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Nick Clegg says...

At the election, the people chose to give no party an overall majority. People wanted politicians to put aside their differences and work together to sort out the nation's problems.

Labour refused to talk seriously about working with the Lib Dems - they preferred to let the Conservatives run things.

The deal the Lib Dems have struck (see details over) will deliver real change for Britain.

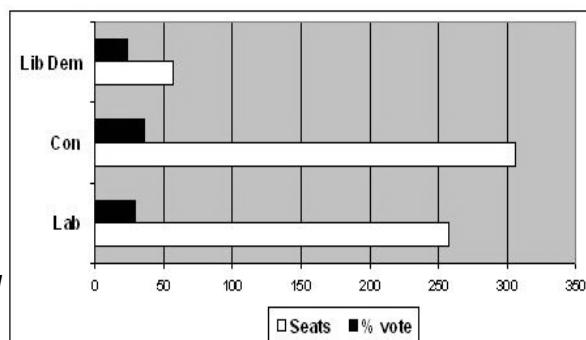
Britain needs change - the Lib Dems will deliver this.

THANK YOU

Jacque Bell would like to thank all who voted Liberal Democrat on May 6th.

"We had more votes than in 2005 in a wider field of candidates and in the midst of a tactical voting battle between Labour and the Conservatives. It is interesting that more voters backed parties other than the winner, a sure sign of the need for a fairer voting system.

Liberal Democrats have long campaigned for Fair Votes. This year the Conservatives have 306 seats from 36% of the vote whereas the Liberal Democrats have 57 seats from 23% of the vote. Any primary school child will tell you that's not fair - your vote should count wherever you live".



SURE START

Julia and Suzanne are doing everything they can to secure the future of the much needed SureStart Centre at Elm Tree Community Centre, and have already met with the new MP for the area, James Wharton to make sure he is aware of the excellent services and facilities available there. Also they wrote to Sarah Teather MP, Liberal Democrat Minister for State specialising in children, about how important this service is.



KEEP IN TOUCH

Issues are changing daily with the new coalition government, if you want to be kept in touch on how decisions affect local services or just on local issues such as roadworks, crime updates, or events, you can sign up to our "e" focus, sent out when there is news. It is sent blind copy so others do not see your address. Just drop one of us an e-mail.

SCHOOL PARKING

Julia continues to have discussions with Senior Officers and school staff to try to resolve the parking issues around Whitehouse School. We thank everyone who does park responsibly around the residential area and remind parents that parking is available at Sainsbury's, rear of Elm Tree Community Centre and Elm Tree Public House. There are no easy answers to this but the safety of the children has to be our main concern.



NICK CLEGG's LIB DEMS - DELIVERING REAL CHANGE

REAL CHANGE WITH THE LIB DEMS

In the Election Liberal Democrats promised

- No tax on the first £10,000 you earn
- Action to get the economy moving
- More money for schools
- Action on Climate Change
- The right to sack corrupt Mps
- Restore the pensions earnings link
- Protect NHS Frontline services

In Government over 5 years the Lib Dems will deliver ...

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A BUMPY RIDE AND CUTTING BACK

No not an article about politics! Julia and Suzanne are pressing hard for a new surface to the bumpy and rough **Darlington Back Lane**. They are also asking for potholes coming to their attention to be filled, and have dealt with them including those on **Dale Close, Barlborough Avenue** and parts of the Council estate, paying special attention to those that are a danger to cyclists.

As the spring weather continues please watch out for trees and shrubs in your garden making it difficult for people walking past on the pavement.

SNIPPETS

Julia and Suzanne have been working on gettingThe grass verge on Elm Tree Avenue by **Medina Close** repaired...bus shelter graffiti on **Bishopton Road West** and **Darlington Back Lane** cleaned up....the seats put into the **Lowick Close** bus shelter The **Leam Lane** street nameplate repaired Weeds coming through the new cycleway surface being dealt with A solution to large vehicles turning left from **Elm Tree Avenue** onto **Darlington Back Lane** ... They have worked with the Enforcement Team to take action against the footballers who **park on the grass verges** and block sight lines at Elm Tree Avenue / Darlington Back LaneSome of our Environmental Budget has been spent on helping young people volunteering to clean up the area around **Hardwick Dene** and the **Cycleway** also on another dog bin on **Darlington Lane** at The Dene entrance



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WALK IN THE PARK



Why not take advantage of a guided walk in Newham Grange Park before the AGM of the **Friends of Newham Grange Park** on **Wednesday June 9th** ?

The walk begins at 6.30 p.m. at the gates opposite the cemetery, followed by the AGM at 7.30 p.m. at the Mile House Pub. All are welcome to either or both.

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

Tuesday 15th June and 13th July

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 7th June , 5th July 6pm to 6.30pm

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