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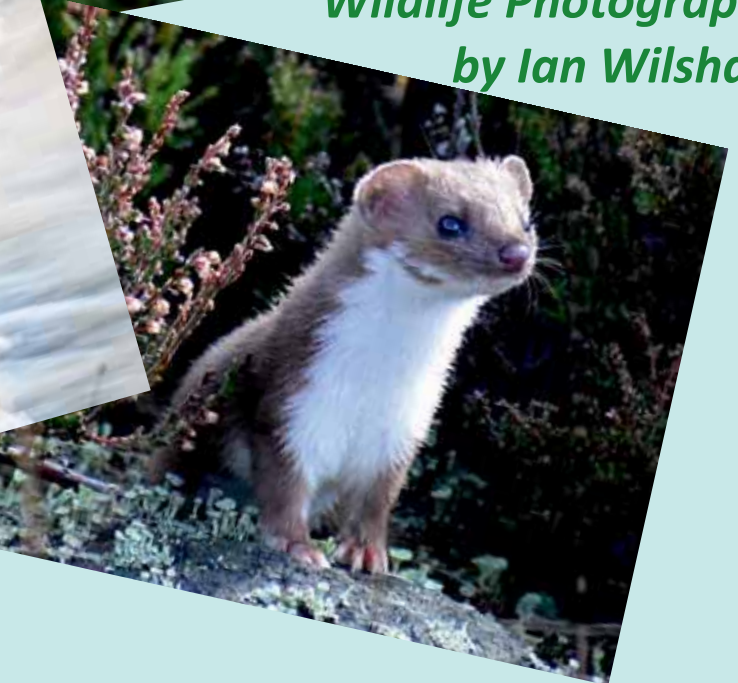
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*Wildlife Photography
by Ian Wilshaw*



'Welcome to March Edge. Given that spring is upon us and as the weather has been hitting the headlines recently, several articles focus on the environment. Our contributors have written about what to see in our local parks, gardens and outdoor spaces, and attempts to help keep these areas clear of litter. There are also discussions on longer term environmental issues, including an insight into a global movement concerned with climate change. As ever, we would welcome your comments on anything you see in Edge.

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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.

This issue of Edge was edited by Kevin Hickey and Ruth Bernard. Ken Lambert and Mazhar Hussein will be editing the April issue. If you have any material you would like to be considered, please email Ken or Mazhar with material at the NENG editorial board address - Nengeditorialboard@gmail.com

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Dear Edge Editorial Board

In February's issue, you published Marion Gerson's letter, which is factually incorrect.

Marion was writing in response to an article in the December issue of Edge, where David Pierce suggested safety improvements to the roundabout at the intersection of Rundle/Kenwood Park/Kenwood Roads, including planting trees in memorial to street tree campaigners.

David's suggestion was made because he knows first-hand how the efforts of campaigners across Sheffield helped preserve Nether Edge's character. Our neighbourhood is known nationally for its amazing street trees. In the 1850s, Nether Edge's founding fathers planned it to look the way it does today. Had campaigners not defended the threatened trees, 10% of Nether Edge's 1500 street trees would already have gone, a further 35% over the next 17 years. That shocking scale of felling, (and neighbourhood character change), will not now happen, thankfully.

More importantly, the Sheffield campaign has changed UK attitudes to street trees, including the interpretation of laws protecting them. Consequently, Sheffield Council have realised their past errors, and are establishing a new Street Tree Strategy adopting 100% of what campaigners in Sheffield always suggested.

Marion states campaigners were never in any danger. Not true. In December 2017, Amey adopted new tactics, including physical violence to accost campaigners. Video footage of this reached Labour Councillors, who whilst supporting the felling, were so shocked they intervened, forcing a less violent approach. Similarly, Amey were so desperate during Winter 17/18, there is footage of them swinging running chainsaws 1 metre above campaigners' heads. The HSE had to intervene. So Marion, you are factually incorrect. Campaigners were in physical danger.

Marion also suggests campaigners put money where their mouths are, planting trees in our gardens, promoting the misconception of consequences such as compromised walls/drains driveways/foundations. Sorry Marion, wrong again. Tree roots want nutrient rich soil and good water supply. They don't want to put themselves under houses where water never drains, and where soil quality is poor. I have 11 mature trees within ten metres of my house. I've lived here 10 years, with a structural engineer monitoring damage. Guess what, no damage. I've actually planted two more trees. I can't wait for them to grow and provide the valuable ecosystem services that hard-cold evidence shows mature canopy trees provide.

Finally, Marion makes the tired point that neighbours will be horrified by more tree planting. Incorrect again. On average, 80% of Nether Edge residents want their mature street trees to remain. Even on Marion's own road, where the large trees need pruning, 66% want their trees retained, recognising their valuable pollution reduction services. Sheffield's new street tree strategy allows organisations/residents to plant additional street trees in free spaces. I can't wait to double the street tree stock locally, including filling historic gaps on Marion's road.

