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**Billingham North Ward
(Marsh House Ward &
High Grange, Wolviston Ward)**

**FOCUS
Number 100**

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The LIBERAL DEMOCRATS have been producing and delivering the FOCUS newsletter in the Marsh House Ward of Billingham since 1985. At first it was called "SPOTLIGHT" but later adopted the "FOCUS" name used by the Liberal Democrats throughout the country. Earlier this year the FOCUS editors Colin Leckonby, Lynne and Maurice Apedaile decided to cover the High Grange area of the Wolviston Ward because at the Stockton Borough Council elections next year it will be incorporated into the new Billingham North Ward. We will carry on keeping you informed of news and events through FOCUS.

The above picture shows your Stockton Borough Councillors Lynne Apedaile and Colin Leckonby with Wolviston Parish Councillor Maurice Apedaile busy with some of the problems you have brought to their attention. We work hard in many ways to try to improve the areas where we all live. There have been several Liberal Democrat councillors in the Marsh House ward since 1985 and it always been part of their duties to produce the FOCUS newsletter and have it delivered to all residents of the ward.



FOCUS-THE ORIGINAL AND BEST, IN ITS 19TH YEAR

Vote YES for the North East

Liberal Democrats are backing the "YES" campaign for an elected Regional Assembly.

The key points about a regional assembly are:

It will take powers away from London and allow the North East a much bigger say over what happens here.

Bring unelected Quangos under democratic control.

Be directly accountable to the people of the region.

Cost about £2.50 per household per year.

It will lead to up to 500 fewer politicians as there will be far fewer councillors and tiers of local government.

It will lead to more sensible, joined up and efficient decision making in the North East.

It will give the North East a much stronger voice to fight our corner (Scotland, Wales and London have their own assemblies and get a better deal from the government).

An assembly will have about 25 members, all elected by the people on a fair votes system – so it won't be dominated by Labour.

It will replace an unelected assembly that is currently made up of about 70 members who are appointed by councils, business, trade unions and other bodies.

It will not require any new headquarters building, and is likely to be in Durham.

Check out the YES campaign's website for more information: www.yes4thenortheast.com

MARSH HOUSE AVE BUS STOP

Frank Cook MP has backed Lynne and Colin's efforts to get the bus stop at the south end of the Campus School playing field moved further south to allow a bus shelter to be put there. In the bus stops present position there isn't enough room on the pavement for a bus shelter, though one is needed.

COMMUNITY SKIP

The community skip will be placed adjacent to No. 13 Newbury Way on Wednesday 8th Dec. 2004.

ROAD RESURFACING

The full carriageway of Cockfield Ave and Hurworth Road from Auckland Road to Low Grange Ave is being resurfaced.

TUNSTALL AVE

New road markings have been put down from Barmpton Road to the bus stop east of Neasham Ave. This is to try to slow traffic in this area and reduce the number of accidents caused by excessive speed along Tunstall Ave

CONTACTING YOUR MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Fiona Hall MEP, Liberal Democrat MEP for the North East of England, now has an office open at the following address:

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FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Could you spare some time about every 6 weeks to deliver the Focus Newsletter in your road. Colin, Lynne, Maurice and our small band of helpers deliver over 4,00 newsletters in the Marsh House and Wolviston wards in Billingham. If you feel you can help in any way Colin and Lynne will be very pleased to accept any offers. They can be contacted by phone or at the addresses shown in the panel below.

WARD SURGERIES

Lynne and Colin will be holding ward surgeries at the following venues from

6.30 – 7.30pm

8th Nov. 2004 & 10th Jan. 2005

Low Grange Community Centre

13th Dec. 2004 & 14th Feb. 2005

North Billingham Methodist Church

You can contact Lynne or Colin at other times by telephoning Lynne on **01740 645216** or Colin on **872896**.

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You can also write to Lynne Apedaile at **1 West Hartlepool Rd, Wolviston TS22 5LA. Or Colin Leckonby at 73 Tunstall Ave, Billingham TS23 3QD.**