

# FOCUS

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## Putting People First

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Suzanne hopes everyone has a Happy Christmas and wishes for a peaceful New Year for all.

Many thanks go to those volunteers who deliver FOCUS to every home in the ward.



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### FESTIVE REFUSE ARRANGEMENTS

Binmen due on 25th Dec. will come on 27th Dec. Those due on 1st Jan. will be a day late. Others as normal.

Please remember that those empty bottles and cans can be put in the blue box for recycling, but there are no collections on bank holidays. If you put your Christmas tree on 12 Jan. where you normally leave your wheely bin, the Council will collect it.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

Teesside airport management announced that the name would have to change to Durham - TeesValley. This was because BMIBaby airlines were only going to develop more flights if the airport name was somewhere that people likely to fly IN from elsewhere in Europe could find on a map, and had heard of.

The decision did not lie with Councillors, but Liberal Democrats called for much better information and consultation for any future changes with the public, as well as much better public transport from the airport to THIS area.



### DRUG LITTER

If you see anything left behind from drug use - such as syringes, do NOT try to pick it up, but contact 391959 in office hours or 618946 evenings and weekends.

### PEACE NOT WAR



That was the message carried by local Lib Dems to the peaceful protest at Sedgefield in the hope of giving it to George Bush and Tony Blair. We also had a leaflet setting out 6 messages for President Bush. He managed to slip by us, but it has been sent to the White House for him to see.

We called for

- ♦ working with the UN to make Iraq safe and give it's people a democratic future.
- ♦ Guantanamo Bay prisoners to be either charged and receive a fair trial or be sent home to face justice within the UK
- ♦ the USA playing its part in reducing global warming and signing the Kyoto Treaty.
- ♦ Arrangements to be made for dismantling the "Ghost Ships" in the USA.
- ♦ Reducing tariffs against steel imports from Britain.
- ♦ Addressing the sources of international terrorism, and work for peace in the Middle East..



## PATH BEHIND ALFORD LANE / NEWSTEAD AVENUE / WHITE- HOUSE FARM SCHOOL

The complaints about this path, and the difficulty of walking on it in bad weather are coming in again. However as Suzanne said in Focus 163, we are going to have to campaign on this and people who are willing to get names on a petition of people who do or want to use it are needed.

*Let Suzanne know if you can take or sign a petition.*

## FRIENDS OF NEWHAM GRANGE PARK

The first meeting has been held, and another is planned for Wednesday 28th January. Let Suzanne know if you want to come or find out more, and put the date in your diary now if you want to have a say on the future of the Park.

## BUS PROBLEMS.

2 of Stockton Council's Committees are looking at bus problems. One in general and the other on bus journeys to hospitals. If you have a point to make about either of these, and have not already told Suzanne, do get in touch.

She has already put forward the issues connected with: not all buses to North Tees Hospital stopping at high curb bus stops have a low floor facility; lack of information about buses going to James Cook Hospital; cars parking at the bus stop outside Argos; difficulty of getting buses from both Stockton and Thornaby Stations; difficulty in using the Traveline website.

## NOT THE COUNCIL'S FAULT!

The lights on the path from Ferndale and the Community Centre over the new bridge are the responsibility of Persimmon Homes. The Council does keep nagging them to get them working

## NEW BIKE FOR CHRISTMAS

Do make sure that it, or one you already have, has good working lights. So often there are bikes without lights that cannot be seen by motorists. Make sure you and your children can be seen!



## Problems, Queries, Ideas & Views.

Suzanne will be holding her ward surgeries at  
**Elm Tree Community Centre**

16th December and 13th January

Young people 4.30 to 5.30 pm

adults 6pm to 7pm

Suzanne can be contacted at other times by  
telephoning 786456 or

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faxing 657138 or e-mailing: [sfletcher@cix.co.uk](mailto:sfletcher@cix.co.uk)

You can write (no need for stamp) to:

Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST NEA 765,  
STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TS16 9BR



## YES for the NORTH EAST.

Suzanne is working for a  
YES vote for Regional  
Government in the NE.

It will take power *from*  
Westminster, and decisions  
*for* the NE, will be made *by*  
the NE *in* the NE. Also it  
will control the billions of  
pounds spent by  
unaccountable quangos.



## Baby food safer thanks to new EU rules

New EU rules will reduce the amount of pesticides allowed in infant formulae and cereal-based baby foods and will also ban completely eleven pesticides used by farmers on crops intended for baby foods. European spokesperson Fiona Hall said: "Baby food will be safer from now on. When my kids were small I used to worry about their food – I know how important it is for parents to be sure their children's food isn't contaminated in any way."



## SKIPS

The next skip will be  
Tuesday 16th December, Elm Tree Community  
Centre car park

*You can ring 391959 to check before taking rubbish there.*

You can contact the SITA recycling centre for  
disposing all household waste, including garden  
chemicals on 202300

