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Eaglescliffe Ward
Focus
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ALL CHANGE!

This is our 125th issue for **Egglecliffe** Ward and our 101st for **Preston, Aislaby & Newsham**. Why have we combined leaflets? Next May new ward boundaries come into effect at a Stockton Council election; the new Eaglescliffe Ward will cover the combined area. At present Councillors **Maureen Rigg & John Fletcher** represent Egglecliffe Ward and **Mike Cherrett**, Preston Ward – all Liberal Democrats. From May you will have 3 councillors all serving the whole of the new ward – so, a combined leaflet for the new area. In the meantime, our councillors will continue to serve you and we shall keep you informed.

Stockton Council is also progressing boundary changes to **Preston-on-Tees Civil Parish**, which will gain **Preston Park & Preston Lane**. The parish boundary currently cuts in half **Preston Cemetery & a house in Railway Terrace!** They will go wholly into Preston & Egglecliffe Parishes respectively.

PLANNING

Stockton Council's Planning Committee turned down proposals to demolish *The Rookery* and *Sunnymount* and build houses & flats, following speeches from our councillors.

Stockton planning officers refused conversion of *Hughenden*, 1 Station Road, to 3 flats & a block of 3 more in the garden.

New applications have come in:

- ◆ To demolish *Mercury Garage (Parklands)* **Yarm Rd** and build 24 flats
 - ◆ To renovate the Old Hall and build a variety of houses round the outer edge of Egglecliffe Village.
 - ◆ For 24 flats & 51 houses on *Low Crook Farm, Durham Lane* (next to Allen's West Station)
 - ◆ For an extra house behind 670 **Yarm Rd** with access onto **Yarm Rd** - there is an appeal against refusal of one with access from **West View Terrace**.
 - ◆ Changes to the shop front signs to *Bells Stores*, and installation of air conditioning units on 2-6 **Durham Lane** (Former *Spar* shop)
- More details on these from Maureen or John - they & Mike Cherrett always welcome your views.

A66 LONGNEWTON INTERCHANGE

Mike was furious to hear that the long awaited grade-separated junction was being delayed, possibly for 3 years. He has written to Alistair Darling, the Transport Minister, demanding that he think again. Mike wrote "*If you do not know the history of this site and the carnage that has been caused over the years, I suggest you get your department to do a little research, and then you may put Long Newton a little higher on your list of priorities.*" Mike has also asked Fiona Hall, NE Lib Dem MEP, to add her voice to the protest.



Season's Greetings from Mike, John & Maureen to all our readers.

Thank-you to all our deliverers, without whom more than 4700 homes would not receive Focus.

WESTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The local section of Stockton's Strategic Partnership includes representatives of voluntary organisations, the Health Service, SureStart and Parish Councils. It meets 6 times a year, will be consulted on future plans for Stockton and needs business & commercial representatives now. Anyone interested please contact Maureen.

EXPRESS TRAINS AGAIN?

A company is applying for permission to run 4 trains a day between Sunderland, Hartlepool, **Eaglescliffe**, Northallerton, Thirsk, York & London. Mike, John & Maureen would like your views on this.

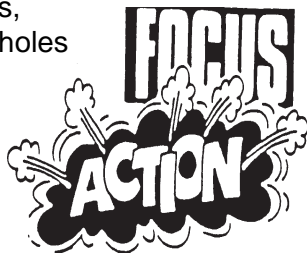


THAT ALLEYWAY!

There is a proposal to restrict vehicular access to the alleyway at the rear of 10-28 **Elmwood Road**, 508-518 **Yarm Road** and 3-17a **Chestnut Road to Laurel Road (N) and Chestnut Road**. Stockton Council's engineers' preferred scheme is to install a bollard at the **Laurel Road (S)** entrance to the alleyway. Of the 56% of the residents of the affected properties who responded when asked, 29% were against the proposal. Please let Mike know of your reasons, if any, for opposing the scheme so that he may judge the merits of the case when responding to the engineers.

SNIPPETS

A 600 metre section of the road from **Egglecliffe to Middleton St George** (via **Aislaby**) is shortly to be improved near **West Moor**.....Our Liberal Democrat councillors, Maureen, Mike & John, have dealt with numerous local problems, including the regular potholes down the middle of **Seymour Grove** & the overflowing sewer on the riverside **Teesdale Way** on the **Tannery** site (Northumbrian Water's responsibility).... Stockton Council will not provide a 'bus shelter on **Durham Lane** opposite the **Industrial Park** yet, but have put the site on the waiting list.... The NHS have finance for major improvements to **Egglecliffe Health Centre**, but no details yet.... The post box on the corner of **Seymour Grove & Urray Nook Road** was missing for a while after firework damage – Royal Mail want to put a bigger one there.



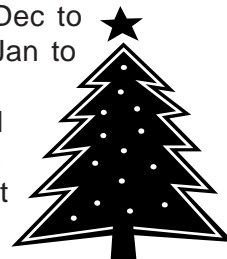
DELIVERERS NEEDED!

More than 50 people deliver Focus round Egglecliffe, but some have had to give up recently. We need people in all parts of Egglecliffe & Preston, so please think hard about whether you can give up 20 or 30 minutes 8 times a year to deliver one or two streets and ring if you can.

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Collections due from Tuesday 28th Dec to Thurs 30th Dec and from Tues 4th Jan to Friday 7th will be one day late.

Collections due on Friday 31st Dec will be done on Tues 4th Jan (4 days late). Real Christmas trees should be put out where the bin would normally go on Monday 10th January and they will be collected for chipping & recycling in parks.



PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE CHOSEN

Stockton South Lib Dems (which includes this ward) have chosen Mike Barker as their candidate for the next parliamentary election. Mike is a local business man with strong Egglecliffe connections. He will be calling on lots of people over the next few months, listening to residents and supporting John, Mike & Maureen in their work.

SKIPS

The next skips will be:

Friday 17th Dec, Egglecliffe Village Green

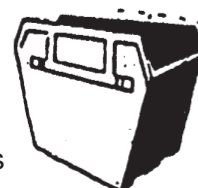
Thursday 30th Dec, Durham Lane Shops

Wednesday 19th Jan, Oak Road

Tuesday 1st Feb, Leven Close hammerhead

Wednesday 2nd March, Muirfield Rd, opp Health Centre

Wednesday 23rd March, Cedar Crescent



CONTACT US - WE LISTEN!

Maureen, Mike and John would like to hear from you **if you can help deliver Focus in a couple of streets near you**, or if you have any comments on anything in the ward.

We are at: Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Tuesday 21st December from 6 - 7 pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue, Friday 7th January from 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Tuesday 18th Jan from 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue, Friday 4th Feb from 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Tuesday 15th February, from 6 - 7pm

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