

TEEN DRIVER KILLS FOUR

Father and baby son among the victims

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A TEENAGER has pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving after four people, including a one-year-old boy, were killed in a car crash in November.

Elliot Bower, 18, was driving a stolen Volkswagen Golf that had been pursued by police when it collided into a VW Touran carrying six people on Main Road, Darnall.

Adnan Ashraf Jarrah, 35, was killed along with his infant son Mohammed Osman Mustafa Bin Adnan and married couple Vlasta Dunova, 41, and Miroslav Duna, 50.

Passengers Erica Korscenova, 32, Nikola Dunova, 22, and her three-year-old daughter were seriously injured in the crash on 9 November.

Bower, of Harborough Avenue, Manor, pleaded guilty to four counts of



HEARTBROKEN: Tributes left for crash victims

causing death by dangerous driving and three counts of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

He appeared at Sheffield Crown Court alongside his brother, Declan, 23, and a 17-year-old male who were both passengers in the VW Golf at the time of the crash.

Declan pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking and possession of a bladed article, and the 17-year-

old pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking and possession of cannabis.

All three defendants will be sentenced at Doncaster Crown Court on 28 January 2019.

Jeremy Richardson QC, Recorder of Sheffield, said to the defendants: "This is an exceptionally serious case of its kind. Imprisonment or custody is inevitable."

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Plea for more child refugees in city

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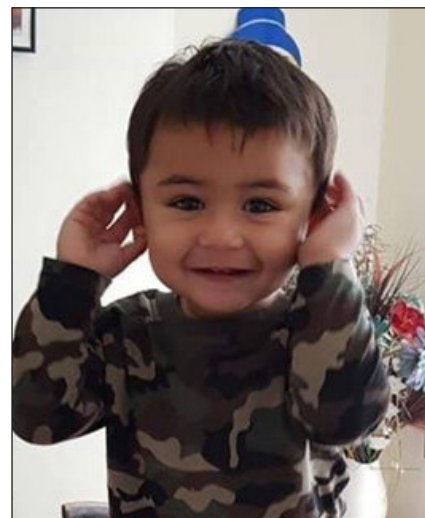
A FORMER child refugee who fled from Nazis at the age of 11 has issued a heartfelt plea for Sheffield Council to give sanctuary to more young asylum seekers.

Sue Pearson was presenting a 695 name petition on Wednesday's full council meeting asking them to welcome ten unaccompanied child refugees to the city for the next ten years.

She was once an unaccompanied child refugee herself in 1938 when she left her family in Prague at the age of 11 to escape the Nazi regime.

"I was one of the children who was rescued from the Nazis and have enjoyed the hospitality and warmth of Sheffield for the last 80 years. I am very fortunate to call Sheffield home," she said.

"This is why I stand here today because I have benefited from the warmth of Sheffield. I ask Sheffield City Council in the light of its long record of welcoming refugees and asylum seekers [continued on page 3]



KILLED: Mohammed Adnan

News in Brief

New team to curb sharp rise in knife crime

A NEW police plan to reduce violent crime, called 'Operation Fortify', is underway.

Possession of weapons offences have doubled over the last four years in Sheffield.

A new team at the Shepcote Lane police station, made up of social workers and immigration officers, has been established to help the strategy.

"Early intervention and prevention are the cornerstones of the plan," said Det Supt Una Jennings.

Fire HQ beds for homeless

THIS WINTER eight people per day will be able to sleep at South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue's HQ on Eyre Street.

Those at risk of rough sleeping will be safe from the cold and helped by Red Cross volunteers.

Framework's street outreach team will be on hand to offer longer-term support.

Darnall armed robbery appeal

SOUTH Yorkshire Police are appealing for information following an armed robbery in Darnall.

A man reportedly broke into a house on James Street and threatened two of the occupants with a handgun.

Jewellery is alleged to have been stolen, including a gold 'bread winner' pendant.

Council Award

ACCREDITATION has been awarded to Sheffield City Council as a living wage employer.

The living wage has been paid since 2013 and is now given to all council contractors.

Fears Brexit will end freedom of movement

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PROTESTERS gathered outside Sheffield Town Hall yesterday to support the preservation of freedom of movement in Europe.

The policy is under threat as a result of the Brexit deal currently being proposed by the government.

The event was organised by Another Europe is Possible and the South Yorkshire Migrant and Asylum Action Group, and was supported by Stand Up to Racism.

Councillor Kaltum Rivers, Broomhill and Sharrow Vale ward, said: "Brexit is going to be hard on our economy and we know that. Although people may have been upset by the idea that migrant workers were taking their jobs, losing skilled and unskilled workers only puts additional pressure on the economy.

"The movement of

Migration positive for Sheffield, says councillor



PROTEST: Around 100 campaigners gathered outside Sheffield's Town Hall yesterday

skilled and unskilled labour into the UK has been positive economically and culturally.

