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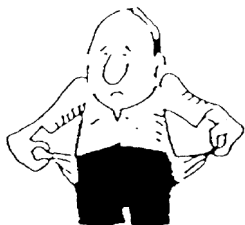


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**LABOUR'S LEGACY:
Gordon Brown leaves
staggering £24,400 debt
for every man, woman
and child in Britain**

Everyone in Britain will be paying the price for Labour's waste for years to come.

Labour's legacy is the second worst public debt in all of Europe - that's £22,400 for every one of us.



Labour spent money they simply did not have and promised things they could not deliver. Now the

Government has been forced to make cuts to pay Labour's debts.

Labour are happy to criticise. But they caused the mess by spending money they did not have. Don't let them blame others for the cuts - we all know it's their fault!

TREE SURVEY

A tree survey of the Elm Tree estates was done by some residents in 1984 (as in Focus 32) and again in 1989 (as in Focus 72). The survey was of new trees planted by developers, and showed a shocking drop in numbers from 230 to 158. Suzanne followed up the survey recently and found that none of the damaged or dead trees had been replaced, and numbers had dropped to 124. She has presented the results to the Council and is hoping to get some replanting done.

If anyone would like to get involved in any way in some tree planting then please do get in in touch



Lib Dems aim to deliver real change

This year's General Election left no party with an overall majority.

Labour refused to work with the Lib Dems.

The choice was either an unstable minority Conservative Government - or a coalition Government. Labour chose to go into opposition and let the Tories run things. The Lib Dems put Britain first and agreed to work with others.

As a part of the new Government, the Lib Dems will fight to deliver as many of the policies they campaigned for during the election as possible.

The emergency budget at a glance

- Action to put nation's finances back in order - after years of Labour waste and incompetence
- Nearly 1 million low income earners taken out of tax
- £2 Billion extra child tax credit to tackle poverty
- Help for pensioners - earnings link restored
- Top earners to pay 10% more in Capital Gains Tax
- A new tax on banks

Police Contact Details:

Sgt. Colin Whitfield has finally taken long deserved retirement and we wish him well for the future.

Our new Police Sergeant is Andrea Breeze and we look forward to working with her in the future. As ever, your local police, PC Ian Brown, PCSOs Liz Stephenson and Tracy Widdowfield, or Sgt Breeze can be contacted via: 302930



Liberal Democrats - The Team You Can Trust

Labour's computer blunders cost

The Independent 19th January

REVEALED:

How Labour left Britain:

Labour's £1.3 TRILLION last spending spree revealed

Daily Mail 11th June

NEW PLAY AREA:

Consultation on the new Bishopsgarth Play Park has gone ahead and results are being evaluated. **BUT** The Government has written to the Council saying promised money will not be given if contracts have not been let.

Julia says "We are angry to find that because Labour promised money they did not have, they are letting down our community who have worked hard on this project and looked forward to a much needed play area in Bishopsgarth"

Although there is some money secured from the Lottery, the news means that there is not enough money available for the groundwork needed and equipment planned.

A plea has been sent to Michael Gove to reconsider, but along with the Residents Association we are looking at other ways of raising money for some of the play equipment. Ideas and offers of help welcome!



One [Labour] quango, blew £12,000 on its own branded golf balls

The Sun 25th May

SNIPPETS:

Beck at rear of **Walsham Close** reported for clearance but needs to wait till wildlife nesting season over....also asked for long grass at rear of properties to be strimmed.... Potholes in pavement on

Barlborough Avenue reported for repair....weeds growing through pavement on **Chatsworth Court** reported for clearance.....Julia continues to deal with issues around parking in vicinity of

Whitehouse Primary School and has asked that the bin wagons will be re-timed so not arriving in this area at 3.15pm. **Darlington Lane and Back Lane** road surface continues to cause problems, and we continue to press for it to be resurfaced as soon as the money can be found to do it.

Bus problems on Elm Tree Avenue

There were a lot of problems for people waiting for and getting off buses whilst the roadworks were being done on Elm Tree Avenue. We have asked the Council to make sure that there is a lot better liaison with bus companies **before** roadworks around bus stops take place in the future.



Vodafone Mast on Darlington Lane

We have been told that the new mast will look exactly the same and have no stronger output, but are continuing to ask questions on issues like why it has to be moved and why it is not going to committee.

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

Tuesday 10th August and 14th Sept

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 6th September 6pm to 6.30pm

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