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A Fair Start for our Children

There are exciting plans for Bishopsgarth School, including community use, and a Liberal Democrat Government would support it going ahead. Huge investments in time and Council Tax have already been made across the Borough.

BUT

We're reminded of the debacle over Stockton 6th Form College, where work actually started on site before the Labour Government's Learning and Skills Council admitted it had got its sums wrong and the money was no longer available (see Focus 203 – 205).



Jacquie Bell, Lib Dem candidate for Stockton South said “Despite several requests I have still had no satisfactory response from the LSC to my demands for answers. The Labour track record is not good, promise and then renege. Would Tories have been any better ?”

Liberal Democrats believe that every child deserves an excellent education. Only when all children get a good start, no matter where they live or what their parents do, will we have a fair society”.

For younger children and families, Liberal Democrats are committed to not just supporting existing Children's Centres, such as Elm Tree, but providing more outreach to families who need them. Jacquie says “ support like this in the very early years is vital, and will pay dividends for the future.”



MAKE SURE YOU CAN VOTE

You need to be registered to vote by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 20th April.

If you think you will not be able to vote at the polling station for any reason, the last date for returning your postal vote application is also 5.00 pm Tuesday 20th April.

The date for (non urgent) Proxy votes is Tuesday 27th April.

You can contact the Council electoral registration department on 526196 or electoral@stockton.gov.uk.

You can also contact us for more information.

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Jacquie Bell



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS - STANDING UP FOR YOU

HERE'S A HOUSE, HERE'S A DOOR...And Windows - one, two, three, four....



Some of you may recall the opening of Play School on TV. Simple wasn't it? Now, council tenants are being asked to choose whether to transfer ownership of their homes to a not for profit Housing Association which would see Tristar Homes working with Housing Hartlepool. BUT, in this vote there is little real choice as staying the same means no extra money for important things like **new houses, doors or windows.....**

Councillor Suzanne Fletcher has campaigned tirelessly for a change in rules over the last 15 years, speaking out nationally as well as locally. But Labour and Tories before them, did not listen.

Jacquie Bell, Parliamentary candidate for the Lib Dems says

“this ballot did not need to take place. If all the money that went from Stockton tenants to the Government had stayed here, we could have had new doors and windows years ago, as well as more houses being built.

The £177 MILLION over the last 20 years could, and should, have been spent on what YOU wanted.”

Do you think it is fair that under Tories then Labour Governments, money from Stockton tenants has gone elsewhere in past years? It's so simple and obvious really. Maybe Labour and Tories should be sent back to Play School?

POTHoles

Lots of complaints about these ! Lots of money needed to mend them too. Years of not having enough money for maintenance needed is showing now, and more money needs to be made available to them to resurface properly.

Surely that is FAIR for local people?

PATH AT LAST

A path behind Whitehouse Farm School has been asked for, for over 28 years. After many false promises and failed bids, money suddenly became available last month. After consulting with local residents work has now started, so we hope that a safe and useable path will make for pleasant and useful walks for going to school or leisure purposes.

SNIPPETS

There are delays in widening the junction from **Elm Tree Avenue to Darlington Back Lane** because more expensive works are now needed. In the meantime repairs are being done The street nameplate on **Leam Lane** has been reported by Julia ... Litter on Council estate has been reported to Care For Your Area ...NTL box at **Meldrum Square** has been reported for cleaning. Do you know who is the mystery oil thrower? Do let us know?? The long awaited new **bus shelter** should have been installed at **Lauder Close / Elm Tree Avenue.**



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Or visit us at our **ward surgeries** at **Elm Tree Community Centre**

Tuesday 13th April and 11th May

6.00 pm to 7.00pm

or Bishopsgarth School (with local Police)

Before **Bishopsgarth Association of**

Residents meeting at 6.30 p.m - all welcome.

Monday 10th May, 7th June ,6pm to 6.30pm



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