

BISHOPSGARTH & ELM TREE

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DARZI REPORT ON HOSPITAL REORGANISATION

Both Julia and Suzanne are very worried about some of the proposals in the Darzi report. Whilst there are some good ideas, not having a doctor or consultant led maternity unit at North Tees Hospital is deeply flawed. At a special Council meeting Suzanne spoke about this; the need for full consultation with patients, all staff and the public; and the need for better public transport to all of the local hospitals.

We do not have details yet of consultation sessions, but will e-mail or send to anyone who asks us, and will put up a notice at the Elm Tree Community Centre when we do know.

If you send us any comments you have to make on the proposals we will forward them to the relevant body – when it is set up, and will remove your name if you wish it to be kept confidential.

MARSKE LANE / LEAM LANE TRAFFIC CALMING

The first proposals from the Community Engineer are now ready and will be displayed at the **Five Alls Pub** on **Monday 5th September, from 4.00 to 7.00 p.m.** for you to look at and give your comments. The new Residents Association will then be arranging further meetings to look at the next stage.

BISHOPSGARTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

This has now been formed and has an enthusiastic committee. They will be looking at issues of concern to their area such as traffic calming. They will be calling a public meeting soon, but in the meantime if you would like to make contact with them you can do so via Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association (SRCAGA) on 391361.

Ring Road News

Speed limits

Please do note that *the whole* of the Ring Road from Norton Church to Hartburn Lane is now 30 m.p.h. and don't get caught for speeding!

Good News – the long awaited **toucan crossing** on the Ring Road opposite Daylight Bakery House is being constructed as we write.

Hardwick Dene.

There is a group based at Hardwick in Partnership, that meets to discuss issues around the Dene Valley, woodland and Elm Tree Wood. If you would like to attend one of these meetings the next one is on Wednesday September 7th at 3.00 p.m., or you could contact the Dene Valley warden, Dave O'Brien on 808417.



Police meeting.

The Chief Constable's meeting is on 22nd Sept, 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. in Stockton Library. This is your opportunity to go and put any queries and concerns that you have.

Green waste collection.

This service where garden waste is collected from people's homes, and then composted, has been very much appreciated by the houses that have it. However not all houses were covered. Julia and Suzanne are very pleased that the Council is now planning to cover all homes in the Stockton Borough, starting next March.



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SAINSBURY'S LICENCE APPLICATION

The application for extension of hours to sell alcohol and hot food caused lots of concerns in the area. 47 people put in objections on the special forms, and Sainsbury's withdrew the application.

Stockton On Line.

The new opening times at the Elm Tree Community Centre are 9a.m. - 11.45a.m, Monday to Friday, except the opening time on a Wednesday is 10.00 a.m. Do go along if you would like help or training with computers.

Bus services.

As reported in Focus 177, the Arriva no. 7 bus service has now started running along Bishopton Avenue. The Council

are subsidising this, but can only continue to do so if the service is well used. Contact Julia or Suzanne if you need to know the timetable.

LOCAL ACTION POINTS.

Bus shelter seat – this is now in the stop by the Elm Tree Centre. Julia and Suzanne have asked for one on behalf of elderly people using the bus stop by Lanark Close as well as asking for that shelter to be cleaned up more regularly.....The **Woodborough Lane to Spenborough Road** footpath has been reported as being in need of resurfacing, and the street light that has not been working properly is being repaired.....**Briardene**

The Council contractors were not popular when they replaced a missing sign with "Briardene Walk." They are providing a new sign – spelt right this time we hope!.....The missing Neighbourhood Watch signs in **Chingford** and **Calcott Closes** are now on order to be replaced in the next few weeks – we are told!! Let's hope we can finally close down the crime file on that one!.....

The missing **dog bin** near to the **Marske Lane** shops is finally going to be replaced.

Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and other interested people is on Wednesday 28th September 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 September 13th 6pm to 7pm
Tuesday October 18th
Young people, same dates 4.30 to 5.30 pm

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Footballing news.

Special thanks go to one of the young people who made the case at the grants committee of SCRAGA for funding for another year. A grant has been given so the football training can continue. The sessions begin again on September 5th, every Monday at 4.30 p.m. on the field by Mallaig View (by the cycleway). Sessions are free and open to all young people in the area.

A goal post has been put up at our request on the Darlington Back Lane playing field so that young people can practice their game out of season.

SKIPS

The next community skips for household waste will be :
Thursday 29th Sep, Medina House 9.30am - 3.30 p.m.
Thursday 27th October, Marske Lane, in the lay-by by the beck. 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