Free speech, and allowing all views to be aired is vital, including Marion's. But it's also vital that views are fact-checked before publication. Sadly, the editors failed to fact-check Marion's letter. Please rectify this by publishing my own letter. *Paul Selby*

There will be no further correspondence on this issue (Editor)

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Wildlife Photography by Ian Wilshaw

I have been asked by this month's editors to provide a few of my photographs and to say a few words about my hobby, wildlife photography.

Around five years ago, I saw some fantastic pictures of kingfishers, both perched and diving on social media, taken at Rivelin. They inspired me to go and take a look for myself as I'd only seen one in flight previously, a couple of times and not in Sheffield. I went down, took a picture and although the result was a small indistinguishable speck, I was hooked.

I researched "better" cameras and bought a bridge camera, something that was not too expensive but that had a far better zoom and more functionality. However I didn't know how to operate it, and so attended a couple of beginners courses and spent many, many hours at Rivelin just trying shots with different settings, so I could better understand what effect they had. I've mastered the basics now but every day is a learning day and I've still got lots to learn.

I followed a number of local wildlife / photography social media groups and went to a range of different sites at different times of the year to capture the local wildlife. For example I went to look for adders in the Spring, migrating birds in the Summer, rutting deer in the Autumn and kingfishers in Winter. Having taken a years worth of photos I got asked to produce a calendar by my then work colleagues, something which I've done every year since I've had a number of my photos featured in the Tree Campaign Photography Exhibition on Bank Street, have had a number featured in other local and regional magazines and was credited with Countryfile Magazine Photo of the Day on Social Media. That said, I still feel I'm learning and that there are a lot of photographers out there better than me, with far more expensive kit than mine, although I have now upgraded further to an SLR camera. I also need to learn a lot more about post production processing.

Taking wildlife pictures is probably one of the most difficult genres of photography, as you don't know what you are going to see or when it will appear, or how long it might stay still for, and consequently what settings you might need. I've missed more pictures than I've taken but hopefully with more experience this ratio will change. Some days I go out and come back without having seen anything and other days I have a couple of hundred pictures to sort through. It's just the luck of the draw and having a great deal of patience, the heron photo (see front page) took two and a half hours of waiting before it caught the fish on a very cold day!

So, as the Winter draws towards its close and the Spring arrives I look forward to capturing the birds that migrate here, to improving my photography further and to the warmer weather.

Spending time in the outdoors has been proven to be good for you, so get outside, keep your eyes peeled and start taking pictures of the wildlife around you, you never know you could get hooked - and if you know of any local owls please get in touch.

Thanks for your interest.
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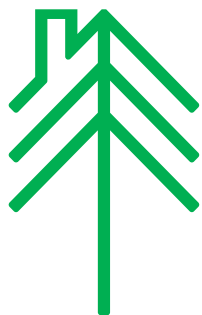
On the morning that was still, cold and clear this January I was looking out of my attic window towards Meersbrook. Due to the temperature everyone had their heating switched on. Each building had a plume of condensing vapour and because of the unusual atmospheric conditions it didn't get blown away or evaporate. The misty cloud was rolling down into the Abbeydale valley, and all vapour flowed down the river valley trapped by temperature inversion. (Thank goodness we don't all burn coal to keep warm anymore! In the 1950's Meersbrook would not have been visible for the smoke.)

Downstream, in Rotherham there is a firm that makes machines to split water into Hydrogen & Oxygen. The Hydrogen is then used as a fuel.

<https://www.itm-power.com/about>. This uses unwanted electricity and stores it as energy for later use. Barnsley is another place leading in the application of technology. Energise Barnsley Ltd have installed solar panels on schools and social housing. Some of the tenants have had batteries added to the solar array and have been able to cut their electricity bills by 50%. Barnsley is now a world leader in this field. Energise Barnsley are featured in a London School of Economics (LSE) report for 'Financing inclusive climate action in the UK' as an example of how it can be done - "An Investor roadmap for the just transition," to a carbon free economy. <http://www.energisebarnsley.co.uk>.

An experiment is being conducted in Scotland to use old mine shafts in the production of green energy. (<https://www.gravitricity.com>) The plan is to use excess production of electricity from wind turbines, this time to lift a weight vertically up a shaft, then, turning the motors into generators, it is dropped back down again.

My house now uses an air source heat pump for central heating. The block of flats at the bottom of our street is having a ground source heat pump built. The rig drilled 7 x 280 metre deep holes through the car park to access the geothermal energy. We will need all these devices if we are to achieve our carbon neutral status in time to be able to look our grand children in the eye and say, "I did what I could."



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In March 2019 the 218 bus was rerouted to pass along Psalter Lane and walkers can take advantage of this service to do a linear walk. The walk described below is about 6.5 miles. We started from the Psalter Lane / Cherry Tree Road bus stop catching the 09.51 and reaching the Baslow / Bar Brook Bridge bus stop at 10.15. This stop is at the crossroads of the A621 and Clodhall Lane, the first stop after Owlbar (other bus times are available).

The sketch shows the route taken back to Totley. Although most of the route is fairly clear, I recommend the use of a map and compass or a suitable electronic alternative (OS Explorer OL24; 1:25000; The Peak District - White Peak Area).

