

Election special

Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree

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Elliot Kennedy has a great track record of working with and for local people.

For over 26 years he has been a key figure in local hospital radio at North Tees Hospital.

He was very involved in City Challenge where he chaired the Ragworth Regeneration Board. Elliot's been active in the local Scout movement. Elliot says "I know how well respected Suzanne Fletcher is by local residents and am privileged to have been selected to stand for election in her place. She will be a hard act to follow but I'm confident that, working with Julia, we can continue the good work".



Julia Cherrett was first elected as a councillor 6 years ago, following boundary changes. She says "I have really enjoyed the past 6 years, helping to make people's lives that bit better. Of course I will miss Suzanne who has taught me so much but it is time for her to move on and enjoy her well deserved retirement. I've known Elliot for over 25 years, when we worked together in youth work, and I know that we will work well together and continue the good work on behalf of all residents".

Suzanne says, "I know I am leaving people locally with good councillors - but only if you vote for Julia and Elliot."

Back the Team with a Record of Local Action

Julia M Cherrett  

Elliot Kennedy  

REMEMBER

In the local elections on May 5th you have TWO votes Use them both to vote for your local team.

WORKING WITH YOU, WITH OTHERS, FOR YOU.

Julia and Suzanne have not just been a team working together for you, they have worked with other people and organisations to be able to make the most progress and get the best results for you and our community.

Over the last 6 years they have worked amongst others with **Bishopsgarth Association of Residents, the local Police officers, Friends of Newham Grange Park, Elm Tree Community Centre and Sure Start, Hardwick Dene, local Schools, businesses and Tristar Homes.**



This has involved investing a lot of time and effort in going to meetings, setting meetings up, working on committees or behind the scenes, discussing, communicating and listening.

It is all about working as a team and making a difference in our local community.

Julia is looking forward to continuing this vital work with **Elliot Kennedy** but needs your vote on May 5th to be able to do so.

**WORKING WITH YOU, WORKING FOR YOU!
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A Record of Action



KEPT YOU INFORMED by Focus, street letters, survey feedbacks and e-mail lists on: Planning applications...crime issues...fire safety...cold weather payments...credit unions...Independent Living...community events...council & public body consultations and benefit changes that help people

Julia made sure a guard rail was in place to stop anyone falling into beck here. Also had dangerous wooden chicane removed at **Bothal Walk / Harrowgate Lane**



A Pelican crossing was needed at **Darlington Back Lane / Felton Lane** but not enough money available. Julia's idea was to share costs with another ward and was delighted to see the crossing in place

Worked hard to get best terms for transfer of housing stock to **Tristar** so that tenants will get badly needed new doors and windows.



Work done to stop vehicles driving over paved area at front of **Elm Tree shops** which is a hazard for pedestrians

Working with **Elm Tree Community Centre** on its future

Too many to list individually
Graffiti on NTL boxes reported and sometimes cleaned!!
Street signs renewed in many placesMore dog bins and litter bins ...Umpteen pavement repairs..... clearances of dumping and litterand bus shelter repairs

Lobbied for lights at **Bothal Walk / Harrowgate Lane** crossing to be re-instated

We pressed for **Marske Lane** and **Leam Lane** to be included in the primary gritting routes. Lib Dems on Stockton Council fought to save half of our **salt bins** from being removed

Arranged directional signs to **Rosedale Lodge**

Organised petition for Puffin crossing at **Elm Tree Avenue**

Arranged regular grass cutting at **Helmsley Grove**

INDIVIDUALS THAT MATTER

Many individual people have been helped on matters personal to them.

Taken up complaints about reliability of number 59 **bus service**. Also, buses now better at pulling up parallel to kerb.



Julia and Elliot discussing bus problems with residents at local bus stop.

Vodafone cabinets cleared of graffiti after action by Elliot



Problems caused by footballers parking on grass verge at **Darlington Back Lane** solved by arranging alternative parking for them.

