11th February this year saw the biggest and liveliest demonstration against racist attacks in Sheffield for over 5 years. On that day over 800 black and white people, led by Asian youths, joined together to march from Sharrow to Burngreave, to show that the fightback against racism and Fascism is still very much alive and kicking in Sheffield.

The march took place against a backdrop of increased Racist and Fascist activity in many areas of Sheffield.

In Sharrow particularly, many Asian homes and shops had Racist stickers and graffiti daubed on them, windows had been smashed and death threats from the National Front were coupled with excreta pushed through letterboxes of Asian homes.

In the City centre, at an Asian restaurant, a restaurant worker who lives in Sharrow was viciously attacked by a gang of 5 racist white youths, who beat him unconscious with a baseball bat, then left him for dead in the middle of the road.

It was the anger of the Black community over these and other similar incidents throughout 1988, that led to the formation of SAGARF—the Sharrow Action Committee Against Racism and Fascism in December of last year. The aim of the organisation was and still is to
a) raise the issue of increased racist attacks to the wider community,
b) to expose the Police and Council's inaction over Racist attacks,
c) to build a strong community based organisation that will actively fight back against racism and fascism.

We believe, since our inception in December 1988 we have raised the issue prominently in Sheffield, successfully uniting many sections of the community, in the process we have also helped to expose both the Police and the Council for their inactivity over racist attacks. Despite this progress though, we still need to build an active anti-racist movement in Sheffield, that can take up the issues of racism people face in the area.

For that to be successful we need more people to be involved. This is where you can help, why not join us? help us fight the racists only together can we beat them!

You can write to us at the above address,
Below is a brief questionnaire, to help us gauge the activity of racists and fascists in the local area, - activity that we can counteract, with enough information. All answers will be kept in the strictest confidence,

1. Have you seen any racist graffiti around the area in the last 2 months? 
   If so what did it say; and were any symbols like NF or BNP visible? 
   b) Did you ever report it to the Council or Police? YES NO 
   C) If you did what response did you get? 

2. Have you, any friends or neighbours been subjected to any form of Racial abuse or threats in your area in the last 6 months? YES NO 
   a) If so what happened? 
   b) Did you report it to the Police or any other agency? YES NO 
   If so what was their response? 

3. Have you, any friends/relatives or neighbours been physically attacked by racists? YES NO 
   a) If so where? 
   b) What happened? 
   c) Who did you report it to? 
   d) What response did you get? 

4. Have you or anyone else you know had their property attacked or vandalised by racists? YES NO 
   a) If so what happened? 
   b) Did you report it to the Police etc? YES NO 
   C) If so what was the response? 

Finally what kind of activities would you like to see happen to combat racism in your area? 

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HELP.