



Chapel Allerton Green Light

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Green Surge in Chapel Allerton and Chapeltown






Thanks to everyone who voted Green in May. The Greens made great strides, gaining 14% of the vote in the local election and 5% in the general election in Chapel Allerton & Chapeltown ward. Local Green candidate Mags Shevlin came a close third behind Labour and Conservative candidates.

At the same time, Green Party membership across Yorkshire has quadrupled, with Leeds Green Party one of the fastest growing local parties.

Leeds Green Party and your local Chapel Allerton & Chapeltown Greens will be continuing to stand up for the community's interests throughout the year, and seeking to build on our growing support in May's local election.

We continue to speak out for:

-  **a healthier environment** - defending green spaces, calling for safer streets for walking and cycling, speaking out about pollution
-  **local public services** - campaigning to #SaveOurNHS and protesting cut-backs in youth, adult care and mental health services
-  **our thriving, diverse community** - defending the rights of all sections of the community, backing small local businesses, and supporting affordable, energy efficient housing on brownfield sites.

If you have concerns or are involved in local campaigns, especially on these issues, email leedsNEgreens@gmail.com – we may be able to help.

See greenparty.org.uk to find out about Green Party policies on #publicNHS, #faireconomy, #decenthomes, #safeclimate, #freededucation and #bettertransport

Turn over for Green campaigns in Chapel Allerton & Chapeltown >>

Defending Inkwell Gardens

The Greens have thrown their support behind a bid by local residents to have Inkwell Gardens – which is used by the local community and mental health service users – listed as a community asset. It would help protect the Gardens if the owner makes further applications to build on the site or sells it.

Congratulations CARA winners

A fantastic range of Chapel Allerton businesses and groups were recognised at the recent CARA Awards. The Greens congratulate all winners. See them at lovechapelallerton.com.

Central Chapel Allerton

The site behind Yorkshire Bank in Chapel Allerton is back on the market. It was going to be a supermarket, but we are hoping it will be put to more appropriate use that benefits the community and complements local businesses.

Redevelopment in Chapeltown

Local Greens have written to the Council calling for redevelopment of a derelict plot (once a garage) on Chapeltown Road. We believe it could be used for affordable housing or other community benefit.

Developing aspirations at Hillcrest Academy

by Mags Shevlin

In the last edition of Greenlight we highlighted some concerns about Hillcrest Academy in Chapeltown. We apologise for not giving the school an opportunity to comment on this article before it was published. We have since met with the Executive Principal and new Principal and were impressed both by the Academy's work to encourage children to develop aspirations, and their specialist provision for children who arrive at school speaking no English.

While the Green Party does not support Government policy on academies, we do support the efforts of individual schools to improve outcomes for their pupils and are fully behind the efforts of The Gorse Academy Trust to raise standards at Hillcrest.

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Potternewton Mansion redevelopment

by Colin Noble

The Greens are welcoming news of the rejuvenation of Potternewton Mansion, on the northern edge of Potternewton Park. The building has a long history in our community, having been a home, school and gurdwara. Built in 1817 for James Brown, a wool merchant, it was originally called Harehills Grove. In 1861 it was bought by the Jowitt family and the 750 acre estate was sold to build back-to-back houses while the 30 acre park at the front was kept. In 1900, the house and park were bought by the Leeds Corporation and Potternewton Park created. Now, the local Sikh community has obtained Heritage Lottery funding to fix the roof. In conjunction with Leeds College of Art, workshops and packs will be developed for schools to learn about local history and geography and the Sikh religion and culture.



Get in touch

Here's how you can stay in touch, have your say, or support your local Greens group:

- 1) Follow us** – see what's happening and get in touch at facebook.com/GreenLeedsNorthEast or twitter.co.uk/leedsNEgreens
- 2) Talk to us** – let us know about local issues or events and campaigns you're involved in: email leedsNEgreens@gmail.com
- 3) Volunteer** – if you can help put our newsletters through doors, or in other ways, let us know: leedsNEgreens@gmail.com
- 4) Join** – if you're behind the Greens, why not join from £5 a year for updates, invites to events, and to have your say. See greenparty.org.uk.