

DARZI REPORT

on hospital re-organisation

The more that people find out about the report and its implications, the more people are worried about it.



Stockton Council has a committee looking at the impact it would have, and Julia is working hard on that Committee.

There are a number of consultation events coming up, including :

31st October, 2pm, Function Room, Billingham Forum

8th November, 10am, Stockton Library

21st November, 2.30pm Oakwood Centre, Eaglescliffe

Comments on the report need to be sent to:
Mrs Ann O'Hanlon, Chair, Joint Committee,
Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust, Freepost
NEA9906, Middlesbrough TS2 1BR
e-mail: acuteservicesreview@cdtvha.nhs.uk
By 23rd December 2005

It would be helpful if Julia could have a copy of your comments.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT.



HOSPITAL SURGERY

As your ward councillors, Julia and Suzanne want to hear YOUR views so have arranged for there to be a meeting at Stockton 6th Form College on **Wednesday, 16th November at 7.00 p.m.** Open to all - patients, people who work at the hospital, and those interested in the future of hospital services in our community. Please come along and tell us what your views on the proposals are.

OPEN PLAN ESTATES.

The Council officers are suggesting that in the open plan estates in the Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree Ward, homes that were built before 1990 are now allowed to have small fences or walls if they are no more than 1 metre high. This would only affect planning issues, and rules of landlords (such as Tristar Homes) would have to be kept.

Suzanne and Julia want residents to be consulted before any change is brought in, so please do let us know what you think of this proposal.

FIREWORKS

A number of people have been asking us about the new rules for fireworks. A brief summary is



- ❖ Fireworks are not allowed to be set off or thrown in any public place (any place the public has access to, but they are allowed in someone's own garden)
- ❖ No-one under 18 should possess "adult fireworks" (any except for a cap, cracker snap, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throwdowns) in a public place
- ❖ It is an offence to use "adult fireworks" after 11.00 p.m. except for 5th November, Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year.
- ❖ It is illegal to sell any fireworks at all to those under 16, and adult fireworks to anyone under 18.

Liberal Democrats wanted to have stricter rules to avoid the upset there is to people in the run up to bonfire night, but want to see these rules enforced. Do contact the police if they are being broken.



BISHOPSGARTH RESIDENTS MEETING

The first public meeting of the Bishopsgarth Association of Residents is being held in Bishopsgarth School on **Monday 7th November at 7.00 p.m.** The doors are open at 6.30 p.m. for people to have a look at the traffic calming proposals.

FOOTBALL TRAINING



This is now taking place in the Elm Tree Community Centre for the winter period. This starts at 4.30 p.m. for the younger ones and 5.15 p.m. for the over 11's. This is a free activity, and all young people in the area are welcome, but no black soled trainers!



Problems, Queries, Ideas & Views.

Suzanne and Julia will be holding their ward surgery at **Elm Tree Community Centre** Tuesday 15th November 6pm to 7pm
Tuesday 13th December 6pm to 7pm
Young people, same dates 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Contact us by:

Letter - Julia Roberts, 22, Zetland Road, Stockton, TS19 0EQ

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or - Julia Roberts and Suzanne Fletcher, FREEPOST, NEA 765,

STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS16 9BR

(no need for a stamp)

Phone - 01642 606732 (Julia) or 787652 (Suzanne)

e-mail - julia.roberts@stockton.gov.uk (Julia) or suzanne.fletcher@stockton.gov.uk (Suzanne)



WALK IN BURGLARIES

These are starting again in Elm Tree and Bishopsgarth, and thieves are just walking into houses through unlocked doors and taking money, handbags etc. Please do be careful, and let the police know of any suspicious characters hanging around.

SKIPS

The next skips for household rubbish :



Thursday 27th October, Marske Lane, lay by near beck

Wednesday 2nd November, Mosston Rd

Monday 14th November, Marske Lane

Thursday 1st December, Whitehouse Drive, 9.30—3.30 p.m.

BUSES

We continue to get complaints about the removal of bus routes and problems with services.



- ❖ If your complaint is about a bus being late or not turning up, please do note the time, date and service number and let either Julia or Suzanne know, so it can be reported to the bus company and action be taken.
- ❖ The Liberal Democrat team in parliament are working on proposals for Councils being able to regulate the bus services more when they are not providing the service that people need.
- ❖ Suzanne has asked the Council if it can set up a scheme for people who really need a low floor bus, like wheelchair users, to be able to phone in advance to check that a low floor one will be running on that route.
- ❖ Stockton Council is working on a Tees Valley Bus Network Review to try to get a better network of buses that really work.

DARLINGTON BACK LANE, SITE 3

This has now been sold to Taylor Woodrow for development, with them paying for various works to improve the area, including a toucan crossing on Darlington Back Lane and a part of new play equipment at Newham Grange Park.

SNIPPETS ... Many of the areas of the Council estate have had the pavements dealt with again for weeds after Suzanne complained that they were getting ready for mowing! The Council have told us they are cutting back trees around street lights on the path behind **Sorrell Close** Julia has asked for the “post pouches” (things postmen put post in to collect later) on **Spenbrough Road** to be cleaned up We are pleased to report that at long last the replacement dog bin has gone up behind **Marske Lane shops** Julia got the council to cut back vegetation along the **beck** – if you think more needs to be done, let her know.....she has also asked for the wall outside **Lauder House** to be repaired and made safe....AND FINALLY the missing Neighbourhood Watch signs have been replaced on **Chingford & Calcott Closes**.

There is no substitute for all year round action and service