Walk up the minor road towards Curbar for 200m and take a footpath through the opening on the right, going NW on open access land towards White Edge. After about 1.5km (just less than 1 mile) you will reach a fingerpost at a wall corner where the White Edge path meets the path going down to the Curbar Gap car park.

The White Edge trig point is just less than 1km further on. About 100m NE of the trig point by a set of stones is a very good vantage point for looking at the red deer, the largest land mammal in the UK. There is a completely wild herd of about 170 deer on and around Big Moor.

Continuing along White Edge, after about another 2km you will pass by a companion stone overlooking the Grouse Inn. The stone is a modern sculpture with an inscribed poem and is one of 12 in the Peak District. Each of the 12 sculptures is a companion to a Derbyshire guide stoop. (<http://www.companionstones.org.uk/>). The guide stoop is about 30m away, off the path, and is one of a series erected in the early 18th century to show the way to market centres.

Return to the main path and continue NE for about 400m until you meet a wall and the path coming up from the Grouse Inn. Don't go through the gap in the wall but turn right and follow the wall for about 300m until you reach the Hurkling Stone standing at the junction of parish and district boundaries. Change direction and walk along the footpath heading NE for about 800m to the gate on the B6054. Turn right and walk by the road for about 250m and then cross the road to the next layby where there is a gate to Totley Moor.

Take the path heading NE. After about 400m the path becomes boggy and indistinct. Keep left, near a small copse, and ascend gradually until you meet the remains of an old wall (shown on the OS map). Turn right, following the wall and continue ascending until you spot the trig point on

the left. There are excellent views from the trig point which, at 395m, is the highest point on the walk.

From the trig point head N and then NE until you meet a track where you turn right and head E. When the track turns N, take the footpath descending steeply towards Totley. You will be walking directly above the Totley tunnel and you should notice an air vent at the bottom of the hill. The path joins a minor road which meets a T junction where you turn left to reach the cricket field for the Cricket Inn (muddy boots and dogs welcome) in time for lunch, if desired.

From the Cricket Inn continue heading E along the road for about 150m until you meet a footpath on the right which will take you up to Totley and the Cross Scythes pub. At the bus stop by the Cross Scythes there is a choice of either the 218 or the 97 with up to 4 buses an hour.



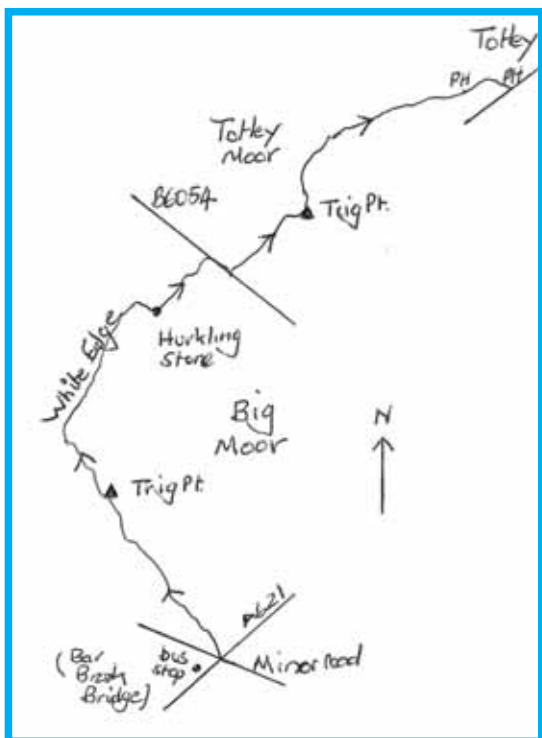
Hurkling Stone



Trig Point and Dash



Companion Stone



A Chelsea Road Garden : Chris Fry

When mum and dad moved into their new house on Chelsea Road, I was planning their new garden before they had unpacked the removal van. I only live a few valleys away in Stannington and my own garden was small and already quite busy. Unfortunately, family, work and a passion for climbing meant that my time was spread thin and mum and dad got in first and selfishly got on with planning their own garden. Quite nicely as it happens.

I dug holes and chopped a few things but by and large mum and dad turned the garden around and created a lovely space with beds and borders which hum and trill in summer with pollinators and passerines.

However, there was a place which lurked right under everyone's noses and had escaped attention. A shrubbery rewilded... a bad 70s planting scheme left to grow old, dense and dark. No longer with space to show off their colourful garb as they were too many in too small a space. My parents were reluctant at first as they seemed daunted by the prospect of creating such a large blank space – a vacuum, whereas my background in conservation and forestry gave me no such qualms! So I quietly began a covert culling strategy; subtle euthanasia of those least favoured. (No one's really going to miss a Laurel, are they? And why does anyone plant Laurel anyway? Is it the plant for people who don't really like plants?).

I've been gardening on and off for donkeys years. Largely started

by mum and dad but also inspired by my own passion for, and career in nature conservation. However I do have some rather odd horticultural fetishes, and they harmonise or clash with interesting results....

Dad's work as an architect meant that in childhood I was exposed to an odd selection of coffee table reading, including journals with futuristic landscapes where nature seemed either "strategically located" or had been forgotten altogether. Brutalism; Arts and Crafts; Gertrude Jekyll; Japanese tea gardens and abandoned, crumbling buildings of all eras have all

given me ideas and inspiration. And even that lot can't hold a candle to the magnificence of truly wild, natural spaces; which all gardens really aspire to mimic.

