



A GGC GHOUL has banned the annual Halloween Spooky Walk on Glasgow Green 'because it's too close to COP 26'. Tell him where to stick his neep!

**Critical Mass Glasgow** will hold their monthly celebration of cycling at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Friday 29th October, George Square. Halloween Special! Check their Facebook page for more details.

**FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE GLASGOW**  
kick off the COP26 protests on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Check Facebook for details.

Don't forget **NATIONAL BOSS DAY** on 16<sup>th</sup> October. Remember to let your Boss know what you think of him.

### **CSI:GLASGOW #2**

A Council Jobsworth has cordoned off a protest display at Whiteinch Library. Check: Save Whiteinch Library on Facebook

## **We're looking for Moles, to dig the Dirt...**

**WHETHER IT'S A COONCILLOR'S DODGY DEALS**, an Employer scamming work trials or a Landlord threatening eviction, the Glasgow Keelie wants to hear about it!

Contact us confidentially:  
[Glasgowkeelie@riseup.net](mailto:Glasgowkeelie@riseup.net)



*'To the little gentleman in velvet': Jacobite toast after William III died, when his horse stumbled on a molehill.*

*'Our old friend, our old mole, who knows so well how to work underground, suddenly to appear: the revolution.' Karl Marx*

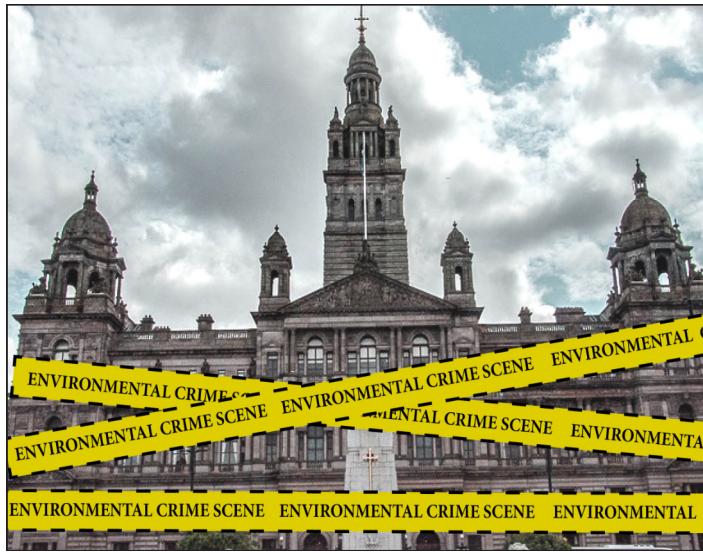
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# **GLASGOW KEELIE**

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# **CSI: GLASGOW**

Priceless



**JOIN THE COP 26 PROTEST  
SAT 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
MARCH FROM KELVINGROVE PARK 12NOON  
RALLY GLASGOW GREEN 3PM**

# PALMING US OFF

THIS WEEK the remaining plants in the Glasgow Green Winter Gardens were 'granulated'.

**Friends of the People's Palace, Winter Gardens and Glasgow Green** were not informed of the plants' removal and destruction, despite Deputy Council Leader David McDonald's promises that FOPPWGGG would not just be consulted re the future of the Winter Gardens but would be positively "empowered" in the decision-making processes.

A Council official said:

"All remaining vegetation has no residual horticultural value or significance, and this is in order for us to progress the important feasibility work we are doing with regard to the long-term future of the People's Palace/Winter Gardens. All plants with a known lineage were transported elsewhere within GCC estate 3 years ago."

Is Glasgow City Council now the supreme arbiter of "horticultural value"?

**Pulping plants seems an odd way to prepare Glasgow to be host city for COP26.**

When the Winter Gardens closed 3 years ago, Council Leader Susan Aitken assured us "The heating will stay on, the most important species



have been moved to other glasshouses and the remainder will be maintained as required."

A Council spokesperson loyally backed up this now discredited promise: "We want to reassure any concerned citizens that we will continue to maintain any remaining plants."

The official who now justifies the removal and pulping of the plants is the City Council's Group Manager of the Parks Development and Bereavement Services.

