



Gareth Roberts with Green Party Councillors Jillian Creasy & Bernard Little

## Gareth Roberts Your Green Party Candidate

Gareth is 31, married and lives in Meersbrook. He teaches part time and is a self employed business manager. Gareth supports local community action, and he is working in Gleadless Valley for more local democracy, fewer excluded young people and a stronger local economy. To live greener Gareth has fitted loft insulation and started to cycle or take the bus, shop at local shops, grow food on Meersbrook allotments, recycle and compost. He wants to inspire others to take those small steps that make a big difference.

## Green Action in Sheffield

Sheffield has a 'hung' council with no party in overall control. This has enabled the Green Party to get these proposals into the 2008/9 budget :

- 10 extra pedestrian crossings
- A citywide bus service on New Year's Day
- Recycling 'bring banks' within walking distance of most Central Ward households
- Extra funding for the South Yorkshire Energy Advice Centre in Heeley
- Help for small businesses affected by City Centre Developments

These have been achieved with an assurance of no cuts in front line services.



In 2007 Gareth won the Sheffield Telegraph Citizen Environment Award

Gareth says "More people know about green issues and people are being greener in Gleadless Valley. This is a good thing. It is a step in the right direction but more needs to be done and we must work together. A vote for the Green Party is a vote for the real action needed to create a just and fair society. Now is the time to vote Green. It's our future."

## Gareth Roberts - Working Locally For You



**Gareth Roberts**  
Green Party Candidate



### Vote Green, Vote Gareth on May 1st

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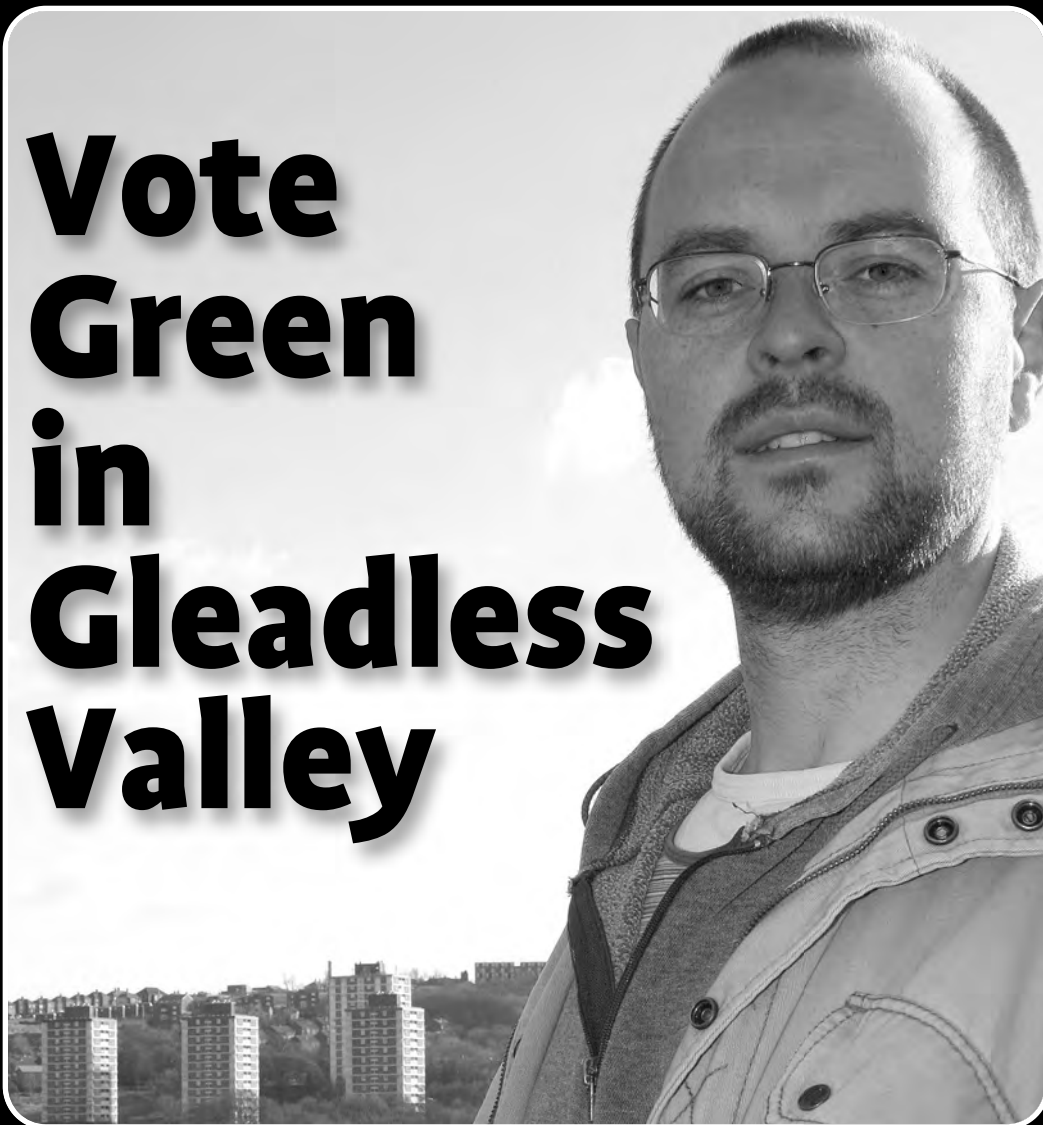
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# Vote Green in Gleadless Valley