I now see gardens as the most vital of places – where the in and the out can really play together and create the most amazing experiences. All the convenience of home with nature's smell, soundscape and vistas all-around. The Al'Hambra in Granada shows us the array of ideas we've had for hundreds of years, we just forget so easily! (Ingenuously simple plans executed exquisitely!).

Water engineers spaces with subtlety and delicacy- dictating the light, temperature, plant species and mood and therefore every feather, flower and leaf; every shadow and reflection to be seen. Working on the moors of the Peak District and South Pennines has shown me how the flow of water in a landscape is so critical to its ecological function and its impacts on people. No less in my own garden and in those I've worked on, I've tried (on the smallest of scales), to make each rain drop count and I think it makes a big difference.

Four years down the line Mum and Dad's garden is looking magnificent – the result of many days and countless hours of dedicated larking-about. It's not finished yet, it never will be. When I was younger, and beginning to be a gardener, a lovely neighbour and accomplished gardener called Brenda, once corrected me as I suggested I had almost "finished" a border. Now I revel in how wrong I was.



S2 FOOD BANK COLLECTION Saturday 14 March At 190 Psalter Lane 10 - 12

The **S2 Food Bank** is a network of community and faith organisations who help individuals and families in food poverty in the Sheffield area. We organise food donations to the Food Bank in this area on the second Saturday of every month. Thank you to everyone who contributed last month.

They are currently well stocked with pasta and tinned tomatoes, but contributions from the list below, are always needed - pasta sauces, rice, tinned cooked or cold meats, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, instant or tinned potatoes, tinned beans or spaghetti, rice pudding, angel delight, jelly, biscuits, jam, tinned fruit, UHT/ powdered milk, tea bags, cereals, coffee, sugar, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, washing powder, sanitary products and toilet rolls.

For the March collection, the Food Bank would welcome donations of Easter eggs that can be given to children in family food parcels.

If you would like to help, please drop of any contributions, however small, at 190 Psalter Lane on Saturday morning between 10 and 12 - or we'll collect it - tel. 0114 267 6880 or email malreennard5@hotmail.com

Thanks again for your support.



Sheffield Woodland Connections was created in response to the Woodland Trust's call for artists, educators and community groups to promote the launch of the Tree Charter in November 2017. In line with the Tree Charter principles I've been leading educational woodland walks ever since.

Originally based at Ecclesall Woods, I now work with the City Council and others to deliver walks at various sites, including urban woodlands like the General Cemetery and Hillsborough Park. The walks cover a broad range of topics including: tree ID; plant edibility; woodland ecology and management. Ever on the hunt for veteran trees, tape measures are provided to help establish tree age if we find any interesting specimens. Everyone who attends the walk will each receive a downloadable tree ID sheet specially created for each location.

Spending time in woodland is turning out to be much more important than we once understood. Being in natural surroundings relieves lifestyle related stress, an effect that is particularly associated with wooded environments. We are all born with an innate preference for nature; being among plants and trees is so rewarding because it activates the part of our nervous systems that actually soothes us.

Yet we have lost the connection that our forebears had to the world around them. As so famously captured in Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris' book 'The Lost Words', if the vocabulary of common plants and animals is no longer spoken then we lose touch with the world that gives us life. As the largest plants, and as one of the most important elements of ecosystems, we all need to know our trees much better. If you come on a walk with me, I will open your eyes to the wonder of trees.

Fran Halsall also leads nature photography workshops and teaches wildlife gardening courses. Visit her website naturallyfocused.co.uk for more information.



Festival of the Outdoors

March woodland walks

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Love Our Streets

In June last year a group of people met to discuss Litter Prevention. Tired of seeing our neighbourhood spoiled by the thoughtless disposal of cans, takeaways and cigarette butts, we decided that in addition to the amazing persistence of Litter Picking groups, we wanted to work on strategies which could prevent people from littering in the first place. Love Our Streets was born, and we have been meeting periodically since.

You may have seen Love Our Street signs on street lights, you may have signed up through the web page loveourstreets.org or through FB to adopt a street and keep it clear through regular picks. The evidence suggests that people are less likely to drop things on a clean street.

The group has begun to visit local schools to speak about litter to children and raise their awareness of surprising things like how far a discarded plastic wrapper can travel, sometimes to the other side of the world.

We also plan to speak with taxi companies and local businesses about the impact of litter on the community, and the part they can play in tackling the problem. We are seeking sponsorship and we hope that by displaying Love Our Street stickers, businesses will show their commitment to helping keep our streets tidy.

If you would like to get involved, we would be delighted to welcome you!