"Unnecessary restrictions can only disadvantage us as a nation.

"Borders and walls are what keeps families and

communities away from each other, but the fact that it also affects the freedom of the UK citizens to travel and work freely within the EU, takes opportunities from all of us."

Participants held signs saying "refugees welcome" and "hands

off EU workers and students, let them stay".

Edward Williamson, a volunteer with Another Europe is Possible, said: "Sheffield supports migrants, it supports

free movement, it welcomes immigrants and is an inclusive city."

Sheffield City Council discussed the possibility of a people's vote on Brexit last month.



VIDEO: Go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon for more interviews with protestors.

Community Hero: Breaking down barriers for Burngreave women



OUR latest community hero is Asmaa Chaudhry from Burngreave.

She devoted her sabbatical year to launching new workshops, such as her Women's Empowerment Group at Burngreave Library and Henna Pattern Workshops at Pitsmoor Adventure Playground.

She said: "I'm thankful that I now have time to start activities. My main goal is to support people to help to socialise and improve their wellbeing."



More information at www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon

HERO: Ms Chaudhry of Burngreave

Major concerns over kids' mental health

CHILDREN'S mental health is a top priority for people in Sheffield, says MP Paul Blomfield.

The Labour MP has hosted 39 community consultations in the past three weeks in an attempt to determine what the city's major issues are and has identified children's mental health as a prime concern.

He said: "I have been to schools across the city and they have all told me we need better child mental health provision.

"One girl said she felt pressure to have enough friends on social media, but most said they felt pressure to succeed in exams and at school.

"I think we need a counsellor in all our secondary schools because school is where many of the difficulties people are facing with mental health start."

Mr Blomfield plans on raising these concerns in Parliament during budget discussions in three weeks' time.

Mystery donor bids to bring bee to Sheffield

Memorial bee dedicated to bombing victim, Kelly Brewster

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A MYSTERY sponsor has made a last minute bid to bring a giant bee sculpture back to Sheffield, in memory of Manchester bombing victim, Kelly Brewster.

Kelly, 32, from Arbourthorne, Sheffield, was one of the 22 people killed in the terror attack at Manchester Arena in May last year.

Over the summer, giant bee sculptures were set up in Manchester following the tragedy and are now up for auction.

Amelia Thompson, 13, from Dronfield, Sheffield, survived the attack and set up a campaign to bring a bee back to Sheffield.

She said: "I wanted to do something amazing for Kelly's family. I never met her but I feel there should be a memorial for the 22 people that died and having one near where I live is really important to me."

With support from school friend Darcie Parker, 13, they raised the minimum bidding amount of £3,400 to bid on bee 19, the same date as Kelly's birthday.

They faced competition from the University of Manchester and feared that they wouldn't have the funds to secure the bee.

Last minute an unidentified sponsor stepped forward and donated the rest of the money to secure bee 19.

Amelia's mother, Lisa Newton, 47, said: "We really wanted that bee because it would be special for her family, but we thought we hadn't raised enough. Now it's not a case of if we get it, but when!"

Chairman of Sheffield Eagles, Chris Noble, has offered to help transport the bee from Manchester and place it in the city.

Kelly's family commended Amelia's efforts and hope to place the bee inside Meadowhall.



HAPPY: Amelia Thompson with the memorial bee sculpture

On The Don backs charity Christmas collection

BURNGREAVE food bank, Spital Hill, is appealing for donations ahead of the Christmas period.

The team held successful collections at Tesco Extra, Saville Street and Tesco Metro, Ecclesall Road over the weekend and On the Don were there to help.

Supporting foodbanks is so important, especially during the winter, and it was a pleasure for On The Don to help out with this great cause.



SUPPORT: Our reporters at Tesco

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...to commit to welcoming more unaccompanied refugee children into the city".

The initiative proposed by Sue Pearson is part of a wider scheme called the national Kindertransport Legacy Campaign, which aims to home 10,000 child refugees across Britain in a decade.

Councillor Jackie Drayton, cabinet member for children and families, praised Sue for her "tireless

work" and the "wonderful" young people involved.

Coun Drayton said: "Every person here in this chamber would like to welcome these children into our city"

"We have taken in over 40 children over the past year-and-a-half but it is very difficult," she said.

"We have seen a rise in children coming into care and for every unaccompanied child we have to provide a home for them. Unfortunately, it is very expensive."

News in Brief

Two teens arrested for stabbing

TWO teen boys were arrested today in connection with the reported stabbing of a 16-year-old boy at Meadowhall yesterday.

At 7.20pm yesterday, emergency services were called to the taxi rank in the car park near Next, at Meadowhall Shopping Centre.

This morning, the two boys were arrested on suspicion of wounding and are in police custody.

It is believed to be an isolated incident.

