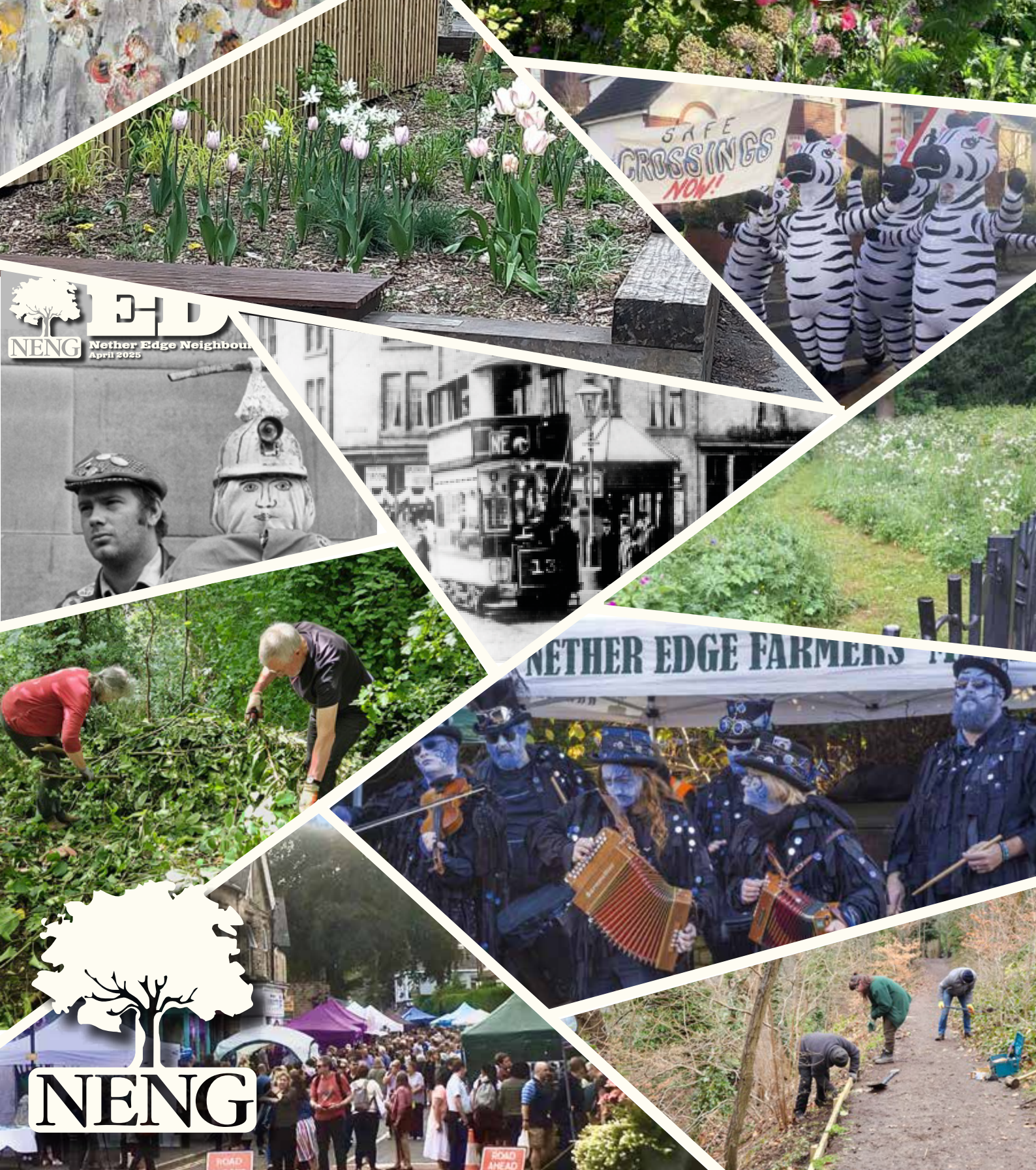


EDGE

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Newsletter

July/August 2025



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Nether Edge Neighbourhood
April 2025

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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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www.netheredge.org.uk/

EDGE JULY/AUGUST 2025

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If you want to contribute to the September edition, please contact the EDGE Editorial Board – nengeditorialboard@gmail.com by 12th August at the latest

EDITORIAL

Ken Lambert, NENG Chair

This is the edition where we showcase all the activities carried out under the NENG umbrella over the last year and what we plan to do in the future. I am often asked, not least when standing at the NENG stall at the Farmers Market, what does NENG actually do. I hand out a leaflet or point to the stand-up banners to say "all this lot". So in this issue there are reports from all the groups that form part of what I like to think of as a federal organisation. I do encourage you to read these and if possible, come to the AGM at Shirley House, Psalter Lane on Thursday 24th July to hear more about these activities and achievements, not as a boring monologue from me, but from the people who actually carry them out – all giving up their time as volunteers. You might wish to join in some of these activities. Everyone is always welcome, however much or little time you might have to spare

Whilst I, the trustees and the NENG committee have an overall responsibility to make sure NENG is run in an effective and efficient way and follows our terms of reference (always printed at the top left of the inside cover of EDGE), it is also all the other volunteers who make things happen for the benefit of our community and I hope, to have some fun whilst doing it. You will see from the reports that some of the groups, not least the Farmers Market, do need more volunteers. Attending the AGM will give you the opportunity to have an informal chat with the people who run the groups to see if you could lend a hand.

Talking of giving up time and having fun, can I pay tribute to Ruth Bernard, who is standing down as vice chair, though she will remain on the committee and the EDGE Editorial Board. I rather boldly tasked Ruth with coming up with something to mark the 50th anniversary of NENG. The result is the David Pierce Pocket Park, which Ruth envisaged and was the driving force behind its completion. Thank you Ruth for all you have done and will continue to do for our community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL

The Nether Edge Festival, taking place in September, is always looking for volunteers. Sometimes, people can be reluctant because they are worried how much they might be asked to do, but everyone will be properly briefed. We are hoping to run a Crazy Golf at St Oswald's Church if we can find some volunteers to help run it. With enough volunteers we can open it for the public for much of the festival. If you're interested contact Mark Doel (markdoel@icloud.com) and Titus Joseph (titusjoseph726@gmail.com)

We always welcome new members, whether you want to catch up with local news, get involved in any of our groups, or just support our work. Membership costs £10 per year and you will receive ten editions of The Edge - the NENG newsletter.

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NEWS

BRINCLIFFE EDGE WOODS

Look out! Russell Crow is about again this summer. We have received reports of people being attacked by a crow clearly trying to protect its nest and territory. So, please take care during the nesting season or wear a hard hat!

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ARRESTS AFTER STREET STABBING IN NETHER EDGE

Police Officers were called to Wath Road on 3rd June 2025 where two people were arrested after an incident in which two men were seriously hurt in a stabbing.

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SHEFFIELD LOCAL PLAN

The Consultation period for the Sheffield Local Plan comes to an end on Friday 11th July.

The Plan is a roadmap for how our city will develop up to the year 2039. It covers everything from housing and jobs to transport, schools, and green spaces. During the consultation you can share your views on the proposed sites, or suggest changes. Your feedback will help shape the final version of the Plan. After this consultation, all feedback will be sent to Government Inspectors who will review all comments and hold public hearings. A final decision is expected in 2026.

Find out more and have your say on the Sheffield Local Plan at <https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/>

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SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE (LAC)

(Nether Edge & Sharrow, Beauchief & Greenhill, Gleadless Valley and Graves Park wards)

The next meeting of the South LAC will be on Tuesday, 1st July between 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the ISRAAC Community Centre at 54 Cemetery Road, S11 8FP. There is no booking required to attend this event, feel free to just turn up on the day. Following conclusion of the Future South LAC Survey, the meeting will be looking at its findings and exploring how it can be built on. From local spaces and services to events, culture and support networks, the aim is to shape a new community plan for the South LAC.