The Love Our Streets Committee

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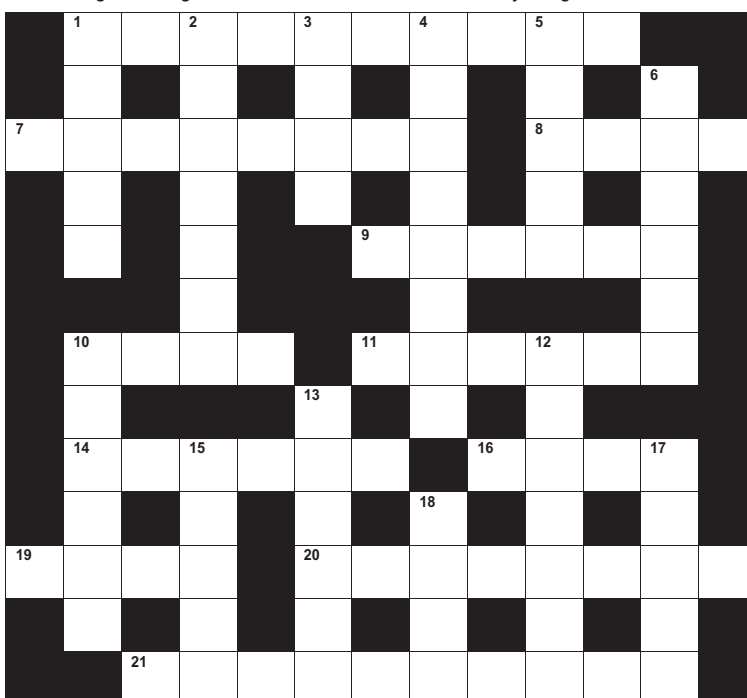
Across

1. They go well on toast (5,5)
7. Love or friendship without physical involvement (8)
8. Rendered pig fat (4)
9. Citrus fruit (6)
10. _____ seed oil (4)
11. Sweet, often eaten on Bonfire Night (6)
14. Popular oaty biscuit (6)
16. Historical neck decoration (4)
19. Sparkling wine (4)
20. Oysters, prawns, cockles, mussels etc (8)
21. What Captain Birdseye might serve you (4,6)

Down

1. Style of Indian cookery (5)
2. Tomato or HP? (7)
3. Refuse to admit (4)
4. French snail (8)
5. Synthetic fibre (5)
6. Home of tsatsiki and souvlaki (6)
10. Reuse (possibly create a rechauffe?) (6)
12. Chinese egg-based dish (3,4)
13. Russian beetroot soup (6)
15. Russian buckwheat pancakes (5)
17. Alcoholic apple drink (5)
18. Strong aniseed-flavoured Turkish drink (4)

I would say that this was fairly easy, and most of the answers relate to food. It might be a good one to share with one of our younger members.



Introducing '500 Together'

500 Together is a Sheffield based fundraising group that's a bit different to your normal fundraising groups. Our plan is to help every day causes and offer a helping hand to someone who needs it. That means getting 500 people together to put £1 a week into a pot and anyone from the group is then able to nominate an individual, family or organisation in need of help. Successful nominees can be the beneficiary of up to £500.

We started in September 2019 and have over 70 members already, but we are aiming for 500. We have also already given away £800 across three donations;

The first donation to ASSIST, the Sheffield charity helping asylum seekers.

The second donation to a man who had fallen ill, lost his job and had been re-housed but had no furniture or household goods - we worked with his local food bank to buy him a fridge and cooker.

The third donation was to a woman who had recently lost her husband in a motorbike accident, and 500 Together was able to buy some supermarket food vouchers to help her and her children over Christmas.

500 Together is different to other charitable groups because it plans to donate to different causes/people each time and feed back to the members of the group about how the money has been used to make a difference to someone locally in immediate need. It gives a bit more of a personal touch to donations and they're made quickly and efficiently.

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3. Email us to tell us you have joined weare500together@gmail.com

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PCSO Sarah Hague

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on nicrite@btopenworld.com.



Extinction Rebellion (XR) is a global movement that uses non-violent civil disobedience in an attempt to halt mass extinction and minimise the risk of social collapse. Chris Hill, a Nether Edge resident, had been concerned about climate change since the 1970s, and joined XR in August 2019. Chris has personal experience of the possible effects of climate change. He is a very active outdoor swimmer and coach. He is involved in monitoring cold swims that are popular amongst endurance swimmers. Normally, four events would have been held by this time of the season. However, the temperature has not been cold enough this year for any to have been held. Obviously there may be many reasons for this, but climate change is an obvious candidate.

According to the XR website, the movement started on 31st October 2018, when British activists assembled on Parliament Square in London to announce a Declaration of Rebellion against the UK Government. XR swiftly became global, with branches popping up the following week in Europe, the US, and the rest of the world. XR describes itself as "leaderless and truly global, each new branch makes the movement stronger, bringing in new perspectives, wisdom, expertise, energy and inspiration". In Sheffield the local group holds regular meetings and talks about climate change, and has training sessions for those planning to go on protest.

[\(https://rebellion.global/branches/gb-sheffield/\)](https://rebellion.global/branches/gb-sheffield/)

In April 2020 there was a major XR demonstration in London, with XR blocking bridges for several days. It was widely covered in national and international media. Chris was not on that demonstration but was told that the police were very helpful, and the protestors were allowed to erect temporary toilets and food tents.

