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Election Special

Eaglescliffe Ward
Focus
No 128

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Cllr Maureen Rigg 782009

THE TEAM THAT GETS THINGS DONE



Mike Cherrett has lived in Eaglescliffe for over 30 years and been the Councillor for Preston Ward for the past 6 years. Until retirement he was a research worker at ICI. During his time in Eaglescliffe Mike has been married, widowed and brought up 2 sons, both of whom were educated in local schools. Mike takes a special interest in the provision of good schools throughout the Borough and is a member of the Governing body of Preston Primary School. He is a keen swimmer and enjoys reading and listening to music of all kinds.



John Fletcher offers you his experience of representing Eggescliffe Ward for 18 years on Stockton Borough Council and 22 years on Eggescliffe Parish Council, taking up countless local issues. He has lived in Eaglescliffe for 26 years, is married with a married son (educated at Eggescliffe School) and two grandchildren. Aged 59, he intends to retire from his job in the public service before the next election. In addition to his council service he is involved in Eggescliffe Church, one of the local village halls and local sheltered housing.



Maureen Rigg was born in Stockton, has lived in Eaglescliffe for 26 years, became a Councillor for Eggescliffe Ward in 2003 and has been a member of Eggescliffe Parish Council for over 10 years. She is married with two married daughters both educated at Eggescliffe School. She has a long record of commitment to education and to young people, as well a determination to see local government as open and fair as possible. Maureen is involved in Girl Guiding and her local church.

Remember - on May 5th you have 3 votes to elect 3 Borough Councillors

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**Everyone knows someone who's been helped by t**

Mike, John and Maureen have worked with Stockton planners on possible ways to stop the worst effects of national planning policy on Eaglescliffe, especially relating to the replacement of old houses with flats. They have also raised the matter with Liberal Democrat MPs who have taken it up in Parliament.



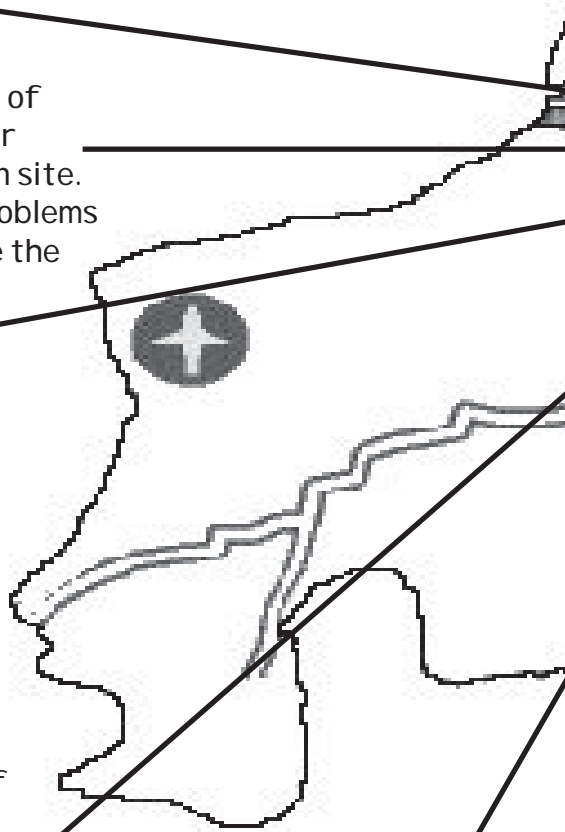
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After years of work on their insurance clause, Orchard leaseholders are telling John how much money they have saved because he told them about the change in the law.

Campaigned for years about the state of the Orchard shops and anti-social behaviour there.

Supported the rejection of unsuitable first plans for Orchard Service Station site. John keeps reporting problems with the footpath beside the site.

Took up complaints about the noise from motocross & had a mini-Focus delivered to tell people about the planning application



Mike, John and Maureen keep in touch all year, every year:

- ◆ Regular Focus delivered to your door since 1987
- ◆ Postal & e-mail addresses and phone & fax numbers on every Focus
- ◆ Regular ward sugeries
- ◆ Columns in local free magazines
- ◆ E-circulars to those who want them.

