

SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Suzanne and Julia are consulting on some of the proposals – although it does not necessarily mean they will be put forward to be done this year.

PATH BEHIND WHITEHOUSE FARM SCHOOL – FOXWOOD DRIVE TO ALFORD LANE / NEWSTEAD AVENUE.

Many of you have asked for this path, which goes behind Dunelm Road and some of Newstead Avenue and Alford Lane, to be improved so that it can be walked on in all weathers. As this affects many people there will be a meeting of those who live nearby and anyone who uses, or wants to use, the path.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday October 8th**, 7.30 p.m.

At Stockton Football Club (in the grounds of Stockton Sixth Form College)

If you cannot come along to the meeting then please contact one of your Councillors.

PATH FROM SELWYN DRIVE TO THE CYCLEWAY

There has been a request for a short path from the turning head on Selwyn Drive to the cycleway.

LIGHTING ON PATH FROM DARLINGTON BACK LANE TO THE WYNDE

As last year there is a request for lighting on this path.

If you have anything you want to ask or say about these 2 proposals then please do come along to the Bishopsgarth Association of Residents AGM on October 6th at 6.30 p.m. at Bishopsgarth School.

NIGHT TIME NOISE

The council's new 'Out of Hours Noise Complaint Service', campaigned for by Liberal Democrat councillors, operates each Friday and Saturday evening between 10pm and 3am the following morning. This is less than we wanted but more than was previously available.

There are also Enforcement Officers available every night between 6pm and midnight and during the day at weekends to deal with any noise complaints.

You can contact the Out of Hours Noise Complaint Service 526575 (8am –6pm) or 528034 (6pm – 3am) or e-mail environmental.health@stockton.gov.uk



TEES ACTIVE CONCESSIONS:

Did you know that as part of the Leisure Saver Card scheme, anyone on a range of 16 different benefits, including disability living allowance, can apply for and receive an Option 3 card giving reduced price access in their facilities. Information is available on the website www.teesactive.co.uk, in leaflet form from any facility or by speaking to a member of staff at any facility.

There is also a policy of allowing a genuine carer free access if they are needed to accompany a disabled person, basically acknowledging that that person is only there because they are needed.



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

If you are interested in these, please have a look at the document available at www.stockton.gov.uk and type in ROWIP in the search box or contact one of us for a paper copy.

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6TH FORM COLLEGE PLANNING APPLICATION

There is a planning application to build a new College next to the existing one, and demolish the existing College building. There will obviously be changes to how it looks, and also a new temporary road access and new permanent road access. Your Councillors are making every attempt to find out more about the plans, especially the road access from Bishopton Road West to make sure it is as safe as possible.

ELM TREE COMMUNITY CENTRE

There are now lots of activities for members of the community available at the Centre for every age :

A youth club along with other activities such as Street Fusion Dance; Dance & Drama, Boxercise and Football Coaching

Starting soon is a Tea Dance for retired people and other afternoon activities.

All in addition to existing activities such as Carpet Bowls; Badminton; Sure Start activities; Stockton-on-line; Rainbows; Wigglets; Yoga; Slimming classes; Rainbows; Tai Chi and Martial Arts Classes.

COUNCIL ESTATE WALKABOUT

Tristar Homes, Care For Your Area, local police, enforcement officers and Julia and Suzanne will be on an "estate walkabout" on Tues 11th Nov, starting at 1.30pm at Medina House.

We walk around the Elm Tree estate looking at problems and arranging repairs etc. If you'd like to join us you can meet us at Medina House,, or let us know if you want us to call in on you or your area.

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FAIR TRADE WINE TASTING

Suzanne and Julia are both part of the Stockton Fair Trade Partnership which is

holding a wine tasting event on Friday 17th October.

It's a chance to try out 6 different Fair Trade wines. Admission is by ticket only (minimum donation £3). Contact either of us for more details



SOCIAL EVENT

Why not come along for a "fork buffet" and meet and hear Lembit Opik MP speak ?

The event is on Thursday October 23rd at 7.30 p.m.

Contact Suzanne or Julia for tickets, priced £20.00 each.



WILL YOU BE ABLE TO VOTE ?

There will be European elections in June 2009. Who knows when there might be a General Election? To be eligible to vote you must be registered on the electoral roll. Stockton Council will be visiting those who have not registered and will carry identification. If you don't know if you're registered then either contact us or the elections office on 526196

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