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CONNECTING SHEFFIELD: NETHER EDGE TO CITY CENTRE

See the Sheffield City Council website for the plans to make cycling and walking easier to Wolstenholme Road from the City Centre.

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JOHN CORNWELL

John Cornwell, long time resident of Ashland Road who died last year is being honoured by King Edward VII school where he was a governor and more recently their archivist. He also wrote several books on the history of the school and researched the careers of some former pupils who fought in WW1. A ceremony took place in June to celebrate the John Cornwell Sports Hall.

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MARY ENTWISLE

Mary Entwisle was one of the leading lights of the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group when it was set up in the early 1970s, just a few years after she, Tony, and their young family (Judith, David and Mike) moved to Chelsea Road. Mary loved socialising and took a keen interest in themes as varied as local history, wildlife (particularly birdwatching), theatre, scrabble, and of course the comings and goings on the road as houses changed hands. A fixture of the road for the last 56 years and known to many successive generations of its residents, Mary died on 19th May in Twelvetees Care home aged 94, with her wits and her ability to speak her mind and bring people down to size still intact. Chelsea Road won't be the same without one of its longest serving residents.



LETTERS
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A LAST LOOK AT CLIFFORD SCHOOL?

The article by Robin Hughes in the last issue of EDGE gave me pause for thought, although perhaps not with the outcome that Mr Hughes intended. It was useful to have the historical information about the School and about the Sheffield School Board. But the opening paragraph seemed unnecessarily combative, particularly after I accepted the implied challenge and undertook a little light googling to find Sheffield City Council's on-line file relating to the planning application for the now-redundant school building. By the way, I found that the challenge is easily accomplished and I invite your readers to see what they think when they have looked through the documents relating to what is currently 109 Psalter Lane.

Demolition of the later buildings to the rear may be regrettable but the proposal for the redevelopment of the site is a plausible one in the changed circumstances and that the council's endorsement of it was hardly 'outrageously ill-founded'. What Mr Hughes claims will be a 'last look' will, essentially, be the look that remains from the road and from almost all vantage points (including that from our own house). The essential extensions to the rear of the original 1832 building to create sufficient domestic space will not, it seems from the plans, be visible over the roofline of the existing building and the addition to the west side appears in proportion to it. The slight alterations to the façade appear minimal and will be made in reused materials from the demolition of the later buildings to the rear.

Mr Hughes does not tell us how he believes that the 'heritage value and immense potential' of the buildings could have been realised. I would encourage him to explain this to your readers, as otherwise the assertion may appear to be the kind of aggressive antiquarianism that can make organisations seeking to protect the historic environment less effective than they could and need to be.

Brian Barber

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What glorious weather we seem to have had so far this year. The blossom has been fantastic and everything seems to be growing profusely. This can sometimes cause a problem when hedges and plants spill over onto the pavement and catch people as they walk past. As many people have to park partly on the pavement, could we ask that they check that this does not make the gap too narrow for people to get through without being speared or, if it's raining, soaked.

Anonymous

HERE COMES SUMMER

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Rivelin Valley Nature Reserve

There are 4 grandparents among the Edge editorial team, so we thought we would share some ideas of activities to do with grandchildren. The summer holidays are not far away.

GOOD WEATHER DAYS (ALL FREE)

WHINFELL QUARRY AND WHIRLOW PARK

<https://www.parksandgardens.org/places/whinfell-quarry-garden>

<https://friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk/>

There is a cafe in Whirlow Park, ducks to feed, and trees and winding paths to explore where you can find fairy houses.

RIVELIN VALLEY NATURE RESERVE

<https://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/content/attractions/rivelin-valley-trail/>

A nature and heritage trail that stretches two and a half miles, linking Sheffield to the Peak District National Park. The trail features the remains of 20 watermills and 21 mill dams from Sheffield's industrial past. There is also a cafe at the beginning of the trail..

PARKWOOD SPRINGS & SHIRECLIFFE

<http://www.parkwood-springs.org.uk/>

Parkwood Springs runs for nearly 1.5 miles from Rutland Road in the south to Herries Road, at Shirecliffe, to the north, with a variety of natural habitats. There are spectacular views over the city centre, the suburbs and the distant moors of the Peak District. Parkwood Pitstop Cafe open Saturday to Thursday

NORFOLK HERITAGE PARK

Dukes in the Park Cafe in the Centre in the Park open 7 days a week

A woodland play area, toilets, cafe and football pitch. Junior Parkrun on Sundays.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/parks-sport-recreation/norfolk-heritage-park>

GRAVES PARK

Graves has farm animals which are free to visit. There is a playground and the rescued Rose Garden Cafe. Junior Parkrun on Sundays

MILLHOUSES PARK

Playground including water play. Cafe. Pedal boats (for a charge). Junior Parkrun on Sunday.

SHEFFIELD MANOR LODGE

There are five weeks of summer holiday activities exploring history. (There is a small charge for some activities)

<https://greenestate.org.uk/sheffield-manor-lodge/>

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Cafe, toilets, several different garden areas and a large area of grass for games. Glass houses for rainy days.

<https://www.sbg.org.uk/>

5 WEIRS WALK

<https://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/content/attractions/five-weirs-walk/>

The Five Weirs Canal Walk is a surfaced path and cycleway starting from Lady's Bridge, at Grey to Green in the Castlegate district of the city centre. It stretches for 7.5 km along the River Don to the Meadowhall shopping centre, passing the five historic weirs from which it takes its name.

SHIRE BROOK VALLEY NATURE RESERVE

A Nature Reserve of approximately 100 acres, with paths through different habitats. Walk leaflets available on the website. No cafe or other facilities.

<https://group.rspb.org.uk/sheffield/local-wild-places/shire-brook-valley/>



BISHOPS' HOUSE

Situated at the top of Meersbrook Park, this is a small museum in a beautiful Grade 11 listed building. Look out for special events.

HEELEY CITY FARM

Heeley City Farm is a community-focused urban farm, with a café, garden shop, small playground, alongside rare breed animals, an allotment and gardens.

<https://www.heeleyfarm.org.uk/>

WHIRLOW HALL FARM

Wander round and look at the animals, small playground, cafe and farm shop.

BORDER VIEW FARM, DRONFIELD

Animals, small playground, cafe and farm shop. Tots and Pots play sessions bookable (chargeable).



Pounds Park

CITY CENTRE (ALL FREE)

PEACE GARDENS

...with the fountain which has 89 jets, water cascades, the Standard Measures, Bochum Bell and Spanish War Memorial

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/parks-sport-recreation/public-spaces/peace-gardens>

POUND'S PARK

...features a climbing boulder, two large pyramid towers – with the tallest standing at 11 metres, stainless steel slides, climbing structures, playhouses, a seesaw, water play features, and wheelchair-accessible play equipment.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/parks-sport-recreation/pounds-park>

Plus musical instruments behind the old Debenhams Building

MILLENIUM GALLERY, GRAVES GALLERY AND WESTON PARK

<https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/>

A variety of objects and paintings to view, including the Cutlery Monster. The Winter Gardens provide a large indoor space to run around. Weston Park is particularly appropriate for children, but not quite in the city centre. It offers special events for children.



Weston Park

SHEFFIELD CENTRAL CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Surrey Street. Mon Fri 10 – 5, Sat 10 - 4

Sheffield Libraries offer a variety of free activities for children during the summer holidays, including creative workshops, reading challenges, and family events. These activities are aimed at fostering a love of reading, supporting learning, and providing fun entertainment for kids.