Given the destruction of the Winter Garden plants, it's easy to see why the City Council has coupled "Parks Development" with "Bereavement Services".

**No doubt the Council official will soon see "Library Services and Community Centres" added to his portfolio.**

I WONDER IF THE UK GENERAL PUBLIC are fully aware of the tsunami that is thundering towards them.

There's the energy price increase which will kill hundreds of elderly and infirm, there's the cut to universal credit, which will plunge thousands more into poverty, then there's the increase in National Insurance payments that will cut the wages of the poorest the hardest.

On top of that, those in need of special care are being hit by a care system that's in dire crisis. All this while the bank accounts of millionaires and billionaires grow ever fatter.

Of course, it is not all being taken lying down, Stagecoach bus drivers are taking strike action over pay, care workers who have struggled to do their job under the most adverse conditions, under staffed, under paid, have decided to march to the Tory Party conference in Manchester to vent their anger.

Before the national insurance and energy price hikes and before the slash at the universal credit, in the year 2019/20, 11.7 million people, 18% of the UK population were in "relative low income" category.

**Some facts & figures on Poverty in UK, one of the richest countries in the world:**

- There were 4.3 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2019-20. That's 31 per cent of children, or nine in a classroom of 30.

- 49 per cent of children living in lone-parent families are in poverty. Lone parents face a higher risk of poverty due to the lack of an additional earner, low rates of maintenance payments, gender

inequality in employment and pay, and childcare costs.

- Children from black and minority ethnic groups are more likely to be in poverty: 46 per cent are now in poverty, compared with 26 per cent of children in white British families.

- Work does not provide a guaranteed route out of poverty in the UK. 75 per cent of children growing up in poverty live in a household where at least one person works.

- Children in large families are at a far greater risk of living in poverty – 47 per cent of children living in families with 3 or more children live in poverty.

These figures are before the present tsunami of energy price increase, and cuts, not to mention the pandemic, hits the public at large. No working-class family will escape these hammer blows to their standard of living, what can we do about it? We can take a leaf out of Stagecoach bus drivers and organise strike action, we can organise in solidarity with the care workers and take our righteous anger onto the streets.

We can organise in our communities and workplaces to take control and shape society the way we want it, a society that sees to the needs of all our people. We don't need the millionaire/billionaire parasites and their bedfellows, prancing political ballerinas, that army of pampered privileged parasites that hold reins of power over our lives, all to their advantage.

**We don't need them, they need us, dump them, we can make a better world without them.**

- The **ANARCHIST CRITIC**  
[radicalglasgowblog.blogspot.com/](http://radicalglasgowblog.blogspot.com/)

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

The Glasgow Clincher (1853 – 1937) in his younger days was mercilessly hounded by the police authorities as he tried to make a living selling his newspaper.

Hugely popular with his readers and always smartly dressed, he was usually charged with obstruction or “obscene language”. His response: “If the Apostle Paul appeared in Glasgow and preached the Gospel he also would be accused of using obscene language”.

Apparently it was his use of ‘the Doric’ and speaking truth to power which brought the repeated arrests and court appearances.

On the death of John White, Lord Overtoun (1843-1908; chemical manufacturer) whose workforce were blinded by their occupation (White’s poisonous chemicals are still leaching into the Clyde at Glasgow Green today) and who



wanted museums and libraries shut on Sundays for religious reasons, the Clincher published an obituary exclusive:

### Consternation in Heaven! Lord Overtoun fails to arrive!

Keir Hardie published a series of pamphlets **White Slaves** on the conditions in White's Works in the 1890s

The Clincher's journalism confirmed the hypocrisy of White's Christianity.



• Photo: Still Game For The Valley Facebook Page

## FIRST PHASE VICTORY!

ORGANISED PEOPLE IN MARYHILL have successfully halted the privatisation of 2.12 hectares (3 and a 1/2 football pitches) of land at Collina Street, the bulk of what was The Valley scheme.