Man shot in leg in Burngreave

A 20-YEAR-OLD was shot in broad daylight in what police claim to be a targeted attack.

Three men, 35, 40 and 41, were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and have been released under investigation.

The shooting was at 11.30am on Verdon Street and the victim is recovering.

Lantern display cancelled

A P I T S M O O R tradition was axed due to fears that strong winds would "blow them to Lincoln."

Neill Schofield, Chairman of the Friends of Parkwood Springs, said: "Thanks to Christ Church Pitsmoor, we were still able to have a wonderful evening."

The lanterns were displayed indoors.

Lost teen found

BRODIE Burgin was found after police appealed for witnesses in Attercliffe.

The 13-year-old was confirmed safe and well on Friday after being missing for five days.

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Fish pass for Don will be fin by July

Project will help wildlife flourish

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A PROJECT to repopulate the River Don with salmon was given the go-ahead at Wednesday's Sheffield City Council cabinet meeting.

The cabinet approved funding towards the construction of a new fish pass at Sanderson's weir which will allow fish to migrate upstream more easily.

The weir is currently one of two barriers to fish movement along the River Don – the other is in Rotherham and is also being addressed.

Rachel Walker, project manager at Don Catchment Rivers Trust, said:

“Salmon disappeared from the river over 200

years ago because of pollution and obstacles such as the weirs – the fish pass on Sanderson's weir is one of the last pieces of the puzzle.

“It is hugely exciting that we are at a point in history when organisations are making improvements to the river.”

The project will cost £450,000 and is being funded by the European Maritime Fisheries Fund and the GIA Environment Agency.

They also hope to boost brown trout and coarse fish numbers to increase the marine diversity of the river.

They say a wider variety of fish using the river will improve water quality and create greater engagement between Sheffield communities

and the River Don – for instance more people using the Five Weirs footpath and increased participation in angling.

Mrs Walker said: “40 years ago the River Don was dead, but we now have a healthy river brimming with wildlife.”

“This will have a huge positive impact for local communities who will be able to enjoy the river.”

The proposal received unanimous approval.

The leader of the council, Julie Dore, said: “I think we can all agree this is a really exciting project – bring on the salmon!”

Construction of the fish pass should be completed by July next year.



ENCORE: X-Factor winners Rak-Su rock the stage at Meadowhall

Pop stars rock Meadowhall for charity

A VARIETY of music stars visited Sheffield last night for Meadowhall's Christmas Live. X Factor 2017 winners, Rak-Su headlined the sold out event attended by more than 15,000 people.

Rak-Su were joined by Tom

Zanetti, Bang Bang Romeo and Hannah Trigwell among others.

Proceeds will be shared between the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Global's Make Some Noise.



Go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon to see more pics from the night.

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“The only issue for me to resolve is how long that sentence will be.

“It demands punishment and make no mistake, you will be punished.”

Prior to the crash, the Bower brothers had been wanted by police in connection with numerous other offences.

South Yorkshire Police launched a media appeal asking for information regarding their whereabouts which the pair later mocked by posting photos on Facebook.

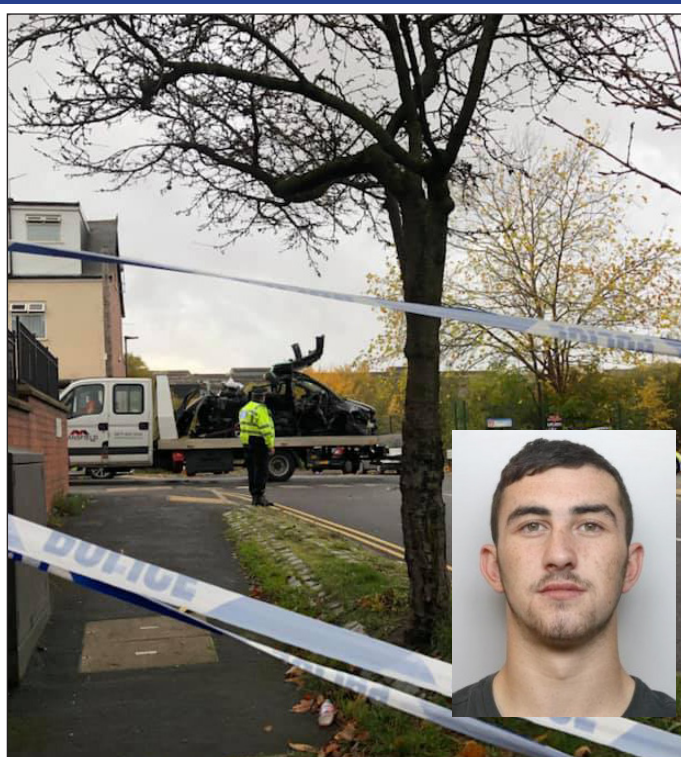
Emergency services arrived at the scene

of the crash just after 8.50pm on 9 November 2018.

