

Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree

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DARLINGTON LANE AND THOSE POTHOLES

After many complaints **Darlington Lane** is finally going to have some re-surfacing. Work should be done in early / mid February, depending upon the weather. We're still waiting for full details of when and where but the worst affected areas will be priority. If you know of any other potholes that need repair then let us know or you can report it yourself on:

<http://tinyurl.com/68ymmen> (also to report damaged pavements, street signs etc.)



Julia on Darlington Lane

BRRRRRR.

No doubt those in homes that were owned by the Council and managed by Tristar are wishing they



Flaking Paint on Window Frame

had the much needed "doors and windows" to help keep them warm. We have now been told that Elm Tree will get them in 2012 - 2013 with other works taking place in the

following two years.

As FOCUS readers will know, Suzanne has campaigned tirelessly for a change in the rules where part of Stockton Council tenant's rent money has gone back to Government. **The £177 MILLION** from Stockton tenants over 20 years would have paid for everyone to have the warmth kept in, and the cold shut out by now.

CYCLEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

In Focus 211 we reported proposed changes to access to the Cycleway to make it easier for mobility scooter and wheelchair users to use the route. We've had no objections so now had costings for the work needed and hope that it will be completed before the end of March.

Even more funding has been secured by Bishopsgarth Association of Residents towards this project. Work is due to start in April. If you want to see the plans for this exciting development please contact Julia or Suzanne or see Stockton Lib Dems at <http://tinyurl.com/6aau888>

BISHOPSGARTH PLAY AREA

DOG BIN - DARLINGTON BACK LANE

Following requests from local residents we have funded another dog bin from our ward budget, on **Darlington Back Lane** near **Norwich Avenue**.



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A Yes vote in the Fairer Votes Referendum next May will change that.

A Yes vote will mean that every MP will have to win more than half of the votes in their area to keep their job.

Julia says "With Fairer Votes every MP will have to work hard to earn our support or they'll lose their seat next election".

We have some useful booklets explaining the system if you want a copy. To add your support, visit

www.YesToFairerVotes.org.uk **Yes!**

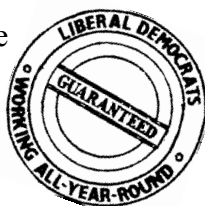
SNIPPETS

♦ Faulty street light at front of **Elm Tree Community Centre** has been replaced. The one on **Buttercup Close** has been reported.

♦ Potholes at **Felton Lane & Melton Road** reported, along with those on **Barlborough Ave/Chatsworth Court**

♦ Mud on **Bishopston Road West** opposite **Barlborough Avenue** have been taken up with the contractors.

♦ We have asked for a Puffin crossing to replace the Zebra on **Elm Tree Avenue** when the school crossing patrol is removed.



POSTAL VOTES

You need to be registered to vote by 5.00 pm on Thursday 14th 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 Thursday 14th April.

The date for (non urgent) Proxy votes is Tuesday 21st April.

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

You can also contact us for more information.

ICY TIMES, WARM THANKS

A lot of people have told us how much they appreciate that despite the atrocious weather and what was happening elsewhere, their bins and recycling were collected on time. Also the winter maintenance issues appear to have been a lot better this year. The Gritting crews worked 7 days (and nights) a week all through the snow. Thank you!

If you think of any (possible!) improvements please do tell us.



084 NUMBERS PROGRESS

As reported in Focus 203 Julia had asked Tristar Homes to re-consider their use of the expensive 084 "Golden Number" for telephoning to report repairs. They promised to review the situation.

Julia is asking for the 084 number to be replaced with a number that is cheaper for all to call, from either land lines or mobiles. In the meantime, cheaper options for contacting Tristar include e-mailing: customerservices@tristarhomes.co.uk or text on **60070** - begin your message with the word Tristar.



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

Tuesday 15th Feb, 15th March 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Or Bishopsgarth School (with local Police)

Before **Bishopsgarth Association of Residents** meeting at 6.30 p.m - all welcome.

Monday 7th Feb and 7th March 6pm - 6.30pm

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