In October this year, Chris took part in his first XR demonstration in London. Activists blocked Millbank, a major thoroughfare, for two weeks, although Chris only stayed for 3 days. There was plenty of entertainment to keep them occupied, including lots of singing – the Sheffield group provided its own choir. There was also a salsa band and a mobile disco. Training was organised on various topics such as non-violent disruptive actions, legal advice on how to avoid being arrested, also how to get arrested! XR are very concerned that those involved do not become depressed at the lack of progress, so make sure there are support groups to help. They were able to use the toilet facilities in the local hospital. Food tents were set up, which were also used to feed the homeless. The general public were generally supportive, with many bringing cakes and other food. For example, one morning at 4am, a group of Hare Krishna arrived with hot curry. The attitude of the police at the October demonstration,

however, was very different to the previous one in April. Demonstrators were frequently moved on, and no food tents or toilet facilities were allowed. Chris's equipment (tent, sleeping bag, food) was confiscated by the police and he had to sleep in a bivvy bag for three nights. There were 4 arrests, Chris was not one of them but he was handed a Section 14 notice. These can be issued if the police "reasonably believe" that the protest "may result in serious public disorder, serious damage to property or serious disruption to the life of the community". Chris said that the simplest thing is just to walk away, just moving from the pavement to the road appeared to be enough to avoid arrest.

Since the London trip, Chris has been involved in several XR events in Sheffield. There has been a road swarm, when a road is occupied for 5 minutes, empty for 3, then occupied again. XR demonstrated when the BBC held a special edition of Question Time in Sheffield in November 2019. In January this year, 50 XR protestors invaded Barclays Bank in protest at the bank's involvement in fossil fuel investments. They have also supported the school climate strikes.



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All the Parents, Independent, Throw your Hands up at Me!

Parenting is a precious and wonderful journey but definitely one of extremes; especially if you're going it alone. The Office for National Statistics reported that 14.9% of UK families were lone parents in 2019. Although there are an increasing number of single parent families, there can still be a stigma attached and it can feel daunting when you find yourself in this situation.

I have, personally, ditched the term 'single' parenting and much prefer 'independent' parenting (apologies if the Destiny's Child in the title reference was lost on anyone!). I think this better reflects the strength and empowerment required. I will always have a tight-knit bond with my children, no matter how difficult it can be.

As with any situation in life, one of the most crucial and enabling parts of the experience is connections with others. I found it difficult to find Sheffield-based groups for parents with similar set ups so I created one for us! This is intended as space to share, empathise, laugh, connect and meet up. The group is called Single Parent Sheffield ('Single' just for ease of searching!) and please spread the word for anyone who feels they could benefit. So far, we are small but with time we are hoping to spread and become a strong Sheffield community. Just sharing an anecdote or asking for the number of a reliable builder can mean a lot to individuals and we're lucky that we can use social media for this positive platform.

Nether Edge is lucky enough to have some great community spaces where any parent can get involved in activities or just enjoy, such as the Common Ground, Chelsea Park and local toddler groups. I've loved bringing up my children in such a culturally rich area and look forward to seeing them and the area grow.



Bloody Cyclists!

After using a bike on and off for many years – mainly on holiday or to keep up with my kids, or on a sunny day to get to work, I realised that I am in fact allergic to hills, so stopped using it as much. So, in May 2019 I bought an e-bike through the Cycle to Work Scheme through my NHS employer (www.cyclescheme.co.uk). Since then I have cycled to work every day (even in the wind and rain!) and actually really enjoy it! Mainly because I was fed up with the 40-minute walk and also, I didn't want to add to the already horrific traffic jams and carbon monoxide fog that are a permanent fixture in the mornings between Nether Edge and the Hallamshire Hospital where I work.

I don't label myself a cyclist, I don't even wear lycra! – I just happen to use a bike to get to work. I'm a wife, mother of two, sister, daughter, friend and NHS worker, before I'd even consider the cyclist label.

It's really hit home though in these past few months quite how dangerous our roads are, particularly to those on bikes. I drive a car and a 4.5tonne motorhome on occasion, so am certainly not anti-car – but what really makes this route terrifying is the sheer disregard for anyone else who is not using a car to get to where they need to be. A bike might just hold you up for a few seconds whilst you get to your next

traffic jam, and whilst there are idiot people on bikes just like there are idiot people behind the wheel - but we are so much more vulnerable that you are in a metal box.

The infrastructure for cyclists in Sheffield is really poor and the roads in an even poorer state (where has that £2b funding gone exactly...?). The situation is now so bad that I've resorted to filming my daily commute with the GoPro my husband bought me for Xmas – some of the roads are in such a dangerous state since the council decided to punish us for saving the trees – and the drivers on these local roads sometimes add to the problems with their questionable driving behaviour.

Please, let's all share the road so we can get to where we're all going – safely and alive.

Follow me on Twitter
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Crossword Answers



More Activities For Young Teens in Nether Edge - By Intisar



I loved Nether Edge as soon as we moved here. There was so much to do – the parks, parent activities at school and now there are so many classes and things going on at Common Ground! We're lucky to have Heeley Swimming Pool so close, it's a great family activity – but it's expensive – so we only go once in a while.

