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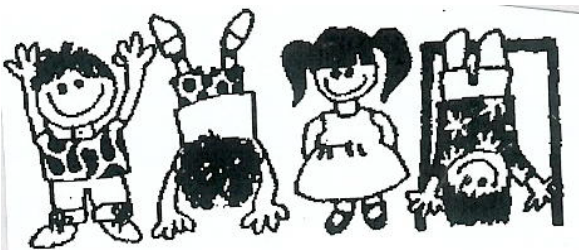
LATEST NEWS ON THE WARD COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION BUDGET (CPB)

After consultation with local residents a long awaited dog bin is going on the **Alford Lane** path, and also one on the cycleway near to **Hickling Grove**

We are now working with the Council to identify suitable places for trees at the rear of Alford Lane and between **Welland Crescent** and **Lowick Close**. Also near to **Bothal Walk** and **Mitford Crescent**. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved with the planting. A new street light on **Linton Close** is going to lighten a dark corner.

Although there are problems with the funding of the original proposal for the play area at the **Bishopsgarth Play Park**, Julia and Suzanne are contributing £18,000 from their CPB to make sure that there will

be a selection of play equipment there. The final round of applications to the lottery are now waiting for approval. If successful, work on the play park could start next year.



LOCAL LIB DEMS SPEAK OUT ON HOUSING AND HOUSING BENEFIT

Lib Dems in the North East have spoken up for many people and families across the region, who could be hit badly by changes to Housing Benefit which will affect thousands across our region. They also spoke up for the need for more Social Rented housing.

Speaking at the Lib Dem Conference in Liverpool, Suzanne Fletcher spoke out against cuts, winning a motion calling for a rethink. It means that Liberal Democrats in Parliament will now press Conservative ministers to agree.



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Britain's unfair and outdated voting system is at the heart of what's wrong in our country.

It has allowed Governments and MPs to ignore us and take us for granted.

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Under the fairer *Alternative Vote* system all votes will count making sure your voice can't be ignored any more.

A YES vote on 5th May will put power back in your hands - where it belongs.

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VERGE PARKING:

After lots of complaints about parking on the grass verge at **Darlington Back Lane** and at the junction of **Elm Tree Avenue** we have arranged for the footballers to park elsewhere. This might take a few weeks to fully take effect but let us know if there are still problems. Parking on verges and pavements can cause obstructions but also damage that can be costly to repair. The Council have launched a "Think B4U Park" campaign. You can download the leaflet at www.stockton.gov.uk/pavepark or request a paper copy by phone on 526709.



Travel to school

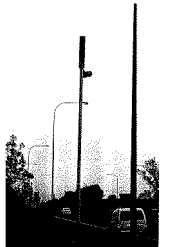
As the children have returned to school and the bad weather is approaching, can we just remind you once again to please park responsibly in the residential areas? Do take note of parking rules and don't block residents' access to their own drives.

For older children walking to and from school (**well done!**) do please take extra care when listening to Ipods or chatting on phones – you may not hear the car approaching you as you walk out into the road.



Phone mast consultation *again!*

Some residents are being consulted again about the new mobile phone mast to replace the existing one on Darlington Lane. The reason is that the agents put the wrong location down on the planning application. Julia and Suzanne did tell the agents they had it wrong as soon as the first application arrived – they obviously did not listen, and now YOU are having to pay the bill for sending more letters out! Julia and Suzanne do not think this is good enough!



Bishopsgarth Association of Residents AGM

will take place at 6.00 pm on Monday 18th October at Bishopsgarth School. Do come along to find out what's happening and how you can get involved.

Help for local pensioners

The Lib Dems in Government are to restore the pensions' earnings link.

This means that someone retiring next year will gain £15,000 over their retirement. The earnings link was broken by the Conservatives in the 1980's and Labour failed to restore it in thirteen years.

The Lib Dems have brought it back along with a triple lock guarantee to keep pensions rising, so no more insulting 75p rises!!!



SNIPPETS:

Street nameplates have been asked for on **Norwich Avenue**, **Malton Drive**, **Welland Crescent**, and **St Marks Close** White lines to make clear who has right of way on **Bakery Drive** and **Daylight Road** have been asked for and put down Trees overhanging the path near **Fairfield Club** have been cut back and the gullies under them cleaned weeds on Council estate not yet killed have been reported again We are still chasing up getting **Darlington Back Lane** and **Lane**

resurfaced.



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Or visit us at our **ward surgeries** at **Elm Tree Community Centre:**
Tuesday 12th October, 9th November and 14th December 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Or Bishopsgarth School (with local Police)
Before Bishopsgarth Association of Residents meeting at 6.30 p.m - all welcome.
Monday 1st November and 6th December 6pm 6.30pm

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