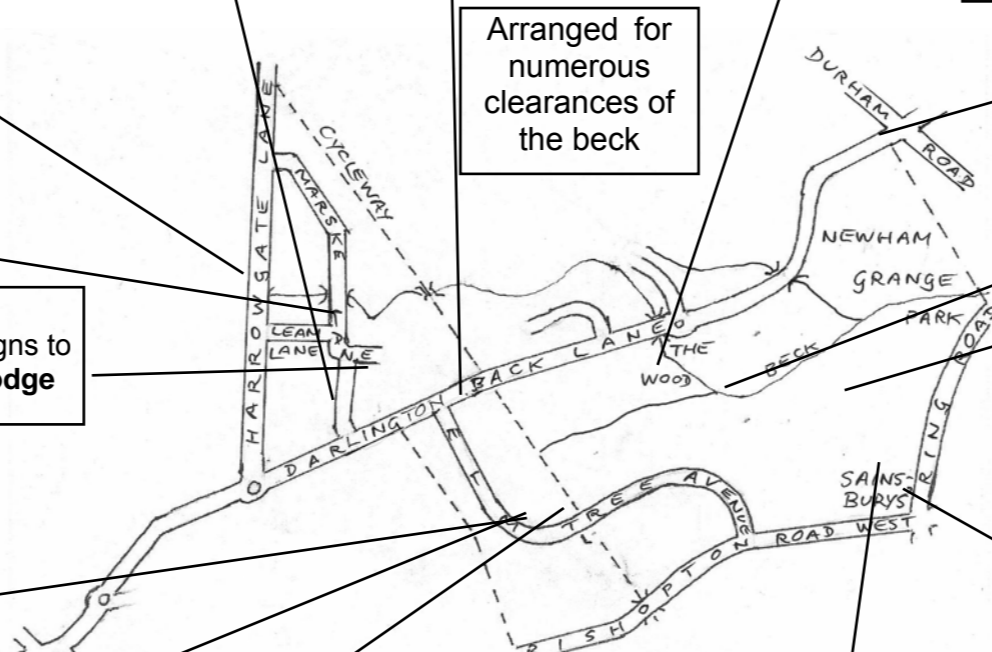
Met with Police and Traffic Engineers at **Mile House junction** to see how to improve safety. Some improvements made but still complaints so Julia asking for a public meeting so people can speak directly to those who can address the issues.



Worked with the school to step up action asking parents to park more considerately and with all concerned to try to reduce problems caused by parking.

Worked with Friends of Whitehouse Primary School to get path behind **Alford Lane** re-surfaced and lit

Ward wide consultation to get views on green waste collections to be able to present to the council



Arranged for numerous clearances of the beck

Reported numerous potholes in **Barlborough Avenue** area and asked for complete resurfacing

ROAD SAFETY

Asked for more action on speeding on **Harrowgate Lane, Darlington Lane & Back Lane, Elm Tree Avenue** and **Bishopton Road West**. Are working with council & police to reduce speed on **Elm Tree Avenue**. Arranged "Speed Indicator Devices" to warn of speed & have asked for them on **Bishopton Rd West** too. Got white lines to stop parking on pedestrian crossings & bus stops

LOCAL SPENDING :

Having a ward budget to spend on small environmental works was a Lib Dem idea. Although less than £14,000 per year we have done lots of consultation and spent it wisely. As well as the crossing on **Darlington Back Lane** we have funded works at **Newham Grange Park**, new street lighting at **Linton Close** and on footpath from **The Wynde to Darlington Back Lane**. Lots of extra items for the new **Bishopsgarth Park** about to be done soon; lots of new dog bins and litter bins provided; spring bulbs from one end of ward to another, shrubs and trees planted at various sites and a grant given for young people to make improvements around the beck and cycleway



Working with various agencies re problems of young people gathering in **Sainsbury's car park**
Funded new litter bin at **Tollerton Close**.

Suzanne speaking out at a conference, on protecting the vulnerable and need for more housing.



A promise of more

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ON THE COUNCIL

Working with others in the Liberal Democrat Group we have been a positive challenge to the ruling Labour/Tory coalition Cabinet. We have also played a full part in scrutiny of issues, with Julia acting as chair of the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee. We consulted you on items we were looking at in detail including Neighbourhood Policing, CCTV, Neighbourhood Watch, Pavement Parking, Dog Fouling and the Audiology Service.

At a recent council meeting Liberal Democrats proposed that the "Special Responsibility Allowances" paid to Chairs and Vice Chairs of committees should be reviewed in light of the number of staff being made redundant. Labour, Conservative and Independent councillors voted against this motion. We believe that if we are asking our staff to take the cuts, then we should also be willing to share the effects. Not so the other parties.

A Liberal Democrat Council will be:

- FAIR:** making decisions without prejudice or favour, on the basis of genuine need.
- HONEST:** making decisions with respect for the people of the Borough – all of its communities and people
- OPEN:** making decisions only after genuine and full consultation with those affected
- GREEN:** making decisions which recognise our commitment to the environment and do our bit to reduce global warming

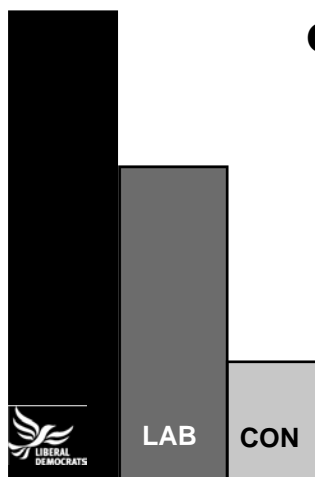
**CODE OF CONDUCT
on POSTAL VOTING**

For those of you with a postal vote—do send it back to the Council (where it will be kept in a secure room till counted) in time for May 5th. Or you can take the sealed envelope to any polling station on May 5th. Lib Dems will abide by the Electoral Commission's code and so (amongst other things) they will not touch ballot papers.

The Conservatives cannot win here.

**Only Liberal Democrats can
beat Labour**

Use both your votes for the team you can trust to get things done.



**WHEN WE WIN
YOU WIN**

Julia M Cherrett		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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THE TEAM THAT GETS THINGS DONE