FURTHER AFIELD

LONGSHAW ESTATE

About 6 miles west of Sheffield, a network of family trails through open moorland and woods, and a duck pond. Excellent cafe and small second hand bookshop.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/longshaw-burbage-and-the-eastern-moors/planning-your-visit-to-longshaw>

CLIFTON PARK ROTHERHAM

Fun park, mini golf, train, play areas, watersplash, sports/games

www.cliftonparkrotherham.co.uk/things-to-do/fun-park

PEAK EXPLORER BUS

Visit some of the Peak District's most popular destinations with stops including Castleton and the Caverns, Chatsworth, Bakewell, Bamford, Padley Gorge, Hathersage, the Monsal Trail and more.

218 BUS

Scenic bus trip to Bakewell, runs along Psalter Lane

SEE OVERLEAF FOR FURTHER SUGGESTIONS & RESOURCES

DAYS OUT: GENERAL RESOURCES

- Peak District Kids website for favourite walks for children. Includes the Blacka Moor Toddler Walk (1.7km circular). Website for playgrounds in the Peak District, including Hathersage which also has an outdoor swimming pool. <https://peakdistrictkids.co.uk/playgrounds/> <https://www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk/>
- A general website for parks in Sheffield, including our local parks, Meersbrook and Endcliffe. <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/parks-sport-recreation/parks-green-spaces>
- A national website for parks throughout the country, including Sheffield: <https://www.parksandgardens.org/>
- 11 Best free things to do with kids in and around Sheffield this summer <https://thebackpackingfamily.com/free-things-to-do-in-sheffield-with-the-kids/>
- Sheffield Healthy Holidays, 'Be Active Eat Well!' A whole programme of activities for children throughout the summer. <https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Summer-Timetable-24-Sharrow-Broomhall-Lowfield-Abbeydale-Highfield-Nether-Edge-AreaF.pdf>
- Best Days Out in Nether Edge South Yorkshire for children <https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/yorkshire/south-yorkshire/nether-edge/young-children>
- Churches offer a variety of summer activities for children, including outdoor sports, arts and crafts, Bible studies, and community service projects. These activities aim to foster spiritual growth, community involvement, and fun for kids. <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore/do/kids#:~:text=Arts%20&%20crafts,25%20beautiful%20stained%20glass%20crafts.>



Bannerdale Osteopaths

Happy Patient

Google Review

I presented myself with painful feet after long walks. Not content to accept that it was a natural part of getting older, I am delighted to report that Pooja Guria set me on a path to a pretty speedy improvement within 5 sessions and one of those was taken up with a pulled back muscle (oh the relief!)

I like the app they use and did the homework Pooja set me (still do though not as often, and after 2 months was back to walking 15 miles across the Peaks without pain.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Thursday 24th July in Room 1
(ground floor left), Shirley House, Psalter Lane
(next to St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church)

AGENDA

7.00pm Welcome, introduction and conduct of the meeting

7.10pm Business, including:-

Minutes of the last AGM held on 9th July 2024

<http://www.netheredge.org.uk/neighbourhood-group/agm/>

- or scan this QR code



Chair's Report

Financial Report

Reports by Sub Groups (see reports in this edition):-

- David Pierce Pocket Park
- Farmers Market
- Festival
- Our Shared Streets
- History Group
- EDGE Editorial Board
- Friends of Brincliffe Edge Wood
- Friends of Chelsea Park
- Frog Walk Pocket Park
- Open Gardens (see EDGE June edition)
- Art Group

Election of officers & confirmation of Trustees*

*Nominations for Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) should be sent to Chris Hill, Acting NENG Secretary at hillchris1958@gmail.com All nominations must include the names of a proposer and seconder and be accompanied by the nominee's declaration of their willingness to serve.

Guest Speaker

Councillor Ibbly Ullah – Economic Development and Skills in Sheffield

Chair's report



This report covers the operational and now financial year from April 2024 to March 2025, with a little glimpse into the future. A perennial tricky question is whether NENG should consolidate and concentrate on all the activities that it does, or should we look to new areas that are likely to benefit the community? Resources are limited, since NENG relies on the goodwill of volunteers to get things done. The trick I think is to look to engage in any new activity without putting the existing ones at risk.

Apart from keeping the show on the road, the two new areas I would like to highlight were the completion of the David Pierce Pocket Park and the establishment of a new sub group – Our Shared Streets.

The Pocket Park was the brainchild of Ruth Bernard, who drove forward the work with many sleepless nights, but is a treasure (both the Park and Ruth). Many people contributed to the completion of the Park, but I would like to single out Howard Fry, who started the design process and project management; Peter Vaughan, who took over as project manager and drove it through to conclusion; Sandra Laja, who has overseen the planting and the group of volunteers; finally, John and Enid Scholey, without whose generous donation the park not have been completed.

At the 2024 AGM, after the business was concluded, there was a lively table discussion about traffic issues and road safety. From that discussion and a further meeting a new sub group was established, named, after much discussion "Our Shared Streets", highlighting that the streets and roads of Nether Edge and Sharrow are for all the residents. Faith Salih and James Almond kindly agreed to co-chair the group and I commend their report in this edition to you.

In my report for the 2024 AGM, I expressed some concern that NENG was losing committee members for a variety of reasons. I am pleased to say that we now have five new committee members, who have all made excellent contributions – really good to have new insights, not least from the younger members ! It is also worth mentioning that as a sign of our excellent co-operation, a member of Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation attends and contributes to the committee.

Thanks. Forgive me if I forget anybody or any group. So many people willingly give their time and expertise to keep the show on the road. The NENG committee continues to provide me with support, and as I have noted in the Editorial, special thanks go to Ruth Bernard, who is stepping down as Vice Chair, the stalwarts of the EDGE Editorial Board (Nicky, Ruth, Kevin, Pat and Stephen – our resident and brilliant graphical designer) and Richard, our Treasurer. The sub group organisers and all the volunteers play a major role. Many thanks indeed to the distributors of the paper edition of EDGE. We had several vacancies during the year and I was overwhelmed by the responses of people who wanted to help. I must finally mention the stalwarts who risk life and limb putting up and taking down the Xmas trees at the Nether Edge crossroads. Every single one of you helps to make Nether Edge such a wonderful place to be.

Ken Lambert



The NENG Committee (June 2025). BACK (L-R): Stephen Houfe, Chris Hill, Kate Carruthers Thomas, Fran Kime, Sue Chantler, Pat Rogers, Nicky Erlen, Marion Gerson, Helen Ryall. FRONT Kevin Hickey, Howard Fry, Ken Lambert, Ruth Bernard. INSET: Faith Salih. NOT SHOWN: Richard Taylor, James Almond

FINANCIAL REPORT

Below is the draft profit and loss account for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, now that NENG is back on a 12 month accounting cycle. The accounts have not yet been signed off by our auditors.

The accounts seek to provide more detail than in the past, so that members can see where the money comes in and where it is spent. By way of explanation the "restricted funds" can only be spent on the purpose for which they were received, So, donations towards the Festival

(primarily from the council "Ward Pot") can only be spent in conjunction with the Festival, and similarly the generous donations for the David Pierce Pocket Park can only be spent on existing or future pocket parks.

We are required by the Charity Commission to keep a "reasonable reserve" to cater for emergencies. The Committee considers that NENG should not keep money in the bank account when there are many causes that we can contribute to, for example local food banks.

The Farmers Market receives funds from the stallholders, but any profit after outgoings are

donated to local charities. Since the Farmers Markets started over £110,000 has been donated to charities.

When there is a new publication, the History Group applies to the Committee for an advance of funds to cover printing and publication costs. Sales from the publications are then returned. In the past, book sales have always made a "profit", thereby contributing to NENG funds.

The trustees are content that NENG remains a "going concern" as required by the Charity Commission.

Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group Profit and Loss by Class April 2024 - March 2025

	EDGE	History group	Unrestricted Festival	General	Market	Total Unrestricted	Pocket Parks	Restricted Festival	Total Restricted	TOTAL
Income										
4000 Subscriptions				7,654.50		7,654.50		0.00		7,654.50
4001 Advertising Income	1,254.00					1,254.00		0.00		1,254.00
4004 Market Stall Receipts					12,030.00	12,030.00		0.00		12,030.00
4006 Donations						0.00	11,182.00	750.00	11,932.00	11,932.00
4008 History Group Books		506.00				506.00			0.00	506.00
4009 History Group Talks		973.50				973.50			0.00	973.50
4010 Festival Donations			250.00			250.00			0.00	250.00
4011 Festival Income			745.00			745.00			0.00	745.00
4013 Bags				40.00		40.00			0.00	40.00
4014 Anniversary Book Sales				210.70		210.70			0.00	210.70
Total Income	£ 1,254.00	£ 1,479.50	£ 995.00	£ 7,905.20	£ 12,030.00	£ 23,663.70	£ 11,182.00	£ 750.00	£ 11,932.00	£ 35,595.70
Expenses										
5000 Printing Edge Magazine	4,550.00					4,550.00		0.00		4,550.00
5002 Miscellaneous Purchases				113.49		113.49		0.00		113.49
5005 Direct Market Expenses				7.60	927.33	934.93		0.00		934.93
5006 Festival General Expenses			1,014.74			1,014.74		750.00	750.00	1,764.74
5010 Printing History Books		850.00				850.00			0.00	850.00
5014 Festival Party in the Park Expenditure			796.10			796.10			0.00	796.10
5050 Pocket park development						0.00	12,147.69		12,147.69	12,147.69
6201 Advertising costs			292.40			292.40			0.00	292.40
6900 General Expenses				248.30		248.30			0.00	248.30
7100 Room Hire		250.00		295.00		545.00			0.00	545.00
7101 Storage Hire - Bowling Club				550.00		550.00			0.00	550.00
7104 Insurance				369.04		369.04			0.00	369.04
7150 Speaker fees		335.00				335.00			0.00	335.00
7302 Market Licences					96.00	96.00			0.00	96.00
7497 Printing Market Flyers					79.20	79.20			0.00	79.20
7500 Printing					154.40	154.40			0.00	154.40
7602 Accountancy Fees				570.00		570.00			0.00	570.00
7603 Bookkeeping				1,765.00		1,765.00			0.00	1,765.00
7606 Software Subscriptions				324.00		324.00			0.00	324.00
7701 Skip hire					376.00	376.00			0.00	376.00
7901 Bank Charges				10.08		10.08			0.00	10.08
8200 Donations/Grants given			20.00		7,100.00	7,120.00			0.00	7,120.00
Total Expenses	£ 4,550.00	£ 1,435.00	£ 2,123.24	£ 4,252.51	£ 8,800.13	£ 21,160.88	£ 12,147.69	£ 750.00	£ 12,897.69	£ 34,058.57
Net Income:	-£ 3,296.00	£ 44.50	-£ 1,128.24	£ 3,652.69	£ 3,229.87	£ 2,502.82	-£ 965.69	£ 0.00	-£ 965.69	£ 1,537.13
Funds Brought forward						£ 6,958.00	£ 7,063.00	£ -	£ 7,063.00	£ 14,021.00
Funds Carried forward						£ 9,460.82	£ 6,097.31	£ -	£ 6,097.31	£ 15,558.13

FRIENDS OF BRINCLIFFE EDGE WOOD

The main challenge for FoBEW volunteers in 2024/25 has been the reduction in Sheffield City Council Ranger time. We have to have a Ranger present for the jobs that are considered more risky, so we have reduced access to power tools and must work at ground level. Our new Ranger, Hannah, is dealing with this well and we have evolved a programme that volunteers can work with and still feel fulfilled. This will be developed further in 2026.

The Rangers helped a great deal by fabricating a new seat to commemorate FoBEW founder member Ernest Shoobridge [1940 - 2023] and by installing a number of new bench tops. Ernest's seat has an elegant inlaid plaque kindly funded by the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Group. The benches are a blessing for visitors to the Wood as a respite from its steep paths.

New volunteers have joined us this year, so we have good sized groups and fresh enthusiasm. This has helped especially when clearing up after the felling required by ash dieback. Therefore we continue with the general tidying of overgrown vegetation and if there is any vandalism in the form of tree cutting we can make this into habitat piles for woodland creatures. Fly tipping has reduced and wood users alert us to any problems of this kind. Our work on restoring the path edges and steps continues when the timber is available.

More seeds, including Yellow Rattle, Scabious and Ox-Eye Daisy have been broadcast in the area known as Needham's Field.

A slightly extended version of the popular Tree Trail will coincide with the Nether Edge Festival in September.

We are considering collaboration with other woodland groups in the Sheffield area. We could compare their techniques and ideas with ours to make sure that we are always on top of woodland management.

Ken Phillip



FROG WALK POCKET PARK



We are a group of volunteer gardeners, some of whom first planted Frog Walk Pocket Park (Sharrowhead) in 2008, some of whom have joined in more recently. We meet regularly, on the First Sunday of each month at 10:30, for an hour or so's work at the pocket park. We treat ourselves to lunch at The Stag from time to time. We are fortunate to have had the late Marian Tylecote design the park in such a way that the maintenance is kept to a reasonable minimum – indeed, at this time of year we just let it grow! Other times include plenty of weeding, cutting and pruning. We have been very happy to grow our numbers recently with new folk joining in.

Last year a motorist slammed into a road sign by the park and this fell and damaged part of the attractive low fencing that borders the pocket park. The car driver was not insured so it seemed it was up to us to get it fixed. The fencing was bespoke – we're guessing it's several decades since the Council first put it in place (I have a vague memory of the plot being a rose garden when we first moved to Psalter Lane in 1980) – and we are indebted to Peter Vaughan for his time, skill and energy in sourcing the fencing and installing it. You can imagine, it wasn't easy. Thanks, too, to NENG for footing the bill.

Now we are looking for volunteer painters. The new sections need painting, and the rest of the fencing could do with a lick of paint, too. Three of our number have already volunteered, but please contact me if you are interested, too: markdoel@icloud.com

Mark Doel

NETHER EDGE FESTIVAL

This year's Nether Edge Festival will take place over nine days from 13th to 21st September at several locations throughout and near Nether Edge. Last year the Festival hosted 70 events at 28 locations and we are expecting this year's will be just as big and as well-supported. It will be our 11th Festival year – we kept going through the Covid years (2020, 2021) as the Septembers of those years were out of lockdown.

The first weekend of the Festival always coincides with the September Farmers' Market. Following the 2024 Festival, Kate Thomas conducted a major survey of various aspects of the Festival, one of which confirmed that mid-September was considered overwhelmingly the best time of year to hold it.

Mark Doel and Kate Housden are this year's co-chairs. The Festival Planning Group is made up of the leads for the seven Festival themes, plus the leads for Communications (including the website and social media), Design and Volunteers. The themes are: Arts & Crafts; Drama, Film & Literature; Family & Community; Food & Drink; Music & Dance; Games, Sport & Wellness; and Talks & Walks. The Festival will open as usual with the Carnival at Common Ground and conclude with the Party in the Park. Each of these events has its own planning group.