This represents the first phase of a campaign to transform a former scheme, needlessly demolished in the era of mass public housing demolitions, back into social housing, but this time for perpetuity, and controlled by the local community.

Like most campaigns it can sometimes be difficult to judge progress, there are ups and downs, successes and failures: we need to put up with if we are in it for the long run. As far as

“Still Game For The Valley” are concerned, the campaign, started by Living Rent and the Wyndford Tenants Union, is happy to say it has won the first phase of the goal.

The campaign has managed to stop the sales process of this land for the

foreseeable future with its activities. Doing so has forced the Council to address what are the important issues for ordinary people when they sell off public land to developers

In explaining their decision to abandon the sale - the campaign's first phase victory - the Council cites market conditions. “The sales process has been paused at the moment to allow the impact of issues facing the housing market in relation to supply of material and labour to be assessed.” Other sales of land however continue. The wider issues of land ownership and the role of the public sector in tackling the climate and housing crises remain to be addressed.

Visit the Saturday gardening group to find out more about the campaign.

- Support the campaign for public housing. Find us on [Facebook](#) or [stillgameforthevalley.wordpress.com](http://stillgameforthevalley.wordpress.com)

# WHAT IS SOLIDARITY?

LET'S FACE IT, the world as we know is not fit for purpose. The rulers and their adherence to the growth at all costs with their Capitalist system is at the root of the life we endure and the climate destruction it has ushered in.

Around the world, working people are driven to resist exploitation and organise collectively. In Mexico and elsewhere, protests have escalated as members of the **Zapatistas** from **Chiapas** have 'disappeared'. See **Voices in Movement** on twitter for constant updates. From **Myanmar**, the repressive military regime in the country formerly known as Burma, has been killing protestors and workers. Firms such as **Primark**, **Chevron** and **H&M** profit from this system. That is why pickets have been held in many places including Glasgow. A good place to stay updated is **ICLCIT.ORG** and **ICL-CIT** on twitter.

These, and many other actions worldwide go on every week. We call it International Solidarity but what does it mean? People who read about the plight of fellow workers, go from empathy, concern and anger to action. They want to bring it to the attention of those who shop, unwittingly, mainly, at stores like **Primark**, or as in 2020 with Bangladesh garment workers, at **Lidl**.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO HOUSING CAMPAIGNERS IN BERLIN** for their victory against private investment corporations. They won a referendum to expropriate properties from large landlords, which if implemented, would bring 240,000 apartments (11% of the city's total) into social housing.

So who cares? Consumers are often driven by price and will say that ethics is a luxury. In a few months they often discard or drop into charity shops clothing they are fed up with. Picketing is not about guilt-tripping. We see solidarity whether international or here right now in Scotland, as a big step forward in how people view the world. Instead of fatalism, convenient apathy, indifference and self-interest, we have an understanding that together we can stand up and demonstrate that we care about all workers and citizens.

Most rulers want us to turn up our noses, be selfish, embrace bigoted and racist ideas. The 'old divide and rule' is what defines history, when you view it not from

Kings & Queens, glorious battles, but from the standpoint of the common good. "**Which side are you on?**" is a choice we can all make, and in so doing help transform our lives and others closest to us, and those around the globe we don't know but develop appreciation for

**In Capitalism all property is sacred, not life.**

The Capitalist economic system profits the powerful few. Even with the world on fire, it ignores the environment and crushes human life to make profits.

Fossil fuel causes climate change. Yet, companies like Centrica PLC/ Scottish Gas partner with others like Cuadrilla to expand the gas business into fracking. They use smoke and mirrors techniques trying to reinvent their catastrophic products by greenwashing, creating the illusion they are 'Green' to protect their profits above all else.

Under Capitalism people are for sale and profits go up because of our exploitation. The Capitalist system creates Nations and Wars, scorching the earth just so that bosses in the arms industry rake in profits. We need system change from the ground up.

Capitalism isn't working for us or the planet but another way is possible. Globalization shows us that people form cooperation and by using theories of resistance they join together, rebel and organise their society putting planet before profit. Capitalism is over.... if we want it.

**Opt out. We are NOT for sale.**