What I'd like to see is more activities for teens. Young people need things that give them hope for their future, they need to be busy and to see what's possible for them. It's all too easy for teens to make easy cash by selling drugs. You see the drugs rubbish around Nether Edge – you may not see them dealing but the evidence is there – all parents should all be aware that it is happening in our area and teens on the street are attracted by the “street cred” and money.

We need to be giving all youngsters positive things to do – especially in the school holidays. Yes it's harder to engage kids as they get older but if they are used to activities as they grow up, and if there is a good choice for all ages, then it's much easier to keep them attending groups and activities.

Common Ground Community Garden

Spring feels like it's just around the corner and at the Common Ground community garden we're preparing the beds for another year of tasty veg growing.

We had bumper crops of gooseberries, beans and courgettes last year, and thoroughly enjoyed harvesting the potatoes with lots of you at the Netheredge Festival in September. We also had a great groundskeeping day in November where lots of volunteers came along to help trim hedges, prune fruit trees and cut back weeds to keep the site looking great. The Nether Edge Herbarium has also adopted a bed and a local home school science club now grow a selection of handy herbs, such as rosemary, sage and fennel in their patch. As with everything that's grown on the Common Ground you're welcome to pop by and pick what you need.

This year we're excited to try growing new crops, such as okra and garlic, and we want to support bees and butterflies by growing more flowers for pollinators too. Gardening is a great way to support the environment, and on a sunny spring day you'll often see lots of honey bees, bumblebees, sparrows and robins around the site (look out for bats at dusk too!) Our urban green spaces like Common Ground also provide wider environmental benefits around air quality, climate change, flood protection and access to nature.

The garden is looked after by a small group of volunteers, who pop down on Saturday mornings to plant, weed and chatter. Everyone is welcome, whether you're completely new to gardening or an expert. If you'd like to get involved there's usually someone at the garden between 10 and 10.30 on Saturdays, get in touch with us on Facebook or drop an email to commongroundabbeydale@hotmail.com.



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January Garden Jottings Peter Machan

What a strange winter this has been so far. No snow or very low temperatures but until Christmas virtually every day was grey and wet. Christmas Day surprised us with a bright, sunny day, but was sandwiched between the mirk, and it's not until the last week in January that it's been fit to do much in the garden. However, it has been coping very nicely without me. On Christmas Day I was able to take stock, and was delighted to watch dozens of small brown stripy bees enjoying the nectar from the bright yellow flowers of the Mahonia charity that was in full flower, and notice tiny green blades of the daffodils already showing above the soil. As the month has progressed other early flowers have begun to perform; delicate pale pink flowers have gradually opened along the bare branches of the Prunus subhirtella, a lovely small, slow growing tree, perfect for a small garden, the daffodils are now 30cm with promising flower buds, the Bergenia, or 'elephants ears' has its showy pink flowers and this week the snowdrops and early crocuses have begun to open. It's rather like watching a performance in which the characters appear on cue.



But the prima donnas of the February show must be the Hellibores that are now showing their best. Four years ago I ordered a collection of these and was somewhat disappointed when a dozen arrived through the letterbox in a tiny plastic container. Dutifully, I planted them in small pots as per the instructions and expected little. Indeed, very little happened for a couple of years but they didn't die. Two years ago they were big enough to plant out and last year some of them began to flower. This year's performance has been well worth the wait. They are nothing short of magnificent. Every one is different, single mauve, double pink, a dark, rich purple and one that is almost black, a frilly green and a pure white double. I'm looking at them now because they make superb, long lasting cut flowers in a vase. But there's

no time to sit and admire the flowers. I must get round to pressure washing the moss and slime off the patio after the wet weather, and there's always the everlasting job of raking, sweeping and collecting last autumn's dead leaves; a minor downside of living in Nether Edge!



Reminder : The 2020 Nether Edge Open Gardens will be on 21st June and, if you are thinking about joining us, please contact Peter Machan (petermachan@hotmail.com), Howard Fry (howard.fry@icloud.com) or Kate Turner (kate.turner999@gmail.com)

Feathers of Brincliffe Edge Wood Ken Phillip



The Wood volunteers (FoBEW) finished 2019 with a work session on Wednesday November 13th. Two of us were discussing the programme for the morning when we noticed some unusual feathers at our feet. We are both keen bird watchers but were puzzled by these feathers and asked other birders in the group for their opinion. Owl or Sparrow Hawk were the favourites but we weren't convinced so I sent a photograph of the feathers to Jim Clarke, local birding expert who wasn't sure either.

I woke with a jolt one December morning with "hens" and "fox" buzzing around in my head so this was suggested to Jim Clarke who then sent the photograph to

an RSPB Investigator who is a specialist in bird remains and he came up with "Cuckoo Maran" as the likely hen to have become a foxes tea.

If anyone knows of a Maran keeper in Nether Edge then please break the news to them and suggest that they upgrade their security.

This was an unusual piece of litter picking but all in a morning's work for FoBEW Volunteers who start their 2020 programme on Wednesday 11th March at 9.30 am Meet at the top entrance to the Wood above the entrance to Chelsea Park. Please watch "Whats On" for future work mornings.