Mike, John & Maureen objected to the closure of Eaglescliffe Post Office



John worked with re  
the Aislaby Rd appli  
and has taken up the  
flooding on the road  
Maureen voted again  
development at plann

**The Liberal Democrat Team - Mike, John and Maureen**

Maureen campaigned with residents for the grade separated junction on Kingsmead at Long Newton which will benefit all the area.



Asked for the bus shelter at Burdale Close on Kingsmead



Mike, John & Maureen have campaigned for better rail services. John talked to Ed Davey MP, Lib Dem spokesman, about the problem



Tannery & Vinegar Brewery sites on the riverside (saved from developers in the late '80s) - reported rubbish tipping & overflowing sewage. Stopped the character of the riverside being changed by street lighting.



Mike has tried to make sure that Preston park is improved for the benefit of all the local residents. He, Maureen and John are pleased that the park is becoming part of the new ward.

Maureen has taken up the problem of abuse of disabled parking bays in various parts of the Borough on behalf of Eaglescliffe residents. She is trying to work with shops to reduce the abuse in privately owned parking areas for shopping parades.

Residents over the problem of parking for flats nearby. Mike & Maureen are on the planning committee

John, Maureen & Mike have reported numerous potholes, streetlights, street signs, bus shelters, litter bins and other problems all over the ward.



## PLANNING

Applications are pending for: a betting shop on Orchard parade, **Durham Lane**... an extra house behind 666 **Yarm Rd** ... Demolition of The Grange, **Urray Nook Rd** & replacement with flats accessed from Valley Gardens....

Extension of *Hughenden* (1 **Station Rd**) and building of 2 single storey dwellings... Demolition of *The Claireville Hotel* & replacement by flats ... Extension & conversion of 1 & 2 **Langdale Close** into 4 flats

The planning inspector refused plans for an extra dwelling at 9 **Heathfield Close**

Stockton planners have told Maureen & John that any repetition of the temporary funfair at *The Eagle*, **Durham Lane**, would need planning permission.

More details on any of these from John or Maureen.

## ROADS & PAVEMENTS

Maureen & John have frequently told Stockton Council about the state of the road in **Carnoustie Drive** - patching has now been completed.

Maureen told the Council that its attempts to stop the sub-way there from flooding have been unsuccessful. They now think that the problem is a broken storm water pipe near **Casper Court** and are finding out who is responsible.

Stockton engineers are looking at plans for a cycle route along **Burdale Close**, **Royal George Drive** & **Chaldron Way** to avoid a length of **Durham Lane**. The foot and cycle path connection thence to the entrance to the Industrial Park is held up by land purchase delays.

**SKIPS:** The next skip will be:

Tues 3rd May, Croft Road Garage site

## ELECTION NEWS

Remember -

You have **three** votes to elect **three borough councillors** to serve you for the next 2 years in our new Eaglescliffe Ward.

You vote at the same time and place as you vote in the General Election for one MP.

Vote **Liberal Democrat** to elect as our councillors in the new Eaglescliffe Ward the team who have served you so well in the old Preston & Egglecliffe Wards. They keep in touch all the year round - not just at election time.

Don't leave it to everyone else to vote for Mike, John & Maureen - everyone else might be leaving it to you!

Voting on May 5th will be different from last time!

If you don't already have a postal or proxy vote and need one (e.g. if you will be away from home or unable to get to the polling station) you need to apply by 5pm on 26th April. Mike, Maureen or John will help you apply if you contact them NOW.

Apart from Durham Lane School, all polling stations have changed:

- Preston School to the Meeting Room, All Saints' Church
- The Links School to a temporary station in Muirfield Road
- Egglecliffe CE Primary School to Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane
- Junction Farm School to Durham Lane Primary School, (nursery entrance) Amberley Way.

**Youth Update** The Youth Bus will be parked in the Station Car Park for the next few weeks at least on Monday evenings from 7-8.30p.m. The young people who've called in so far have come up with a list of ideas for activities as well as things they think we need in the area. Starting on Monday April 18th some of those activities will happen each week. Any young person is welcome to go along, stay all evening or just call in for a chat and a soft drink. There's a charge of 20p which covers the drink and use of all the equipment. Meanwhile your councillors will keep working with the Youth Service to try to get something more permanent that can be open for longer hours.

## 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 19th April, from 6 - 7pm

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