Tel 01142 268 3486

Fri 30th July 8.30pm, Sat 31st July 1.00am. Kick in the Eye- Dark 80's. DJs Marco Rico and Harry J present a night of dark 80's, post punk, new wave and synth pop sounds within the walls of the gravely beautiful Samuel Worth Chapel. Contact sgct@gencem.org for updated information. Tel 01142 268 3486

Thur 12th August 10.00am-3.00pm. Kids Outdoor Research Day. Laura Alston will be outside the gatehouse between 10.00am-3.00pm with activities for kids based on the burials, nature and biodiversity of the cemetery. Contact sgct@gencem.org for updated information. Tel 01142 268 3486

Tue 17th August 12.00pm-3.00pm. Family Picnic Day. Event details to be confirmed. Contact sgct@gencem.org for updated information. Tel 01142 268 3486

Sat 10th July 10.30am-12.30pm via Zoom. Gardening Workshop: Veg Gardening for Experienced Growers. Planning and scheduling, problem solving and disease management.

To book or for more information, email : Sharon. watson301@gmail.com

Abbeydale Miniature Railway hope to open to the public on Sunday 4th July at 1pm if restrictions permit starting with the annual free to enter exhibition of members' work, trade stands and visiting locos. Abbeydale Road South S17 3LB.

Railway timetables open from 1pm-5pm: Sun 18th July, Sun 1st August Children's Hospital Charity fund raising day, Sun 15th August. Tickets £1.50 per person per ride, all classes.

Friends of the Botanical Gardens (FOBS) are presenting their spring-summer 2021 season of talks taking place online and include the following:

Tue 6th July 10.30am. A beautiful plantsman's journey in his own garden. Jimi Blake trained in the National Botanic Gardens in Dublin and recounts the creation of Hunting Brook Gardens, five acres of amazing botanical herbaceous gardens and fifteen acres of wonderful woodland gardens and valley in County Wicklow, Ireland.

Tue 20th July 10.30am. Dr Patrick Eyres presents a lecture on Wentworth Castle and Wentworth Woodhouse two impressive estates situated 6 miles apart established out of bitter family rivalry: Georgian rivals united through 21st Century restoration and public access

Tue 27th July 1.00pm. High Summer and the Bear Pit public one-hour guided tour at the Botanical Gardens. Meet at the Main Gatehouse on Clarkehouse Road at 12.50. No need to book just turn up. We encourage £3 donation to the Gardens.

Tue 17th August 10.30am. 'Where do camels belong? How invasive and non-native plants can improve species diversity. In this lecture Ken Thompson will address a number of questions. Where do plants and animals belong? What does native mean anyway?



Members of the public are welcome to join us for live streaming of the lectures for just £5 for non-members of FOBS. Contact FOBS for more information and to register:

fobs.lectures@gmail.com

Sun 18th July 17.00. Abbeydale Picture House all-day event. Yorkshire Silent Film Festival presents four live-scored film screenings at Abbeydale Picture House, Abbeydale Road.S7 1FS. All day ticket £38.32 from. Eventbrite.

Programme is as follows: 3pm. Filibus the Mysterious Air Pirate +Buster Keaton in The High Sign. 5pm. Soundstripes- new short films. 6.45pm. Soviet double-bill: Man with a Movie Camera with live score performed by In the Nursery. 8.30pm. Strike with live score performed by Frame Ensemble. Visit ysff.co.uk for full details.

Portland Works Makerspace to present Live Theatre. The resident theatre company Only Lucky Dogs is set to host streamed and Live Theatre from promising performers. Many of the performers have found innovative ways to rehearse during these challenging times.

Livestreaming £3.00+£1.00 fee, full price in person £10.00+ £1.00 fee, Concession in-person £15.00+ £3.50 fee.

Thur 15th July-7.30pm-Sat 17th July 9.30pmThe Moonlighters Collective present Dear Beryl, an original dystopian dark comedy imagining a future fuelled by austerity and controlled by technology. Appropriate for ages 13+.

Thur 22nd July 7.30pm-Sat 24th July 9.30pm. Crazy Gary's Mobile Disco. 'On the 20th anniversary of its first performance, Gary Owen's play about masculinity in crisis remains urgent and provocative'. Appropriate for ages 16+.

The full programme of shows, along with tickets for both live-streamed and seated audiences, are available at: www.onlyluckydogs.co.uk



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July-August Running with Scissors at Haggles Corner. Queens Road, S2 4DU.A range of workshops for crafty individuals will be available in a fun and contemporary environment lead by specialist tutors in their field.

Sun 11th July 11am-4pm.Eco Dying using natural plant materials to dye fabric.£55.

Sat 17th July 1.30pm-4pm. Crochet Professional Starting and Finishing Techniques. £35.

Sat 24th July 2pm-4pm. Introduction to Fair Isle Tunisian Crochet. £40.

Sun 1st Aug 10.am-3pm. Zips and Buttons. £55.

Sun 15th Aug 10.am-4pm. Crochet Dream Catcher Project Day. £55

There are more workshops available. For more information tel : 07903 046 544: info@rwsheffield.co.uk

July-November 2021. The Sheffield Project: Photographs of a Changing City. Weston Park Museum. During the 1980s, Sheffield's Untitled Gallery, now Site Gallery, commissioned a series of photographs to document the city at a pivotal moment in its history.

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2. Cluedo characters	Mustard	Plum	White
3. Finches:	Green	Gold	Haw