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Every Monday from 9.00pm onwards. General Knowledge Quiz Night at the Union Hotel, Nether Edge S11 9EF. Also pop quiz once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. Popular so get there early.

Every Monday and Wednesday 8.45-3.45pm, Thursday 8.45-1.45pm. Coffee Shop at the Salvation Army Psalter Lane.

Every Tuesday during term time 5.30-6.30pm. New Kids' Club, age group -Y3-Y6 at Common Ground, Machon Bank. S7 1GR. Free event. Contact Beth Millward for more information, Tel :0114 2419560. Email: bethmillward@ncsheffield.org

Every Wednesday 8.30-11.00pm. Nether Edge Folk Club singers' night - Nether Edge Bowling Club. www.netheredgefolk.club.

Every second Tuesday of the month, 6.30-8.30pm. FTD Carers' Group. Contact Lee for info: 0114 250 5107. Heeley City Farm.

Sun 1st March 10.00am-3.00pm. Pedlar's Corner Flea Market, Abbeydale Picture House, 387 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 1FS. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/antiques-quarter-flea-market-tickets-64168393392>.

Thurs 5th March 6-8pm. Nether Edge Open History meeting in the Union Hotel including a short talk on "Drink and Temperance in Nether Edge".

Fri 6th March 7.00pm. Rosie Brown performing at Café#9. Tickets £11. WeGotTickets.

Fri 6th March 11.30am and **Sat 7th** 10.30am. The Indie Beer Feast. Back for the third year at the magnificent Abbeydale Picture House. Brewery bars, street food, coffee, gin, natural wine and a whole lot of fun. More information from #indieBeerFeast.

Sat 7th March 9am. Free Compost available to anyone who is willing to collect it on Saturday morning from the gardeners of St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church in the compound at the back of the church. Bring your own bucket and spade! People are often around the following Thursday as well.

Thur 12th March 7.30-10.00pm Best of The Sheffield Adventure Film Festival (ShAFF) 2020- Film Night at Regather Works. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/best-of-shaff-2020-regather-sheffield-tickets-8903834099>.

Fri 13th March- Sun 15th. Reel Steel Cult Weekender is a celebration of films which hold 'classic' or 'cult' status in cinema.

Friday 13th 7pm followed by 30-minute interval, The Evil Dead 9pm. Age 18+ only. Weekend ticket £24. Abbeydale Picture House. Enquiries email: info@cards-online.org.

Sun 15th March. 12.00-4pm. Nether Edge Farmers' Market. Stalls, shops, cafes, refreshments and live entertainment. Nether Edge Road, Glen Road. S7 1RU.

Wed 18th March 5.30-7.30. Sheffield Parent Hub. Seminar- Helping your child reach their potential at Hunter's Bar Junior School. S11 8GZ. Register with Eventbrite a free event.

Fri 20th March 7.30pm. General Knowledge Quiz at the Nether Edge Bowling Club. After the success of the previous Charity Quiz Nights, John Barthram is running a general knowledge quiz night in aid of local charity. All welcome- but get there early!

Mon 23rd March 7.00pm. Dark Norse- Stories from the Shadows of the Vikings performing at Café#9. Tickets £11. WeGotTickets.

Tues 24th March 12.00. Food and Friendship Interfaith event. We would like to welcome you to our bring and share dinners. A relaxed opportunity to meet others from different faiths and to deepen friendships. Bring some vegetarian food to share if you can but come anyway. Shirley House, 31 Psalter Lane. S11 8YL. Tel 0114 267 8289. Email: office(at)standrewspsalterlane.org.uk

Wed 25th March 7.30pm. Steve Pilgrim acclaimed singer-songwriter will be performing an intimate acoustic set at the Lantern Theatre. Tickets from Ticketsource.

Fri 27th March 7.00pm. Ned Roberts folk singer performing at Café#9. Tickets £11. WeGotTickets.

Sat 28th March 7pm. Duo Piccolo e Grande, musical treasures from the Italian Baroque come to the Samuel Worth Chapel in the General Cemetery. The Lincoln and Nottingham based musicians present a programme of rare works on equally rare instruments. The concert is free, a collection will be taken at the end to raise funds for the Chapel. Book your free now from Ticketsource.

Mon 30th March 10am-12pm. Easter Craft Morning 10.00am-12pm at King's Centre. For families with toddlers and primary school children to do Easter crafts and engage with the Easter story.

Mon 30th March-Sun 13th April (Easter holidays) Nether Edge Easter Trail. A fun Easter trail around Nether Edge for an Easter egg prize. Quest sheets and details will be available from Lotte's Café.

Wed 1st April 8.30pm. Tom McConville and Andy Watt performing at the Nether Edge Bowling Club.

Fri 3rd April 7.30pm. Joanne Harris (best known as author of Chocolat which was made into a very successful film) and the #Storytime Band offer a fantastic, intimate evening of storytelling and music at the lantern Theatre. Tickets from Ticketsource.

Sun 5th April 7pm-10.00pm. Sharrow Lantern Carnival 2020 a community parade celebrating togetherness through creativity. Starting at Mount Pleasant Park and parading through Sharrow and the cemetery.