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## Green Action in Gleadless Valley

**Gareth Roberts, the new Green Party candidate for Gleadless Valley, is working locally for you on these issues:**

- Action on the '3Ds' - damage, disorder and deprivation
- Funding and building repair for community organisations in Heeley
- Support for Chesterfield Road and Newfield Green shops and businesses
- Crossings and road safety at all schools across Gleadless Valley
- Improvement of Hemsworth waste disposal and recycling facilities
- Youth services and new facilities at Herdings for young people
- Security and plot clearing on the Heeley and Meersbrook allotments
- Protection of Graves Park and other green spaces from new development

### The previous Green Party candidate, Rob Unwin was:

- an active member of the award-winning community group that has brought a new playground and youth facilities to Meersbrook
- successful in getting traffic calming around Meersbrook Park
- active in opposing planning applications damaging to the quality of the local environment and people's lives
- a Carfield School governor for 8 years



Gareth Roberts & Rob Unwin

## Human Rights

The illegal war in Iraq has been matched by crackdowns on human rights. Green Party Councillors have persuaded Sheffield Council to:

- Denounce ID cards as costly and ineffective
- Object to extending detention without trial beyond 28 days
- Call for more practical and financial help for war veterans



## Anti-Social Behaviour

Following recent reports of high crime rates, high unemployment and anti-social behaviour in Gleadless Valley, we will push for more facilities for young people, support for the local shops and businesses and better housing. Green Party Councillors have:

- Worked with the police, local residents and businesses to tackle problems
- Called for a review of the Alcohol Restriction Zone
- Supported youth projects across the city

# A GREEN VOTE IS FOR:

## X Better Public Transport

We believe that traffic reduction is the only long term solution to jams, air pollution and road danger. We have fought to keep local services, such as schools and post offices, that reduce our need to travel. Greens have also campaigned to re-introduce bus regulation, re-open railway stations at Heeley and Millhouses and install more pedestrian crossings and cycle routes.



More recycling banks are needed

## X Less Waste and Litter

We believe our 'throwaway' culture of disposable goods is a huge waste of resources and energy. The council's waste policy is based on burning rubbish. We want our waste reduced, reused and recycled. The Green Party is pushing for a regional waste strategy which minimizes landfill and incineration, encourages recycling, and moves to zero waste in the long term.

## X Better Housing

We believe everyone has the right to adequate housing that is affordable, safe, warm and dry. We want housing that is cheaper to heat, better regulation of private landlords and fairer allocation of social housing. Green Party campaigns have led to more affordable housing and changes to the council's lettings policy.

## X No More Privatisation

We oppose privatisation of NHS services and Academy schools. We believe the selling of public services to private companies leads to poorer quality of service, less democratic control and increased expense. Sheffield's 35 year private waste contract has led to very low recycling rates and prohibitive costs for removing large items, leading to more fly-tipping. The Greens are the only party opposing plans for a Highways PFI which would lock us into another contract lasting decades in a fast changing world.

## X A Better Quality of Life

We believe that success should not be measured simply on economic growth. Other factors such as quality of life and sustainability are more important. The council's emphasis on 'inward investment' by corporate giants often damages local businesses and the communities they are part of. Green Party councillors continue to fight for a better deal for small businesses across the city.

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