

BISHOPSGARTH & ELM TREE

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THANK YOU !

Julia and Suzanne thank everyone who voted for them to be their councillors in the Borough Council Election on May 5th. The result was a vote of confidence in the Liberal Democrats to work with you for the benefit of not just Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree but of the whole of Stockton.

Thank you to everyone who supported us. Regardless of whether you voted, or for whom, we promise to work hard for everyone.

We will continue our work in the ward and will keep you informed all through the year.

Now that the election is over we can get on with the real work - helping local people with local problems.

If ever we can be of any help, do not hesitate to contact us on the phone numbers, e-mail addresses or postal addresses on this leaflet.

“Things will never be the same again” as Liberal Democrats take committee chairmanships on Stockton Borough Council.

Following the recent local elections, in which they achieved a significant increase in both their vote and the number of seats won, Stockton Liberal Democrats have taken important positions in the new Council set-up.

Liberal Democrats will hold the chairmanships of three of the committees on Stockton Borough Council, covering housing, education and Council performance.

This will enable the Liberal Democrat Group to ensure that their philosophy of fairness, openness and honesty is applied to the political operations of the Council. They now have positions of responsibility and influence and will be using these to make Stockton Borough Council a Council genuinely open and responsive to the needs of all the communities across the Borough.

After 26 years in which the Labour Party has been able to run Stockton as a one-party monopoly, there is now an effective limit on their power. While Labour continue to form the Cabinet, we will ensure that the Liberal Democrat commitment to open and responsive government dominates the decision-making process. The Labour Cabinet is now on probation...we will not hesitate to act if they try to return to their old ways of running the Council as if only they knew what the people of Stockton wanted.

Things will never be the same again, and rightly so. There is a desire for change in Stockton and we will work together with whomever we need to, to get the best results for our Borough. The years of one-party rule in Stockton have gone forever.

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SAINSBURY'S LICENCE APPLICATION

This application for selling alcohol and hot food outside usual hours had nearly 50 objections, as well as Julia and Suzanne's. A special licensing committee will be held to consider it soon. All those who objected will be informed of the details.

BISHOPSGARTH RESIDENTS MEETING

There has been a meeting of some residents in the Bishopsgarth area about setting up a residents association to look at local issues such as speeding in the Marske Lane area, and antisocial behaviour.

The next meeting to set up a group is on Monday June 27th at 6.30 p.m. in the 5 Aills. All are welcome.

NEW FACE

PC David Greaves is the new beat bobby (now called ward officer!) and can be contacted on 306604, a message left on 326326, or a note put through the door of Medina House Police Office.

LOCAL ACTION POINTS. Julia and Suzanne have - arranged for a seat in the **bus shelter** by Elm Tree Centre Asked for bollards on the cut through from **Marske Lane** to **Briardene Walk** Chased up yet again the missing NHW signs on **Chingford Grove** ... Ensured **Whinfield Close** potholes done Had a meeting with **Sainsbury's** Head Office about problems outside the store made sure the dropped kerbs on **Newstead Avenue** have finally been done properly

YOUNG PEOPLE Football coaching sessions are now back on the field on Mosston Road, Mondays, 5.30 pm. Why not go along? Damage is being done to garage roofs by youngsters jumping on them. Young people could be badly injured too. **PARENTS**—do watch where your children are playing.

Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and other interested people is on Wednesday 29th June at 7.00 p.m. in the Elm Tree Pub. Let us know if you are interested but cannot come along.



Problems, Queries, Ideas & Views.

Suzanne and Julia will be holding ward surgeries at **Elm Tree Community Centre**
Tuesday 7th June 6pm to 7pm
Tuesday 5th July
Tuesday 9th August
Young people, same dates 4.30 to 5.30 pm

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SPEED

The speed limit on the Ring Road, from Sainsbury's to Hartburn Lane / Darlington Road junction has been dropped from 40 to 30 m.p.h for about 9 months now, but many motorists (97%!) have not noticed and are being caught on camera. Suzanne had asked for extra signs but the Government will not allow it.

The speed limit on the other part of the Ring Road from Sainsbury's to Norton Church roundabout will be dropping to 30 m.p.h. soon, so do watch out for this.

Julia is now asking for better ways of advertising this, and for signs which alert drivers to their speed (as in Darlington) to be used.

BUS PROBLEMS

Stockton Council are looking at subsidising an Arriva service to provide a bus service along Bishopton Avenue—but it really will be “use it or lose it”.

A lot of people who are missing out on the new “service” by Stagecoach have signed petitions to get a better service, but as it is a commercial decision there is not a lot of hope.

SKIPS

The next community skips for household waste will be :
Wednesday 22nd June Elm Tree Centre car park
Wednesday 17th August Mosston Road, grassed area.
The recycling centre at Haverton Hill is open 8.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. every day, including weekends

There is no substitute for all year round action and service