Mazen Hama, 21, a student who works in a nearby supermarket, said: “It's really sad because the family is known in the area. It's just terrible.”

Haleema Rasul, 23, who lives near Main Road, said: “I'm really upset. To think that four people have died and a little girl is fighting for her life is heartbreaking.”

Floral tributes were laid at the scene, reading: “Condolences to the families involved” and “R.I.P tragic loss”.



INSET: Reckless driver Elliott Bower

Arts and craft club for women's wellbeing

A NEW craft workshop has launched at Burngreave Library to support the mental health of women in the community.

Asmaa Chaudhry held the first workshop during her Women's only Empowerment group and aims to build participant's confidence through arts and crafts.

Ms Chaudhry said: “I want to help people who feel down, help them to reduce stress, combat depression and help maintain a healthy lifestyle.”

Ms Chaudhry, a qualified beautician, said that she is fed by creativity and believes that this is the extra spark needed in the community.

Zeb, a participant of the group, said: “I am enjoying meeting new people, my English is not good but I am learning new vocabulary which is good for me.”

The Women's Empowerment group is held at Burngreave Library every Thursday at 12.00-1.30pm.

Campaign to free soil scientist jailed for fracking protests

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to free a Sheffield scientist who is serving a 16-month prison sentence for peaceful protests against fracking.

26-year-old Simon Roscoe Blevins, of Burngreave, and two others were convicted of

causing a public nuisance after climbing onto lorry roofs outside a drilling site in Lancashire.

They are thought to have been the first environmental protesters to receive jail sentences in the UK since 1932.

A crowdfunding campaign launched by Mr Blevins' partner, Sarah Jane Palmer, is urging people to sign a petition to free the trio.

She said: "Some of you will already know Simon as a very kind and gentle soul. He is a soil research scientist at

The University of Sheffield and he knows through his research the devastating impact this process has on our soil and water."

The page aims to raise £23,000 to cover legal costs and travel expenses for visiting friends and family.

Emergency services under fire

FIREFIGHTERS were attacked with fireworks on Bonfire night as they tackled a house blaze in Tinsley.

Fireworks were also hurled at motorists in Darnall.

This comes a week after police were pelted with fireworks, eggs and stones in Burngreave and Firth Park on Halloween.

Concerns were also raised about the environment after a recent pollution report.

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BONFIRE NIGHT: Antisocial behaviour soars as fireworks used against police and fire crews

Spike in knife crime keeping elderly inside

By Charlie McGrath

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ELDERLY residents in Upperthorpe say they are too scared to leave the house at night because of the rise in knife crime that has seen eight killed in the city this year.

Knife crime took centre stage at a Safer Neighbourhoods meeting last week hosted by Paul Blomfield MP and South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Dr Alan Billings.

Residents were



Dr Alan Billings

invited to quiz the panel at Zest Dr Billings community centre in Upperthorpe – a stone's throw away from where 21-year-

old Kavan Brissett was stabbed to death in August.

A concerned resident said: "The elderly are worried about the atmosphere around here at night and that is causing isolation. They are also reluctant to go into the city centre. They would like to go to the theatre but they do not feel comfortable."

Dr Billings responded by saying he has never felt unsafe in Sheffield and added others

should not either.

He reassured residents an increase in stop and searches has seen a rise in prosecutions and that most instances are targeted attacks and "not just random stabbings".

Lloyd Samuels, youth development manager at Zest, argued stop and searches are not the answer, revealing he had once been stopped three times in one day.

He said: "For people

it is like they are not part of the community. They are being told 'I think you are a risk.'"

Mr Blomfield added education will play a major role.

"We have got a high level of school exclusions in Sheffield, which leads to some to getting involved in gangs." The meeting concluded with residents being urged to report all the crimes they witness to the police either by calling directly or through Crimestoppers.

News in Brief

Plan to save trees destined for the axe

SOME of the 300 trees that were set to be cut down as part of a controversial felling programme could now be saved, Sheffield City Council have announced.

Councillor Lewis Dagnall, Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene, said the Council and their contractors Amey have tabled a proposal to protestors Sheffield Tree Action Group (STAG), which would see some trees spared from the chop at no extra expense.

School forced into lockdown

FIRTH Park Academy in Shiregreen shut early today after an incident involving a pupil and three trespassers.

Headteacher Dean Jones confirmed police were called after three men entered the site and refused to leave.

Police said the situation was quickly brought under control and no one was hurt.

Calls to invest in Attercliffe

ATTERCLIFFE business owners have called upon Sheffield City Council to invest in cleaning, street lighting and a shop-keeper's fund to help upgrade shopfronts.

Local jeweller Luana Poerio says the area has been given a bad name because of its red-light past, but with the council's help it could thrive.

Library reopens

THE Library in Attercliffe has reopened as a new social space after closing its doors back in 1986.

