



I just wanted to say a big thankyou to all our supporters. To date: 732 have signed the petition to Sheffield City Council: <https://chnng.it/6vXHqcGG4S> and 161 have signed our petition to the Parliamentary Ombudsman: <https://chnng.it/FPc7X4Nq> Please let friends and family know about our campaign. As we say on our website, “public opinion is a very strong tool. It is by working together that we can change hearts and minds and curb the over-development of vital green spaces, especially when mature and valuable trees are threatened with the axe. Numbers are important: politicians take notice when they feel a sufficient threat to their re-election.”

As we emerge from the Covid pandemic we need our green spaces. Many who have had Covid are finding it a long and difficult process to recover as I personally have found. I was so pleased to read this statement from Natural England, published 2nd February 2023 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natural-england-unveils-new-green-infrastructure-framework> "Natural England's commitment is that the public should be able to access green space or water, such as woodlands, wetlands, parks and rivers, within a 15-minute walk from their home." I am hopeful that Sheffield (LPA) will listen to the Government.

Last Week, in Owlthorpe Heritage & Nature Trail this bushy tailed Squirrel posed on a log and allowed me to take this picture. It is a privilege to see nature close up.

Thank you all Michael Meredith