The Festival will have a stall at the June Farmers' Market where there will be a drive to recruit more volunteers to provide support during the Festival. If you are interested to support in any way, please contact markdoel@icloud.com or kmhousden@gmail.com

**Mark Doel and Kate Housden,
Co-Chairs Nether Edge Festival 2025**



NETHER EDGE HISTORY GROUP



The History Group has again had a year of talks, walks and activity that has been appreciated by our followers. There is no signed up membership but a large following on John

Baxendale's Facebook page 'Nether Edge History', a dozen or more attendees at our open meetings in the Union and a tiny, but perfectly formed, group of seven of us on the admin team who actually look after the group. Our finances are sound. We don't have separate funds as all money is held by NENG. We occasionally borrow from them but overall we put more back into NENG than we take out.

We are fulfilling our rather ambitious aim of alternate walks and talks throughout the year. This year we learnt about Fulwood, from Village to Suburb, from Keith Pitchford. Shelagh Woolliscroft and Sue Turner spoke about Whirlow Hall and gardens. Shelagh gave us the history of the estate built by Percy Fawcett, the inventor of Britannia metal plate, the poor man's version of real silver. Sue told us about the friends group, formed when the council was strapped for money. Nothing new there. The group's efforts and achievements take one's breath away. Also, Julie Banham talked about Joseph Hunter, founder of the Hunter Archaeological Society and his studies of Hallamshire. An account of The History of Sheffield Castle in Ten Objects, its history and the recent excavations, was given by John Moreland and Martin Gorman. Peter Machan spoke about his new book on the Rivelin, 'Wanderings in a Curious Valley.' In September, Scott Engering led us on a walk of The Stones that Built Nether Edge and a new history walk around the shops of Nether Edge took place in April.

At last the history board for the Kenwood house and estate is up. It was unveiled at the Hotel's 100th anniversary bash. It looked splendid and was well received. The board is by the main entrance to the hotel. Due to popular demand we have reprinted our first book 'Aspects of Nether Edge'. It, and our other publications, can be bought from our Farmers Market stall and Wickwire.

We have had many an entertaining open evening at the Union, including Pril Rispeth's intriguing account of her family and its 'multiple marriages'. Margaret Blenkinsopp told us of her "criminal" family. Gordon Parkinson gave us the achievements of the incredible women in the Garrett family in the 19th century.

Our next talk is on Meersbrook Hall on Thursday July 17th, 7.30 at the Kenwood Hotel. Our Festival contribution is a family guided walk on Saturday 20th September at 10.30, starting at the bus stop by the old workhouse and hospital on Union Road. There will be a sheet for children, so a pencil and a book to rest on might be a good idea. We charge £5 for our talks, but walks are free with donations optional. Find us on the Nether Edge History Group on Facebook. Sign up to get regular updates. EDGE magazine has regular articles and event details. See us in person at the Farmers' Markets or contact@netheredgehistory.org.uk. A huge thank you goes to our supporters, particularly our admin group families who keep us going and don't mind being dragged in to help at tricky moments. We always welcome anyone to join us. Each year is harder as we are getting older and more likely to have bits not working or falling off. So please, however small an offering, come and see us to help.

Kath Fry

FRIENDS OF CHELSEA PARK

As I write this article Chelsea Park is looking lovely. The wild flower patch and the planted border next to Brincliffe Towers, both installed and managed by Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST), are part of a drive to widen the biodiversity within the park. The wild flower meadow behind the playground is in full bloom and pathways through the meadow have been mown to encourage careful exploration of the wildflowers and insects living there.

Those of you who use the park regularly will have noticed the new bench which has been installed alongside the main path to replace the original carved wooden bench. The cost of purchase and installation of the new bench was generously donated by Dan and Rob at Pets at Rest. As the existing benches become too worn to repair we plan to replace them with similar benches.

The pathway leading from Brincliffe Towers down to the main park entrance on Chelsea Road has been resurfaced by Sheffield City Council (SCC) and a bollard installed at the top end of the path to prevent any unauthorised vehicular access to the park.

The children's playground is maintained by SCC, which meets the cost of any repairs to the play equipment. However any new developments to the play area are paid for through fundraising by Friends of Chelsea Park. This year we are hoping to make a small extension to the safety play surface in the play area, and install some small toadstool shaped seats for children to use. The benches within the play area are also in need of some TLC. We are hoping that the Community Payback Scheme will clean the fencing of the basketball area and repaint the court markings, as well as remove the graffiti on the covered seating area and clean existing benches around the park.

Chelsea Park is a much loved and well used part of the Nether Edge neighbourhood. It is very popular with families, especially at the weekend and during school holidays, and with dog owners throughout the year and we are keen to improve the park environment for all park users. In time we would like to replace the old benches with the newer style ones, extend the play area to offer play equipment suitable for slightly older children and develop the area around where the old carved Chelsea Park owl originally sat. If you are interested in helping us with the planning and fundraising for these developments we would very much welcome hearing from you. Please contact Friends of Chelsea Park by emailing Sue Chantler on suechantler@googlemail.com or Helen Ryall on helenryall@yahoo.com

Sue Chantler and Helen Ryall





EDGE EDITORIAL BOARD

The EDGE Editorial Board has been established for over six years. The Board members are Ruth Bernard, Nicky Erlen, Pat Rogers, Stephen Houfe and Kevin Hickey. We usually meet every month to plan and agree the final content of each edition of the EDGE prior to it being sent to the printers. We interview local individuals who have a story to share, we liaise with and support potential authors, so their articles are ready for publication and edit, correct and ensure the EDGE is of a high standard for publication, and then Stephen our designer works his magic and formats the edition ready for printing. We liaise with the printers and collate and divide over 900 copies of EDGE into six areas and deliver to the main distributors. Ken Lambert, the NENG chair who is also the membership secretary, provides us with membership lists which he updates every month.

Our aims:

- To ensure the EDGE is produced and delivered ten months of the year and on time.
- Provide support and guidance for EDGE editors.
- Ensure nothing appears that is unlawful or inconsistent with the aims of NENG.
- To oversee the quality of content and ensure that EDGE is an entertaining and useful publication pertinent to Nether Edge issues and people, with as diverse a content as possible.
- To be responsive to local views and comments and report back on new initiatives and developments and share stories.

The EDGE continues to evolve and develop every year and include a range of subjects, news, and issues which the local community wish to share with our subscribers. This year has included a range of walks including one from Urban Rambles, winter walks and a linear walk from Nether Edge to Ecclesall Woods. We have featured local Olympic medal winners, an under 17 decathlon athlete ranked first in the UK and the courageous and intrepid climbers who are obsessed with their sport. We have featured various groups within the creative arts including Sheffield Printmakers, Nether Edge Art Club, Open Studios, musicians and performers. Safer Roads and traffic problems continue to be an area of concern in Nether Edge and included people campaigning for a zebra crossing on

Sheldon Road. Our local MP Abitsam Mohamed provided us with an insightful article on her role as an MP. We featured the anniversary of the Miners' Strike and people's personal reflections, the impact of the race riots on Nether Edge and celebrated the lives of residents who are no longer with us.

We are always interested to receive articles and would encourage you to contribute to EDGE and share your news and stories.

We are grateful to our guest editors including The Chair, History Group, Festival Group, Open Gardens and members of the committee. The Editorial Board takes responsibility for editing EDGE as required.

Income

EDGE has some regular advertisers, and we thank them for their support, but would be happy to increase this number to promote local businesses.

- Revenue from advertising from April 2024-5 was £1,254.
- Income from subscriptions 2024-5 financial year £7,654.
- EDGE printing costs 2024-5 £4,550, which is about 46p per copy.
- Subscribers as at end of May 2025 (paper and electronic) 805 (it was 840 at the end of March, after which people who hadn't paid for two years were removed)

- Paper copies 923 (which includes spare copies for distributors)
- Complimentary copies (paper and electronic) 87.
- We removed 35 households from the membership register at the end of 2024 which included people who had moved or sadly died as well or had not paid their subs.