Residents are hopeful it will reunite the community and create new opportunities.

News in Brief

**Sean Bean
panic leads to
hoax 999 call**

A CALL was made to 999 in the early hours of Sunday morning to complain that Sean Bean had stopped acting.

The Sheffield-born celeb, 59, is in fact still acting and is working on a new TV project.

Asst. Chief Constable Lauren Poultny took to Twitter to complain about hoax callers taking up valuable police time at busy periods: "Misuse of 999 causes delays to those who really do need our help."

**Warship named
HMS Sheffield**

A SUBMARINE hunter has been named after the city.

Defence minister Stuart Andrew said: "HMS Sheffield will be at the forefront of our world leading Royal Navy for decades to come."

Local engineering firm Special Cylinders supply gas storage systems for the state-of-the-art ships

**Meadowhall
quiet hour**

MEADOWHALL have invited families to join them for a quiet hour on 8 December.

The event will run from 10am until 11am and aims to provide a calmer environment for families to do their Christmas shopping.

Retailers will provide families the chance to shop with lowered lighting and music levels.

A royal arrival

THE PRINCESS Royal flew into Sheffield yesterday morning.

Her helicopter landed in the Don Valley bowl ahead of a shoe factory opening in Burngreave.

Green light for drive-through Starbucks

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PLANS to convert the 17th century Carbrook Hall into a drive-through Starbucks were unanimously agreed by Sheffield City councillors this afternoon.

The future of the grade II listed building had been in doubt since it last closed its doors as a pub early last year.

Current owners, West Street Leisure, hinted back in June that they were in talks with a "multinational company" and plans for the Starbucks were submitted in September.

Coun Andrew Sangar, Fulwood ward, said: "This is one of the few pre-19th century buildings we have left in Sheffield and I find it very frustrating that it's lost its purpose."

"I want to save the building, I want to save the heritage and I feel if we don't agree with this we will be

Historic pub to house famous coffee chain



DRIVE-THROUGH: The 17th century building is to receive 21st century additions

losing it forever."

Carbrook Hall as it stands was originally part of a much larger structure, with the surviving section added in 1620 as an extension to a 15th century half-timbered building.

The hall was home to the Bright

family, one of the leading supporters of Parliament during the English Civil War.

Coun Peter Price said: "For the life of me I can't understand how a creative landlord can't make this work when there's a 10,000 capacity arena right across the road."

"We've got to do our best to save this building and if over the last two years there hasn't been any interest, then it's the old argument – if you don't use it, you lose it".

Laura Holland, an independent planning consultant, said that the only other serious enquiry had come from a carwash who planned to use the building to store their cleaning supplies.

MORE PICS: Go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon to see more pictures of Carbrook Hall...

Walk into your next job with the Walking for Purpose programme



ORGANISERS: Hosts show off awards

A PROJECT aimed at increasing wellness and employability has relaunched in Burngreave.

The programme mixes physical activity with CV-building workshops in the hope of improving people's health and wellbeing as well as boosting their potential job prospects.

The project was a huge success over the summer with 56 people taking part.

Organisers hope to replicate this success over the next ten weeks.

FOR more pictures, go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon

City Council discuss second Brexit vote

SHEFFIELD City Council have supported the possibility of a second Brexit referendum, according to a motion passed yesterday afternoon.

Councillors debated the topic following a demonstration outside the city hall, organised by the campaign group Sheffield For Europe.

Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough is one of 112 constituencies to have switched from leave to remain since the

2016 referendum, according to analysis by Focalldata commissioned by Best For Britain and Hope Not Hate.

Liberal Democrat Coun Joe Otten said: "This is not what we were promised. What we are getting is not what we were offered by the lying, law-breaking, over-spending campaign of Vote Leave."

"The country's future hangs in the balance and this issue is more important than party loyalty."

Tram-train derailed in shocking lorry crash

By Charlie McGrath
and Charlie Payne

Calamity for £75 million project on first day

A BRAND new tram-train derailed in a dramatic crash on the first operating day for the new Sheffield to Rotherham service.

Four passengers suffered minor injuries in the incident, which occurred at around 3.30pm at the junction between Woodbourn Road and Staniforth Road in Attercliffe.

Police, paramedics and two fire engines rushed to the scene to help passengers and cordon off the surrounding area.

A number of services were suspended until 10:30am the following morning as engineers worked to remove the vehicles and repair the damaged track.

The new train-tram collided with a lorry carrying gas canisters on its way back from Rotherham Parkgate to Sheffield.

The impact caused the tram to derail and the windows of the driver's cab were



SMASHED: Workers attempt to remove the stricken tram-train from the tracks in Attercliffe

smashed.

Engineers worked late into the night and used a crane to lift the tram back onto the track before it was removed at around 11pm.

After looking into the incident, the Rail Accident Investigation Branch said: "We

have decided not to investigate further as it is unlikely that this would result in safety recommendations."

