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Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree

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Bishopsgarth Play Park:

After all the hard work by Bishopsgarth Association of Residents this long awaited play area will be officially opened on **Tuesday 13th September at 2.30pm**. The event is open to all so do come along and join in the celebrations. The Park will be opened by ex councillor Suzanne Fletcher along with pupils from local schools. Some equipment recently had to be taken out of action because of safety concerns but it was nothing at all to do with vandalism as some people feared. It should be re-instated in time for the opening event. There also needs to be future work to reduce flooding problems and to re-seed some areas so some of the equipment will be fenced off temporarily to allow the grass to grow. This is due to the huge popularity of the play area. Missing litter bins are being chased up by Julia and Elliot, dog bins and cycle storage facilities are still to be installed.

Helmsley Grove / Harewood Crescent

After a lot of complaints we have finally managed to get **that** piece of grass cut. It is not owned by the council and so we had to go through the Land Registry to establish who owned it and this has taken some time. We are disappointed that they didn't clear the rubbish before cutting the grass but hope that it will now be included in their regular maintenance programme.

We're now chasing up a similar situation with the land between **Huby Villas and Pine Court** to get that tidied up.

As Persimmon Homes are reporting such massive profits recently it is very disappointing that they cannot attend to basic matters such as cutting the grass.

Elm Tree Avenue Crossing:

163 of you signed Elliot's petition for a Puffin Crossing at Elm Tree Avenue/Lauder Close to replace the withdrawn school crossing patrol. Sadly, the recent meeting of the Area Transport Strategy Group didn't approve it because of "relatively low vehicular and pedestrian flows". It will be looked at again next year and Elliot will continue to press for action.

Elm Tree Estate: We're delighted that work has finally started to replace doors & windows in Tristar properties. Elliot walked around the estate with Tristar staff to find the best location for the portakabin and staff facilities which would cause least disruption to local residents.

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

Mondays 12th September, 3rd October & 7th November 6.00pm - 6.30pm at Bishopsgarth School
Tuesday 13th September, 11th October & 15th November 6.00pm - 7.00pm at Elm Tree Community Centre.

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Message from Julia:

Due to health problems I have been out of action for the last 8 weeks or so. I apologise to anyone who has contacted me and is still waiting for a response – if you're one of these people then please do get in touch again



SNIPPETS:

Missing road sign at **Welland Crescent** reported and replaced.... Lost litter bin at **Markham Square** being investigated....planning application for change of use at **Elm Tree Social Club** refused.... **Welland Crescent** bus shelter has finally been installed... keep clear markings installed at **Lauder House** for bin wagons....missing street sign at **Norwood Close** reported for replacement....

Sainsbury's / Senator's Car Parks:

We are both very concerned at the number of young people riding bikes and skateboards in this area. There are obvious safety issues for the youngsters themselves and for other users of the car park. Also, these youngsters are being criminalised by the issuing of AS13's. This could be avoided if there was somewhere safe and well lit for youths to gather. Stockton Council are looking at the possibility of skate parks in Thornaby, Billingham and Eaglescliffe but we believe that this is too far for our young people to travel to so we will continue to press for provision in the local area.



Do get in touch if you have any thoughts on this.

ARE YOU A PARENT / CARER OF A CHILD WITH COMPLEX / ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

Call in at The George Hardwick Foundation One Stop Shop, Wellington Square, on **Tuesday 20th September 10.00am - 2.00pm** where **Stockton United For Change** Can help you find out what help and support is available for you and your family. Or more information contact 07935 447375 or e-mail:

Stocktonunitedforchange@gmail.com

**Marske Lane/Felton Lane
Obstructive Parking**

Stockton Council's Officer Traffic Group met recently to discuss parking problems at this bend. Your ward councillors were neither consulted nor invited to attend. We were very shocked to read the minutes of the meeting which said that "no problems had been reported by police, enforcement or Care For Your Area, there were no regular persistent parking problems noted and no support for additional bollards or waiting restrictions".

As we have personally seen these problems Julia has asked for details presented to the meeting but as yet they have not been provided.