New initiatives and developments for the future:

- Continue to engage with a broader range of the community.
- Continue to roll out the welcome pack to new residents.
- Extend subscriptions through electronic copies.
- Increase the number of regular editors of the EDGE.

We do thank all our contributors and editors over the last year for all their hard work and support. It is much appreciated. We also thank our readers who email us to share their constructive criticisms about an edition or an article as well as the positive feedback we receive. Also, thanks to the excellent, reliable and hard-working team of distributors who ensure all subscribers receive their copy of EDGE for ten months of the year come hail or shine.

Kevin Hickey



Opening Ceremony - Nighat Basharat, Gina Pierce, Abtisan Mohamed, Ibby Ullah

DAVID PIERCE POCKET PARK

The Pocket Park was completed in September 2024, and the opening ceremony was held on 9th November. Gina Pierce, widow of David Pierce, after whom the park is named, cut the ribbon and John and Enid Scholey, our very generous benefactors, unveiled the information board. The ceremony was very well attended by volunteers and local residents. Our two local councillors, Nighat Basharat & Ibby Ullah, and our MP, Abtisan Mohamed, also came along. Abtisan gave a lovely speech about the importance of local organisations such as NENG. The response to the park from passers by has been amazingly positive and the benches are proving popular. Sandra Laja, our horticultural expert, organised a small Halloween celebration with pumpkins and candles, wreaths decorated the trellis at Christmas, and Peter Vaughan built a bug hotel.

There is a What's App group of 20 volunteers, co-ordinated by Sandra Laja, who meet approximately monthly to weed, water the plants and pick up litter. There has been little or no vandalism and not much litter.

The Volunteer group have now started work on the patch outside Sainsburys, using plants that have mostly been donated. Sainsbury's manager is supportive, but there is no financial help available. There are also plans to repair the damaged coping stones on the wall separating the park from Sainsbury's frontage

Future plans

There is over £4000 left from the building of the DPPP. A portion is being kept back for future expenditure on the David Pierce Pocket Park, and £500 went towards the repair of the railing at the Frog Walk Pocket Park. There are 3 projects we hope to build with the remaining money:

- a small pocket park on the corner of Rundle Road and Kenbourne Road. This work is being overseen by local residents of

Kenbourne Road, who are in contact with Paul Selby of NESST. The plan is to create a small low-maintenance PP with a wild flower meadow and some additional perennial planting, all inside a low sleeper barrier. This should be relatively inexpensive. However, the residents' view is that the work should not go ahead until after the planned resurfacing of Kenbourne Road and its pavements as this will involve considerable disruption and a new Pocket Park could well be damaged. Also, it is hoped to persuade Amey to dig up the small triangular area of tarmac for the Pocket Park as part of their work. Paul Selby is happy to be consulted on how to take this forward.

- to provide a bench at the junction of Ashland Road and Archer Lane, alongside the planters that were used to block Archer Lane when it was closed to traffic. The council has indicated that these planters can be retrieved and placed at the junction. The council will charge but have yet to tell us how much. We are waiting to hear from the council representative. The cost of the proposed bench ranges from £500 - £900.
- to attach a trellis to the gable end of the house at the other side of Violet Bank Road to the David Pierce Pocket Park and place planters at the bottom of the trellis. The plan is to plant climbing hydrangeas, and some other plants, similar to those on the David Pierce Pocket Park. We have the agreement of the householder, but we need to get permission from the council to place the planters. It is proving difficult to get a response from the council. Hopefully, work on the extension should start late summer/early autumn. The cost would be approximately £1500.

Ruth Bernard

NETHER EDGE ART GROUP

This year we have really moved from strength to strength averaging almost 12 to 14 people at our weekly Tuesday afternoon meetings at Nether Edge Bowling club.

We have tried to focus on as many different types of art and craft as possible, usually led by members of the group. For instance there have been many opportunities to encourage abstract painting as well as fine art and drawing.

Recently we have had two excellent weeks 'Urban sketching' encouraged and led by well-known local artist Lynne Chapman. Firstly we invaded Nether Edge shops and the new Pocket Park. We sketched anything that went by in our allotted 90 minutes. The following week we spread out in Endcliffe park drawing local people and their numerous activities. .

Our trip to the Hepworth gallery in Wakefield was a great success and we were given the opportunity to get in amongst the sculptures and artwork and sketch. Our next trip is to Elsecar Heritage centre to explore our industrial history. A trip to one of our member's (Annie Mayes) studio in the city centre gave us a chance to "Paint like Jackson Pollock". Really an opportunity to throw paint onto a canvas. I think more ended up on the artists!

In November a series of life drawing classes proved very popular and tested the skills of the group.

Dates for the diary

- Sunday 6th July Open Art Garden – Nether Edge Bowling Club 11-3. Refreshments and Art sale. All our year's artwork will be on display.
- Sunday 14th September as part of the Festival there will be an Art trail around Nether Edge – we will be inviting artists and Craft workers to take part in an Open Studio event. Watch this space for further details.
- Thursday 18th September 3 hour Workshop – Light and Shade –Charcoals and Terracotta led by members of the group £11. All materials provided. See festival brochure for details

We aren't actively seeking new members but if you feel that you would desperately like to be part of our group contact Richard on 07801828068

Finally we would like to thank NENG for their continuing support and interest in our activities. We all appreciate the encouragement we receive.

Richard Taylor

NETHER EDGE FARMERS MARKET

It has been a really good year for the Market, but not without a few challenges, so this is a good time to make a plea for more regular volunteers to help to run it. Not just humping stuff about, but data and management skills that run in the background. Please nobble one of us at the next market. We're the ones wearing hi-vis.

First the good news. If you come down regularly, you may have noticed that we always have some new stalls, as well as the regulars. We aim for 4 or 5 newcomers at each market, some of whom like it so much that they become regulars. This means there's always something fresh and appealing. We also try to keep it local as it is part of our mission to encourage start-up businesses and we always plump for home-made or home-grown, rather than any bought in. Remarkably, stallholders remain keen to join us, so we can afford to be selective. The same applies to the musicians and dancers who make our market so special. It is a testament to the vibrancy of our city that there is so much talent to draw on. All for free!

The less good news is that we now need to consider external threats of the kind you see on the TV. Obviously the level of risk to a small, suburban street market is much less than for big events, but we still need to take them seriously. As a result, risk-assessments that used to cover a few pages are expanding to weighty tomes, including training and records to demonstrate that we know what we're doing, not only to keep you safe, but also to renew our market licence from the council. This is not the sort of thing we volunteers expected to have to deal with a few years ago, but we want the market to continue and I hope you do too. That is why we desperately need more help to keep the market going. Volunteering to help run the market is only an occasional commitment time-wise, but very rewarding, as you get to work with so many appreciative folk. If you think you might be able to help, please contact howard.fry@icloud.com

OUR SHARED STREETS

We are co-piloting the newest NENG subgroup after we attended a public meeting at the Bowling Club. The meeting highlighted the strong feelings of some Nether Edge residents about traffic, speeding and parking within NE and it was felt a sub-group could take these concerns forward.

We've called the sub-group Our Shared Streets to acknowledge the streets belong to all of us and foster the NENG sense of community. We are currently focusing on how we might best gather these views from across the neighbourhood and use them to take positive action, accepting the reality of limited funding and what we can realistically achieve. Our aim is (rather unapologetically) to make moving around Nether Edge a safer and more pleasant experience. We're not anti-car but we also have to face up to the fact that our roads just aren't built for the number of cars that now use them. We all have a part to play in driving around and parking in Nether Edge responsibly.

We have some fledging ideas but we need more support to get them off the ground. We are therefore considering linking up with South West Living Streets Sheffield who have similar aims, though a wider geographical area of interest.