The link is the first tram-train system to run in the UK.

Tram-Train Project Board Member Steve Davenport said: "We are thrilled to

introduce Tram-Train services on South Yorkshire's transport network. The pioneering pilot has the ability and potential to transform travel both locally and nationally." The

project was completed three years later than originally planned and went four times over budget, costing over £75 million. The project will run on initial two-year pilot scheme.



MORE PICS: Go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon to see more pictures of the dramatic tram crash...

"We don't get aliens in Sheffield": debut for new Doctor

DOCTOR Who fans took to Twitter last night to express their excitement as series 11 kicked-off in Sheffield with 'The Woman Who Fell to Earth'.

Landmarks including Tinsley's famous cranes and viaduct were picked out by eagle-eyed viewers.

Sheffield City Council tweeted: "We're reyt proud that the fabulous new #DoctorWho handmade her all new sonic Swiss army knife with Sheffield steel. What an opening!"



DOCTOR: Jodie Whittaker in Sheffield

£1 million for cash-strapped communities

THE MOST deprived areas in Sheffield will receive extra funding after the city council passed a motion to share a £1m pot of money across the city.

Money generated from new building developments—known as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)—will now be pooled together so it can be spent on areas most in need.

Under the old system, the money was reinvested back into the surrounding area, meaning affluent

neighbourhoods that are popular with developers benefitted the most.

Coun Jack Scott said: "This is the right action for our city if we want to take a small step towards tackling significant inequalities that do exist."

Coun Scott conceded that the decision was "controversial", with some negative comments from the public describing the proposal as "daylight robbery" and "morally bankrupt".

News in Brief

Bone-chilling Seance comes to Sheffield

AN EERIE theatrical recreation of a seance — branded so frightening that people have had to leave halfway through — has come to Sheffield as part of its UK tour.

The performance sees the audience face total darkness for 15 minutes inside a shipping container.

Co-creator Glen Neath said: "People know there's not a ghost in there, but there's always this unknown element of who is in the container with you."

New arrest in stabbing case

A 21-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in connection to the stabbing at Valley Centertainment last month.

This brings the total arrests around the death of Fahim Hersi up to nine.

Detective CI Steve Handley said: "Our investigation into this death is continuing to progress at speed."

Kelham brew wins top prize

A KELHAM Island-based brewery has been honoured with the Champion Beer of Sheffield 2018 title.

Little Critters' hazelnut milk stout 'Nutty Ambassador' was voted best brew at the Steel City Real Ale and Cider festival.

It capped a night of success for S3, with Neepsend Brew Co grabbing second place.

Violence rises

STATISTICS released by South Yorkshire Police have revealed that the rate of violent offences with injury in Sheffield has doubled since 2014, reaching just over 800 cases per 100,000 people.

News in Brief

Peter's story shows pathway to knife crime

A STRATEGY to tackle gun and knife crime by supporting vulnerable children was presented in a meeting with Sheffield City Council on Wednesday.

Det Supt Una Jennings told the story of a Sheffield man from Manor who has been in custody 24 times.

"He had lived in four different social housing addresses by the time he was five".

"People like Peter are 90% more likely to be offenders."

Jury discharged in Crown trial

FARHAD Salah, 23, of Brunswick Road, Burngreave, went on trial last month accused of preparing to commit terrorism.

Both he and co-accused Andy Star, 32, deny the charges. Judge Paul Watson QC discharged the jury today after failing to reach a verdict.

The two men will face a retrial.

Catfish council member

A SHEFFIELD City Councillor, Neale Gibson, has faced criticism for allegedly using a fake Twitter account to hide his controversial views.

Labour supporter, Sally Goldsmith, is taking the matter to the local Ombudsman after the council have said that even if it is true, it is not against their policy.

Thieves caught

A LORRY carrying £30,000 worth of stolen goods was stopped by police officers around 3am on Tuesday.

The driver and two passengers were arrested.

New £25m school leads to bright futures

By Abbie Smyth

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ASTREA Academy holds the motto, "I am strong, I am successful, I am Astrea" and – in the next seven years – is set to be one of the city's biggest schools, taking children from nursery up to sixth form.

In September, the new school opened its doors to a handful of students including nursery children and year 7 students.

The former Grade II-listed Pye Bank School building has been refurbished with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

Each department is cut out with high-end learning resources including a fully furnished children's library, technology suite and outside play areas including playing courts and a nature reserve.

The new modern building will feature a range of sports pitches,

Development to be one of Sheffield's biggest



PROUD: Mr Jones PA to Executive Principle with the new school's development plans

high-tech science labs, two lecture theatres, an amphitheatre, cafeteria area, dance floor with a spring board floor and the overall school site will be around 1,000 metres long.

