

# GREEN NEWS

Hunslet and Riverside Spring 2025

Serving Beeston Hill, Hunslet, Leeds Dock, H2010, and the City Centre 'Riverside' communities



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Cllr Ed Carlisle and Omar Mushtaq are working closely with communities to question Council decision-making, and push for better solutions

## FREE-THINKING POLITICS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

**Politics is service, and battling for what's right.**

Our communities are rich with brilliant people – and we're proud to be working with them, building power, and (if need be) standing against poor Council decision-making.

**Ed, Omar, and local Greens are supporting Beeston Hill residents struggling for a sensible solution to the troublesome Tempest Road / Dewsbury Road junction – in the face of misguided proposals from Council officers.**

Likewise, we support landlord licensing in principle, but are – alongside many others – demanding that it's fairly-priced, only adopted where needed, and genuinely serves our communities. We're also working with the community on planning battles, highways improvements (eg the Hunslet Oval, and City Square), action on flytipping, and much more.

Ed says: **"Many thanks to all those standing up and speaking out for our communities.** None of us have all the answers – including the politicians! We need one another, and we need more free-thinking politics: not just blindly accepting Council decision-making, but questioning, tapping into local wisdom, and seeking the best possible solutions for our city and communities."

### Residents blast council's 'tunnel vision' over road change plans

19th Feb 2025

LeedsLive

### Residents speak out about Tempest Road junction changes

3rd Feb 2025

South LeedsLife

Very best wishes to all those observing Ramadan and Lent, and celebrating Easter and Eid. Fasting is good for us, and so is partying!



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**ED AND OMAR: WORKING TO GET THINGS DONE IN HUNSLET AND RIVERSIDE**

# WHAT A WASTE!

**We all have the right to live in a clean community. Our local environment hugely impacts our lives and wellbeing.**

Sadly, flytipping and litter are common locally – but **we can act, and help create clean communities**. Many thanks to the growing number of local people litterpicking, and those campaigning for change – eg working with schools and businesses, and building community awareness.

**Ed and the Greens are also battling for the Council to undertake more enforcement action**, including fining and prosecuting flytippers. Other cities like Manchester successfully do this: why not Leeds? Ed says: **"Litterpicking is an act of love**. Be in touch anytime to get onboard with this work – or just crack on wherever you are. **We can all play our part** simply by talking with others about not littering and flytipping – to stop the problem at source. Thank you!"



Omar, Ed, and local Greens are working with others to keep our communities clean



Ed with other Leeds Green Party councillors: the Greens are growing fast across the city and country.

## BALANCING THE BOOKS

**These are clearly tough economic times - and the Council is no exception. But Ed and the Leeds Greens have been pushing for improvements to the city's budget - with some success.**

We first proposed a Tourist Levy and Workplace Parking Levy, as fair proposals that would boost funding for our communities - and both are now under consideration. **We've also been pushing for growth** within the reuse economy, such as the popular 'Revive' reuse stores, to raise further income. And we're calling to reduce the salaries of top-earning executives.

However, as Ed says: "We're battling hard for a steady and just economy - but are **baffled and disappointed that the national Labour government is doubling down on the toxic economics of austerity**. They are bleeding us dry. **There is another way - but only if the political will is there.**"

## CREATING BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITIES

**"Without art, the crudeness of reality would be unbearable"** (George Bernard Shaw, Irish writer and campaigner).

**We - the Greens - believe in creating communities that are beautiful, colourful, uplifting, inspiring.**

**Ed is working with artists and partners to develop top-quality street art across south and central Leeds**. Special mention to the much-loved pieces appearing in conjunction with the Dewsbury Road Town Team, the 'Celebrating Hunslet' art and story-telling project, and the forthcoming mural in Hunslet Square.

Ed says: **"Art and beauty play a really positive but unsung role in our lives**. Public art especially boosts our streets, our communities, our lives. And we can all play our part: thanks to all those working away to make their homes, gardens, and neighbourhoods tidier, more colourful, more attractive. **Every small action makes a difference.**"



We're working with local street artists to make our communities more vibrant!

## CAN WE HELP? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?



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