We have started out with the aim of focusing on some smaller ideas: we will gather and share information on reporting pavement parking, local bus routes, and cycle route plans; we will put questions to our local councillors on transport issues and keep a watching brief on wider transport policy at the council's transport committee. We'll share this information in regular EDGE magazine updates but look to hold face to face meetings and grow an email circulation list. You can add your name to our mailing list by emailing us at nengsharedstreets@gmail.com – it won't tie you into anything but we may ask for help from time to time.

We'd also like to get involved in local projects to make our neighbourhood a safer place to move around in. Flared junctions, like the one at the top of Osborne Rd before it was narrowed, are difficult for people to cross and encourage drivers to take corners more quickly than they should. We've met with the Pocket Park sub-committee to discuss ideas & we hope to draw on NESST's experience to see if planting can be used to narrow junctions. More ambitiously, we'd like to look at whether more could be made of Nether Edge Road near the shops, to create a focal point for the "Village" – we've noted on recent visits that the current combination of parking and two way traffic means drivers are using the pavement rather than waiting for space. This is dangerous and undesirable. What can we do instead?

We can't promise much at this stage, and some would say without significant funding, change will never be possible. We look to NESST as an example of a community group which has become a strong local voice and has found a way to make change happen. As part of NENG, we hope to foster a consensus on local traffic and street related issues that we can use to represent the area in future council consultations but also to inform, encourage and support local action.

Faith Salih and James Almond

There will be a Dazzle of dancing zebras calling for street design that makes walking and wheeling to school a safe and easy option. Do come along and support them. Friday 11th July 8.15. At Bannerdale Road/Abbeydale Road junction. <https://sheffieldswlivingstreets.org.uk>



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WHAT'S ON

in and around Nether Edge in July & August 2025

UNION HOTEL

Union Road, Nether Edge

The popular Union **Monday night quiz** has been running for 17 years with quizmaster, John Barthram. Starts at 9pm, £2 per team. Free sandwiches, sausages, and sausage rolls. Free drinks for winners and a free meal prize for the best team. All are welcome.

On the first **Wednesday** of every month, 9pm **Monthly Pop Quiz**.
£2.00 per team and free food.

CAFÉ #9

Wed 2nd July. Casey Neil is a songwriter from Portland Oregon performing high energy indie folk, with haunting melodies and weather beaten narratives.

Thur 3rd and 4th July. A Different Thread, weaves a sonic tapestry of hope. Born from the serendipitous meeting of Alicia Best (US) and Robert Jackson (UK) busking on the streets of Ireland. Their harmonies are at the core of their musical connection.

Sat 5th July. Blue Lass, an all-female trio perform a combination of original, traditional and contemporary material, weaving their love of American bluegrass, old-time and folk music with authentic heartfelt playing.

Sun 6th July. Juliet Lloyd, raised in rural New York now based between Nashville and DC, performs her signature blend of soulful, roots-infused folk/pop.

Tue 8th July. An evening with **Susie Brown**, 1970s-inspired folk pop songwriter and Scott Sax prolific songwriter perform a range of soulful songs.

Wed 9th July. From the harmonious Heartlands of Scotland and the musical metropolis of Melbourne, **Good Guy Hank** brings all of the heartbreak, joy and everything in-between with guitar, mandolin, virtuoso fiddle and three part harmonies galore.

Thur 10th July. Taff Rapids Stringband, comprising seasoned musicians Darren Eadens, Sion Russell Jones, David Grubb and Clem Saylor, the band blends traditional classics with captivating originals.

Fri 11th July. Lee Bardsley and India Shan, are two friends who over the years found their sound over pub pints and a good chat. They perform

beautiful songs woven together with threads of wistful harmonious melodies.

Sun 13th July. Janneke Schellekens and Alfonso Bekes, Dutch-Argentinian duo who weave together folk, 70s and 90s rock and the rich traditions of Argentine music.

Mon 14th July. Will Stratton is an American singer-songwriter who creates rich, filmic country-folk music. Trippers & Askers is the folk/spiritual jazz project of Jay Hammond and Jon Coley is an acoustic singer/songwriter from Staffordshire.



Wed 16th July. Elise LeBlanc, a poet at heart, is a Canadian singer-songwriter who is inspired by the romance of wild things, influenced by classic country, Appalachia and western swing.

Thur 17th July. Liz Jones and Suzy Cargill, whose fingers are in folk and rock, are an original rhythm and roots duo from Edinburgh.

Fri 18th July. Cafe#9 Writer's Round. Four very well established songwriters for the price of one. Hear about the inspiration behind the music, featuring Jody Davies, Emilia Quinn, Chris Dover and Kenan Flannery.

Thur 7th Aug. Anna McLuckie is best known for her appearance on The Voice in which she wowed judges not just for her singing but also for her harp playing skills.

Sun 10th Aug. Hyuk Namkoong, was born in South Korea and has won international piano awards, including first prize in the Young Musician of the Gulf.

Sat 30th Aug. Anna Rheingans is a violinist, multi-instrumentalist, ethnomusicologist and composer from the English Peak District who has grown up within the folk music traditions of Northern England. She has also immersed herself in the traditions of both Southern France and Scandinavia.

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 and tickets from WeGotTickets are £16.50 (unless specified separately) including booking fee and byo/corkage fee should you want to bring alcohol.

Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.

SHEFFIELD GENERAL CEMETERY

Sun 6th July. History Tour 2pm and 2.30pm. Learn about Sheffield history with a fascinating glimpse into Sheffield's Victorian past on our guided tour of this Grade 11 listed historic cemetery. Meet at The gatehouse top of Cemetery Avenue S11 8NT.

Wed 16th July. Jennifer Reid Singaround. Jennifer Reid will perform a short set of material from her new album and recent research. She will then lead a singaround to share the songs she learned from folk singers in New Zealand. Location The Samuel Worth Chapel. Cost £10+booking fee.

Tue 22nd July, Cemetery Sessions Present Ibantuta. Driven by his passion for modal music, musician Ibantuta travelled across 12 countries along the Silk Roads, collaborating with nearly 40 musicians playing traditional string instruments. Ibantuta offers an immersive solo film-concert, blending the power of his Oud with striking visual projections filmed during his journey. More than just a concert, it is a sensory and emotional experience. Location The Samuel Worth Chapel. Cost £12+booking fee.

Sun 27th July. Death Cafe with Penny Merrett. End of life Doula, Penny Merrett will be hosting our Death Cafe, here at The Samuel Worth Chapel, 2pm-3.30pm. Free but donations are welcome.

Sat 23rd August. Cemetery Sessions present Isis Moray, Katler & Vera Sacra. Isis Moray creates a hypnotising blend of electronic melodies, ranging from deep, dark ambience to more hard and rugged techno. Katler are an electronic duo and Ver Sara is a cellist who creates music that feels ethereal and intimate. Location The Samuel Worth Chapel, doors open 8.30pm. Cost £10.

For further information about events contact sgct@gencem.org . All tickets sold online via TICKET SOURCE, no tickets on the door.

THE STAG'S HEAD

15 Psalter Lane S11 8YN

Quiz every Monday evening from 8pm.

Everyone is welcome at this popular quiz which has been running for a number of years. It's £1 to enter and there's a maximum of 6 people in a team. The quiz usually lasts for 1½ - 2 hours. Free food is provided at half time for quizzers. All quiz entry fees go to two charities - St Luke's and Cavendish Cancer Care.

ST ANDREW'S PSALTER LANE CHURCH

Psalter Lane S11 8YL

Monday mornings 10.00 - 12.00

Knit and Natter

Everyone is welcome to this very informal group. You don't have to be a knitter to come! Good coffee or tea and home-made cake. We meet in Shirley House, next to the church.

