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Egglescliffe Ward FOCUS

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EAGLESCLIFFE POST OFFICE

Post Office Ltd propose to close Egglescliffe Sub Post Office in **Station Road**. We know that the existing premises are too big for today's needs, now that sorting is no longer carried out there, but we say not enough has been done to find an alternative. A Post Office counter in another shop or business or community centre is common elsewhere, so why not here? Lib Dems in Parliament campaigned to keep small Post Offices viable. John and Maureen have already written to object to the removal of this vital part of our community. If you want to keep a post office in this part of Egglescliffe write to Mr David Mellows-Facer, Head of Area, Post Office Ltd, c/o National Consultation Team, PO Box 2060, WD18 8ZW.



Fiona Hall is head of the Liberal Democrat North East team for the European Elections this June. She says:



"Only the Liberal Democrats are committed to fighting for a Fair Deal for this region. Labour have completely lost touch.

"Liberal Democrats want this region to have a lot more funding and jobs - and a lot less crime and pollution."

You decide

From 27th May, voters in the North East will be receiving their postal ballot papers for elections to the European Parliament.

This region has only three European seats this time, so the fight here is between the three main parties.

Your vote counts! In the last European Elections, the Liberal Democrats were just 2000 votes short of winning a seat in this region.

Please use your vote to make sure that this time we elect an MEP who will stick up for our area.

"The Liberal Democrats are the only UK political party predicted to actually increase their number of MEPs." *Guardian 13.04.04*

Dog Fouling - Please remember that if your dog 'poops' you are obliged to 'scoop'. This is even more important now that longer and warmer days mean that children are playing more often on the green areas of the ward. John has passed on complaints about the kickabout area at **Abbeyfield Drive**.

School Parking

Maureen has had complaints about dangerously inconsiderate parking by a minority of parents taking children to **The Links School**. The police have been informed and are making occasional visits. Please think about other road and pavement users before leaving your car parked in the street.



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Fighting crime

The Lib Dems are fighting crime at home and abroad. It was the Lib Dem Leader Graham Watson MEP, who piloted the **European Arrest Warrant** through the European Parliament. The UK can now seize criminals who are sheltering in another EU state. It will be much easier to catch terrorists and drug traffickers. Yet the Tories voted against the European Arrest Warrant. How daft is that?

Here in the North East, **Fiona Hall** is calling for more police on the beat to deter local criminals and more action against graffiti and vandalism.



Referendum? Yes!

Lib Dems are pleased that the Government has at last agreed to hold a referendum on the Constitution for Europe. The Lib Dems have **always** argued for referendums on European issues. The Tories refused to hold a referendum on the Maastricht Treaty.

Lib Dems believe decisions should be made as locally as possible. We support the Constitution because it makes clear what should be decided at a European level and what should be decided within the UK.

WE LISTEN

John and Maureen will hold ward surgeries:
18 May Eggescliffe Community Cen. Durham Lane, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.
15 June Eggescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane, 6.00 to 7.00 p.m.
2 July Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
20 July Eggescliffe Community Cen. Durham Lane, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m
Surgeries at Trinity Methodist Church are held jointly with **Cllr Mike Cherrett**, Preston Ward Councillor. If you can't come then please write ring or e-mail:
Cllr John Fletcher, 3, Hoylake Way, Tel 786456, fax 657138, e-mail: sfletcher@cix.co.uk
Cllr Maureen Rigg, 4 Monmouth Drive, Tel/fax 782009, e-mail : maureen.rigg@ntlworld.com

PLANNING

Stockton planners have approved:

- One extra house behind *Gayfields*, **Aislaby Road**
 - Police public order tactical training facility at **Urlay Nook** (*Focus 121*)
 - 39 houses at *Hunter's Green* east of the pylons.
- and ordered the wall/fence of *Burlington House* on **Station Rd/Yarm Rd** to be reduced to 1 metre high.

No news as we go to press on the major applications pending.

SNIPPETS

Following reminders from Maureen to Stockton Council, the seat at the corner of Yarm Road & Muirfield Road has been replaced...potholes in Carnoustie Drive & Muirfield Road have been filled
In the current financial year, Stockton Council will resurface the carriageways of **Butterfield Drive** (from N end to Birchfield Drive) & **Butts Lane** (from Yarm Road to Cemetery – also relay flags) & renew footpaths of **Monmouth Drive** & a small part of **Carnoustie Drive**.

SKIPS

The next skips will be :**4th June**,
Eggescliffe Village Green
8th July, next to shops, Durham Lane
SITA recycling centre (for household items, cardboard, garden waste and chemicals) tel 202300