

Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree

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Thank You

Julia and Elliot thank all those of you who turned out on 5th May and voted for us to be your Liberal Democrat councillors for the next four years. We will continue to represent you, whatever your political views.

Our priorities for the coming months include seeking action about the problems at **Mile House junction** which many people have raised in our surveys, dealing with the many and varied individual complaints that we receive and seeking solutions to the anti-social behaviour problems at **Sainsbury's**. If you think there are any other priority issues then please get in touch. In the meantime, we're sure that you will join us in thanking **Suzanne Fletcher** for all the hard work she has put in over the years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

SUCCESS!



Elliot & Julia celebrate their election win

Stockton Council political composition:

Labour	27
Conservative	12
Ingleby Barwick Independents	6
Thornaby Independents	5
Liberal Democrats	4
Billingham Independents	2



As the largest group Labour will probably lead the council. The leader will be elected at the Annual Meeting, held in public at 11a.m on **25th May** in Stockton Baptist Tabernacle. Liberal Democrats will, as always, take a full and active part in the work of the council across the borough.

**WORKING WITH YOU, WORKING FOR YOU!
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We're waiting for BT to install a telephone line for Elliot and until then, he can't have a council e-mail address either. We'll let you have the details as soon as available. In the meantime use the contact details in this Focus.

You can of course contact us at our regular ward surgeries as follows:

Mondays 6th June and 4th July, 6.00pm - 6.30pm at Bishopsgarth School (immediately before Bishopsgarth Association of Residents meeting at 6.30pm)

Tuesdays 14th June & 12th July 6.00pm - 7.00pm at Elm Tree Community Centre.

We also send out occasional "e-news" in between Focus, giving you up to date information on roadworks, planning applications etc. These are sent "blind" so no-one else sees your e-mail address and do not contain attachments to fill up your inbox. If you're not already signed up and would like to receive these updates, send us an e-mail giving your name & address. You can of course unsubscribe at any time.

BISHOPSGARTH PLAY AREA:

This is almost finished with some equipment already available for children to use.

It's fantastic to see it actually taking shape after all the hard work that has been put in. Julia was delighted to have visited it and found some young people already making use of it and showing their delight at finally having "something great".

It was only possible thanks to the hard work of Bishopsgarth

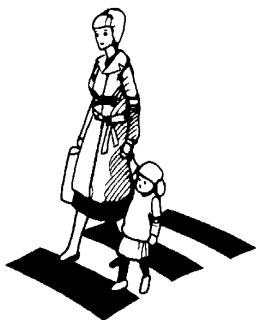
Association of Residents, local council officers and funding from PlayBuilder, BIG Lottery, Provident Finance..... as well as your ward councillors environmental improvement budget.



Crossing Points:

Many people commented in our recent surveys about problems when using the pedestrian crossing at **Sainsbury's junction**. The "green man" does not seem to be there for very long and people are worried about not having enough time to cross. We spent a long time with council officers observing the junction and can re-assure you that there is a sensor which shows if someone is on the crossing so, although the green man goes out to stop anyone starting to cross the road, the green light for cars to go will not operate until the sensor records that no-one is still crossing the road. We have some leaflets to explain in more detail. Get in touch if you'd like us to send you a copy.

Many signed our petition to have the zebra crossing on **Elm Tree Avenue** replaced with a puffin crossing before the school crossing patrol is removed. Julia has handed the petition to the relevant officer for consideration. We'll keep you informed of progress.



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH:

Focus is paid for by your Liberal Democrat councillors and delivered by local volunteers. We know from what you told us on the doorsteps how much you appreciate receiving the regular updates. If you can help by delivering in your area every other month then please get in touch with one of us.



TELLING YOU EVEN MORE:



If you or anyone you know in the ward would like to receive Focus in an audio version then please let us know.

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