The Tuesday Café. Tuesdays 2 - 4pm, Shirley House (Next door to MHA Southcroft. Parking in the church car park. Access by ramp).

A café for those living at home with memory loss or dementia and their carers and older people living alone. Hot drinks, cakes, biscuits, music, singing, and more. For further information please contact the Church Office: Telephone 0114 2678289. The café will be open throughout the summer.

Sat. 5th July from 9.30 - 12.30

Do join in the garden tidy and share a cup of coffee around 11.00 am.

LANTERN THEATRE

Kenwood Park Road S7 1NF

Sat. 5th July 7.30 pm.

Dave Bainbridge & Sally Minnear

An evening of fabulous music and good humour. £18 + booking fee.

Fri. 18th July 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Stop!.....You're Killing Me. By John Hower

Meet Sam Sloan, Private Detective, as he tackles his most dangerous, most compelling, most gag-packed case yet. £15 + booking fee.

Sat 19th July 7.30 pm.

The Sculpture

Northern Lights Theatre

It's 1928, and teenage actress Molly O'Day is Hollywood's newest star – and newest product to be packaged and sold. Contains distressing or potentially triggering themes, Strong language/swearing. Age Guideline: 12+. £13 + booking fee. Book all shows at ticketsource.co.uk

NETHER EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

**Thursday 24th July 7.00 p.m.
A.G.M.**

Room 1 at Shirley House, Psalter Lane.
With guest speaker Councillor Ibby Ullah on
Economic Development and Skills in Sheffield.

HISTORY GROUP TALK

A History of Meersbrook Hall.

Thurs. 17th July, 7.30 - 8.45 pm

at Kenwood Hall Hotel S7 1NQ

Speaker - Ken Dash, retired archaeologist
£5 payable on the door.

NETHER EDGE FOLK CLUB

Nether Edge Bowling club

Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm

The club enjoys acoustic music in a wide variety of genres including traditional, roots revival, blues, jazz, country and Americana. It's a friendly community with beginners, experienced players, unaccompanied singers, instrumentalists and listeners all equally welcome.

There is no admission charge but everyone is asked to contribute £2 to the guest booking fund, apart from nights when there is a guest musician - please see below.

Wed. 23rd July 7.30 pm.

Marilla Homes

Marilla is a woman of many talents. She is a classically trained singer, teacher and performer, whose repertoire spans a range of genres, including folk, jazz, opera, oratoria and music theatre; she also writes her own songs and creates vocal improvisations

£6 for tickets bought at the folk club. £8 online.

netheredgefolk.club for more details

WALKING NETBALL

Thursdays 1 - 2pm Lots of limbering up, fun activities (See England Netball website) and a short game. You don't have to be skilled or very agile; it's just great fun. £6 per session. Details: whitechristie3@gmail.com

LIVE AT SAM'S

Sun. 13th July 7.30 for 8.00 pm. At Bents Green Methodist Church Hall S11 9PU

Michael McGoldrick & Family The music played by the McGoldricks has been lovingly passed down through generations, originating from their own grandfather Brendan McGoldrick, a skilled tin whistle player from County Galway £18.50. info@liveatsams.co.uk

COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Woodstock Road S7 1GR

Ammi's Kitchen Community Lunch.

Fri. 4th and Fri. 18th July

A vegan or vegetarian lunch which offers sabzi, rice and chutneys cooked and served by migrant women who have learned culinary skills from the generations of women before them.

12 - 2pm. All are welcome. Eat in only. Free if on benefits or pay as you feel.

Ammi's Kitchen Takeaway

Fri. 11th July

Order before 5.00pm on the Tuesday before the Takeaway. www.ammiskitchensheffield.org

SHEFFIELD BRANCH BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOC.

Monthly meetings are held at Shirley House, Psalter Lane. 7.30pm, usually the 2nd Friday of each month. Free admission; refreshments, usually plant sales. See <https://sheffield.bcscs.org.uk>

NETHER EDGE W.I.

Nether Edge Club, Moncrieffe Road S7 1HR

Enjoy lively, interesting speakers and activities on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7.30. Meet like minded women at our dining, theatre, craft and walking groups. Contact us on facebook for a chat or pop into the club on our meeting evening and ask for a committee member.

ARCHER LANE ALLOTMENT AND HOME GARDEN SOC.

Sat.12th July 10.00 am - 2.00 pm.

The Official Launch of the **Archer Lane Allotments Community Garden**. A day to celebrate the official launch of the Community Garden, plus an open allotments day. There will be music from Grumpah, artist Charlie Hill running a workshop, and MP Abtisam Mohamed opening the garden at 10.30. www.archerlaneallotments.org

NETHER EDGE CAFE

We're excited to share our upcoming **Café Supper**

Evenings – The first of these special evenings, which promise a warm atmosphere and vibrant cuisine is a BBQ Smokehouse on Fri 25 July. For bookings and enquiries, please contact us in person, or call us :01142580011

FROM BRINCLIFFE TO THE BOX OFFICE



HOW NETHER EDGE BECAME THE HOME OF PODCASTING

Crossed Wires co-founder, and Brincliffe resident, Dino Sofos, tells the story of the podcast festival, returning to Sheffield from 4th-6th July.

It started with a muddy walk in the Peak District. Just myself, podcast presenter Alice Levine, and the co-founder of Tramlines, James O'Hara, dreamt up something we felt was missing from the creative landscape: a podcast festival that put listeners front and centre. In 2024, that idea became Crossed Wires - and within months, it was being dubbed 'the Glastonbury of podcasts'. Greg James, The Radio 1 Breakfast Show presenter, also joined the team as our Creative Director.

Although the festival takes place across iconic venues in Sheffield city centre - including the City Hall and Crucible - our HQ for the weekend is my house in Brincliffe. It's here where the festival cofounders, Alice and Greg, stay during festival week. Fuelled by Bragazzis sarnies, we plan shows, book amazing guests and occasionally argue about whether a podcast about haunted dolls houses counts as comedy or true crime!

Nether Edge, in its own quiet way, has become part of the festival's DNA. Café #9 is our go-to plotting ground. If you've been there on a morning and overheard conversations about how to get a Radio 4 journalist and a TikToker on the same stage - that was probably us.

Crossed Wires was never just about starry headliners (though last year we had plenty - Jon Ronson, Adam Buxton and Katherine Ryan). We wanted to create the UK's biggest podcasting party! That's why we created a free Fringe to make the festival accessible to everyone. And as well as live podcast shows, we have after parties and DJ sets. Last year, Self Esteem took to the decks. This July, BBC Sounds is stepping in to supercharge the Fringe, taking over the former Cole Brothers department store and filling it with an incredible free programme of shows, including Gardeners' Question Time, The Shipping Forecast and Newscast.

The response to our first year was beyond our wildest expectations: twelve-thousand people bought tickets; many travelling from outside the city. Kids sat on bean bags to listen to their first ever podcast. Students from Sheffield University got hands-on media experience. The city felt alive with audio!

Now we're gearing up for Crossed Wires 2025, and it's going to be even bigger. We're welcoming some huge names, including Sheffield's very own Sir Michael Palin - possibly the only man alive without a podcast. He will join Greg James on stage at the City Hall on Friday 4th July. We'll also be welcoming Richard Herring, Frank Skinner and some live shows for kids, including the brilliant Nick Cope.

Tickets for Crossed Wires 2025 are on sale now. Whether you're a die-hard podcast obsessive or just fancy something new and surprising, come along. You don't need to know your Serial from your Saving Grace - just bring your curiosity and we'll take care of the rest. We really hope you can join us!

For more information and to buy tickets, head to www.crossedwires.live

Dino Sofos is co-founder of Crossed Wires and is the CEO of the podcast production company, Persephonica.