Mr Jones, PA to Executive Principle, said: "Our school is

different because it is an all-through school, so the children get the opportunity to learn things from each other not just the teachers".

The current pupils have come from 31 primary schools across Sheffield.

As well as the traditional curriculum,

the school boasts a wide range of extra-curricular activities and support networks including a breakfast club, sports teams and lunch time clubs.

Mr Jones said: "We really want to

involve the local community and get them all to invest in the local children's education then in later life they can go on to put something back into Burngreave themselves".

MORE PICS: Go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon to see pictures of the new school's building site

Meadowhall invaded by zombies for Halloween fun run



SPOOKY: Runners wearing costumes

DOZENS took part in a zombie apocalypse run for Alzheimer's UK at Meadowhall on Saturday.

Along the way they came face-to-face with spooky zombies trying to rip the paper 'life tags' from their backs.

Runners dressed to impress and the fastest 5km 'survivors' finished in just twenty minutes.

Mel Wilkinson, founder and race director at Run For It said: "Today has been amazing."



VIDEO: go to www.jusweb.co.uk/onthedon to see more

Sleep Out to support young homeless

BEDS were swapped for sleeping bags by those who decided to brave the cold winter night in aid of the homeless.

Participants raised money for Roundabout, a Sheffield based youth housing charity.

Kelly Lingard, 34, who took part in the event with colleagues, said: "It was a cold night but the spirits were high and just knowing that it was all going towards an incredible cause kept us all going."

The Sleep Out took place at 92 Burton Road, better known as the home of Peddler Market, in Kelham Island.

It is Roundabout's flagship event and it's their fourtieth year.

Ben Keegan, Roundabout's Chief Executive, said: "An event like this cannot truly replicate how it feels to be lonely, scared and homeless, but it makes a true difference to the many young people who do face this everyday."

Players fight to save popular football venue

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600-strong petition presented to City Council

PLAYERS are urging Sheffield City Council to ensure the survival of a much-loved football facility.

The Woodbourn Road five-a-side pitches in Attercliffe are due to be closed in January by owners Powerleague.

A 617-name petition calling for the facility to be saved was handed to the council this week by the chairman of Burngreave FC, Mohammed Ali.

He said: "There's not much else around here for the young people to do. This keeps them off the street and that helps to reduce knife crime."

"Facilities that support young people should be kept open not closed down."

Users of the facility have told On The Don they are disappointed by the news.

Sam Dawson manages Brunsmeor Awareness FC - a team designed to help



TIME UP: Mental health friendly side Brunsmeor Awareness have been forced to relocate

those suffering from mental health issues that has played at Woodbourn Road for the past four years.

He said: "The group were disappointed to hear of the closure. For many, playing football here has been a big part in their mental health recovery."

"The thought of having to move to a new venue in a different part of town did bring about some anxiety."

Matt Dunkerley, 30, said: "I am absolutely gutted. I have been playing here with my mates for over ten years. If we didn't

come down here together each week I definitely wouldn't see them as often."

Callum Garner, 19, said: "It's nice to get out every week for an hour for a kick-about."

"Instead of being stuck in the house not doing anything I can come down here and

see my mates."

Coun Mary Lea, cabinet member for leisure, said: "We have a provider ready to take over in January to give us some breathing space to find a permanent solution."

If the venue closes, 100 jobs will be lost.

Punters pour to Kelham Island real ale and cider festival

SHEFFIELD'S 44th beer festival is underway this week at Kelham Island Museum - in the centre of the city's brewing industry.

Dom Nelson, stalls manager, said: "It's a great region for beer, we've got so many good pubs nearby."

"The drinkers love it and it's just full of character, so it's perfect."

Last year's event attracted over 6,000 people and 18,000 pints were drunk over the four days.



CHEERS: Pints flow at city's beer fest

Councillor sorry for "insensitive" Tweet

LABOUR councillor Neale Gibson has apologised for his comments on Twitter about the death of 15-year-old Natasha Ednan-Laperouse. She died after suffering an allergic reaction from a Pret a Manger baguette.

Walkley Coun Gibson said: "The case shows that if you have an allergy it's your responsibility to ask the retailer if the item contains the ingredients you are allergic to."

"It shouldn't be the

responsibility of the retailer to list every single ingredient."

Radio Sheffield's Toby Foster labelled the comments "i n s a n e" while Yorkshire Post editor James Mitchinson said it showed "crass insensitivity".

A week after posting the Tweet, Coun Gibson said: "I had no intention to cause offence to anyone and I can only apologise if people thought I was. If my choice of words was inappropriate, I'm sorry."

News in Brief

New weekly womens group in Attercliffe

A NEW group hoping to bring women closer together held its first meeting last night.

The MEOW group was started by Natasha Martin, 53.

She said: "The group embraces the need for women to gather together to freely discuss their opinions."

"It offers that one night a week where you can just come along and spend some time with other women."

