



Thank You!

John, Alan and Maureen thank everyone who voted for them in the Borough Council Election on May 3rd. The result was a resounding vote of confidence in the Liberal Democrats to work with you for the benefit not just of Eaglescliffe but of the whole of Stockton.

Thank you to everyone who supported us. The number of eligible people voting this year was just over 1 in 3, but we will represent you all, regardless of whether you voted or for whom. The Eaglescliffe Focus team will continue their work in the ward, and will keep local people informed all through the year.

Now that the election is over we can get on with the real work - helping local people with local problems. If we can be of any help do not hesitate to contact us on the phone numbers or e-mail addresses or postal addresses on this leaflet.

Best wishes

John Fletcher *Alan Lewis* *Maureen Rigg*

Labour Lose Election - Tories Give Them Power Vote Blue - Go Red. Is this the new Tory slogan?



Alan, Maureen & John will continue to represent Eaglescliffe

Stockton's Conservative leadership hit a new low point this month. Labour lost 5 seats in the election on May 3rd. Liberal Democrats increased their majorities over Labour in Eaglescliffe and Bishopgarth & Elm Tree and took back a seat from an Independent in Billingham North. Southern Stockton became a Labour-Free Zone but the Conservatives decided that Stockton couldn't possibly function without Labour in power! They offered the option of a "Rainbow Coalition" of all parties, but the Labour Leader had already written to Maureen saying: "*i have absolutely no interest in what a handful of liberal democrats have decided, or who you will or will not work with.*" (Spelling and grammar all his own work!). The Conservative leader insisted that he would have a casting vote on decisions and he alone would decide who did each job in the Cabinet. He would not form a cabinet without Labour, claiming that Stockton's reputation would be ruined.

Liberal Democrats could not be part of such an arrangement. We believe that the people of Stockton voted for a change of leadership when they removed 5 Labour councillors and gave members of other parties huge majorities. We are very disappointed that the Conservatives showed such cowardice in the face of a wonderful opportunity. However, as always,

your Liberal Democrat councillors will continue to work with you and for you all the year round, and every year - not just at election time.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS?

At this time of year we get complaints about noisy dogs, children playing ball, loud music and much more. Please be considerate of your neighbours and remember they want to enjoy the warm weather too.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS - FAIR, HONEST, OPEN AND GREEN

Working With YOU, For YOU, All the Year Round

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Preston Primary School who are celebrating their centenary this year. 100 years of education in Preston will be marked by a week of varied activities both in the school and in the community. Parents, former pupils and members of the public are invited to visit the school and view the Centenary Exhibition of photographs and memorabilia of the school over the years. The celebrations will run from 18th June and culminate in the traditional Summer Fair on Saturday 23rd June. Further details can be obtained from the school office (tel 784735).



Improve Your Environment



As reported in Focus 139 a small budget has been allocated to the ward for improving the environment. We now need you to tell us what you would like it spending on. Suggestions so far are:

Better lighting for the footpath from Birchfield to Finchfield Close

Flowers on the verge near the bus stop at the Newsam Rd/Yarm Rd junction

Improving the path from Lune Rd to Aislaby Rd

Eligible schemes would include Verge repair, footpaths along desire lines, replacement of old bench seats, floral displays and more. **Ineligible** schemes would include salt bins, gritting, traffic calming, pedestrian crossings, cycleways, improvements to buildings.

Your councillors would like to build up a list of possible schemes so that the money can be spent for the greatest benefit in the ward. We cannot promise that any particular scheme will be included but all suggestions will be considered.

SKIPS The next community skips will be

Thursday 21st June DURHAM LANE, EAGLESCLIFFE - area next to Orchard Shops

Monday 25th June, CEDAR CRES, on grassed area.

Tuesday, 24th July, LEVEN CLOSE, hammerhead



WE KEEP IN TOUCH

Alan, John & Maureen will see anyone who calls on

Tuesday 19th June, 6-7 at Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane.

Friday 6th July, 6.30-7.30 at Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue

Tuesday 17 July, 6.30-7.30 at Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane



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ANYONE CAN JOIN - Help us to help YOU

Did you know that the Liberal Democrats get very little support from trades unions or big business? We rely on ordinary people like you.

If you want to help the local Liberal Democrats win in Stockton send this slip to John Fletcher, Alan Lewis & Maureen Rigg, Stockton Liberal Democrats, Freepost NEA765 (no stamp needed).

I can help the local Liberal Democrats by

Joining the Liberal Democrats. I enclose £10 £15 (please circle)

Delivering FOCUS in a street near me

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