Meetings are at 6:30pm on Mondays at 737 Attercliffe Rd.

Meet Santa at Meadowhall

XMAS has come early at Meadowhall with "Wishmas Wonderland".

Shoppers can enjoy a 30 minute theatrical experience and a one-to-one visit with Santa himself, where those on his 'nice list' will be given a special Christmas book.

It starts on 21 November and runs until 24 December.

Free Sunday parking in city

SHOPPERS will be able to park for free in the city centre on Sundays from now until Christmas.

Coun Jack Scott said: "I'm delighted we are able to make this available for people to enjoy our brilliant city centre at Christmas. "It is bustling, lively and festive and I want as many people as possible to enjoy it."

BGT wants you

TV show Britain's Got Talent will be looking for Sheffield's undiscovered stars in upcoming auditions.

They will be held at the Crucible Theatre between 10am and 3pm on November 17.

Underwhelming Owls at a fork in the road

At halfway point of the season, Wednesday need a boost

By Charlie Payne

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SHEFFIELD Wednesday's 2018/19 Championship season is hurtling towards the Christmas period, and they find themselves in 16th place, five points above the drop zone. The first half of the campaign has been one of immense frustration for the Owls.

At this time last year, Wednesday were marginally better off, sitting in 12th position and with 27 points compared to this season's 23. A few weeks on, they had taken the painful decision to part ways with boss Carlos Carvalhal, and many now see current manager Jos Luhukay's job in a similarly precarious position.

The start of the season was damaged by a transfer embargo, leaving the Owls scrambling to make loan signings.

Luhukay may be given some money to spend in January to keep his side

afloat, but the likes of Keiren Westwood, George Boyd and Almen Abdi collecting high wages without playing games remains the biggest personnel issue at the club.

The Owls have done relatively well at dispatching teams below them, but a freak victory over Aston Villa represents their only win over a team in the top half of the table.

The fact that a 0-0 draw with Sheffield United in the Steel City derby was a positive result shows that the Hillsborough side need to buck up their ideas, or their high-flying neighbours could leave them in the dust.

The form of Adam Reach has been a rare shining light; the midfielder is joint-top scorer and has caught the eye with some trademark wonder strikes. Wednesday look to be sticking with Jos Luhukay for now. However, the Owls are going backwards, and they need a boost.



STAR: Adam Reach has been a rare positive for the Owls

Sport in Brief

Owls-Pulp shirt raises thousands

THE BLUE and white stripes of Sheffield Wednesday and the music of Pulp have been combined to create a very special football shirt that has raised thousands of pounds for Sheffield Children's Hospital.

The shirt, designed by art collective Bands FC, raised £30,000 for the charity.

Bands FC said on Twitter: "Thanks to the band for being so supportive, to Nick Banks for getting us the go-ahead & Pete McKee for letting us tag on to his fundraising."

The retro jersey features a reimagined version of the club crest, with the owl sporting a fringe and a pair of glasses; the look made famous by Pulp frontman Jarvis Cocker.

In addition, the shirt proudly showcases the 'sponsor' Disco 2000, so called after one of the band's biggest hits.

The shirts are expected to be delivered by early December.

Skaters have to settle for silver

SHEFFIELD'S senior skaters came up short on their own turf at the 2018 British Figure Skating Championships.

The Steel City's favourites couldn't quite reach top spot, with Peter Hallam in the senior men's and Eleanor Hirst and Anthony Currie in the ice dancing finishing with silver medals at the FlyDSA Arena.

The championships were broadcast on BBC Sport's website.

British Ice Skating CEO Michelle Draper said: "As our flagship event, it is fantastic we are able to showcase the highest level of British skating for everyone to see."

Celebration of Sheffield's starring role in history of football

FANS flocked to an exhibition displaying 160 years worth of footballing treasures from Sheffield today.

The event, held at Sheffield Central Library, housed dozens of items, including the first public display of the legendary 1858 Sheffield Rules.

The exhibit was created to celebrate Sheffield as the home of football.

Coun Mary Lea said: "It's simply not right that so many people still don't know about Sheffield's role in creating the beautiful game as we know it."



SILVERWARE: The FA Cup on display

Heavy lifting pays off for amateur sport club

A WEIGHTLIFTING club that smashes the norms of traditional sport won Best Amateur Sport Club at Sheffield's Celebration of Sport Awards.

Hallam Barbell Olympic Weightlifting and Strength Training Club has been running for 10 years and was founded by Dave Hembrough.

He said: "Winning this award is so important to the club because we have worked hard to get here."

"Our club is a great community of men and women of all shapes, sizes, ages and ethnicities who lift weights together."

Hallam Barbell offers a range of activities including 'Powerbelle', a female-only class, and 'Old Age Strengtheners', a class for elderly people.

The star-studded event was held at the English Institute of Sport, with household names including Jessica Ennis-Hill present on the night.