

PRESTON PARK PLANS

Alan, John and Maureen were pleased to see that the draft plans include improved car parking and a visitor centre BUT they are disappointed that the thing most young people have asked for is ignored. There is improved play equipment but no skateboard or biking area. Your councillors have pushed for this to be changed and **you** have a chance to add your voice by:



- Completing the slip in the recently delivered *Stockton News*
- Complete the on-line form at <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/pressoffice/localnews/year2007/july/haveyoursayonprestonpark>
- Letting your councillors know by July 30th at the latest

SNIPPETS

- 24-hour waiting restrictions are proposed for **Beechwood Road / Witham Avenue** corner.
- Diversion of **Teesdale Way** between **Preston Park** and Queen Elizabeth Way is proposed, retaining the path from the Park to **Preston Lane**.
- **Witham House, Quarry Road**, has been transferred to Erimus Housing for demolition and rebuilding.

- Redevelopment of **Eaglescliffe Health Centre** on the same site has a provisional completion date of late 2008.
- Tees Valley Wildlife Trust plans a nature reserve near **Preston Farm**, just downstream from the Park.
- Investigation of the flooding of **Durham Lane** near Cowley Moor has shown the need to clear blocked surface-water drains.

SMALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Several people sent in suggestions (*Focus 140*) to your councillors. We have now completed the consultation on verge improvements in **Newsam Road**.

We will also spend some of the money on planting bulbs to brighten up grass verges in spring. Suggestions on lighting of footpaths will be looked at later in the year.

Meanwhile your councillors had the strange experience of being told by a Conservative councillor for **Yarm** that he wanted to put some of **Yarm's** spare planters on the grass in front of the **Blue Bell**. Maureen told him we'd need to consult with the businesses in the vicinity and with Egglecliffe Parish Council which spent a lot of money some years ago on improving that area.

He replied "*Thanks, but no thanks, not worth the hassle*". So when you hear a Tory say that they listen to people, remember those words!

ALLEN'S WEST

The new owners of the former RN depot have been consulting on their ideas for spare land there. Please feel free to give your views. Our councillors emphasise that neither they nor the Council are committed to the development or the form which it might take.

Environmental Winners

This year's Care for Your Area awards produced 2 winners and a Highly Commended in Eaglescliffe ward. Congratulations to

- Rebecca Sanders of Junction Farm School who won her age group in the Northumbria in Bloom painting competition.
- Preston Lane Allotments, winners of the Best Conservation Project
- Durham Lane School Greenfingers Club, Highly Commended in the Best Community Contribution class.



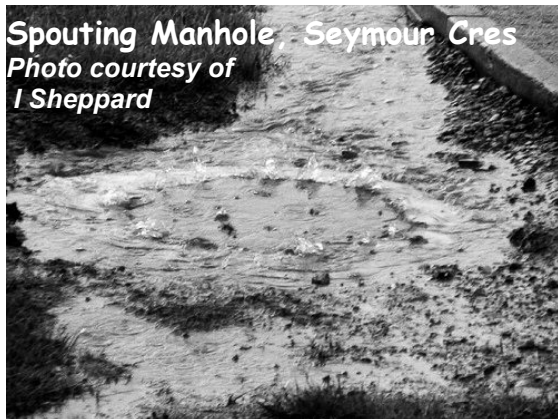
SEYMOUR SEWERS

Raw sewage in the roadway - sewage floating down the beck - flooding in the field and the road - sounds like an underdeveloped country somewhere doesn't it? But this was **Egglecliffe** last month and on several occasions in the past 12 months. Residents are furious.

John, Maureen and several residents have complained to Northumbrian Water and to Stockton Council. NWL have cleared lots of debris from the sewers. They say that the sewers are adequate for the job. But residents dispute this. Your councillors will keep on pressing for more action.

You deserve better from the company with a monopoly on water and sewage treatment in the area.

Meanwhile, please be careful about what **you** put into the system - remember that unfortunate incident with the underwear in Middleton-St-George!



SKIPS The next community skips will be

14 Aug. Muirfield Rd, grass opp.
Health Centre
10 Sep. Oak Road



WE KEEP IN TOUCH

Alan, John & Maureen will see anyone who calls on

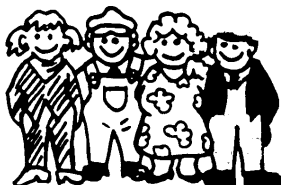
Fri 3rd Aug, Trinity Methodist Church, 6.30-7.30

Tues, 21st Aug, Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane, 6-7

Fri, 7th Sept, Trinity Methodist Church, 6.30 - 7.30

Tues **11th Sept**, Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, 6.30 - 7.30

(Please note this is 1 week earlier than normal)



PLANNING

As always, more details of the following can be obtained from our councillors.

Stockton Council planners have approved:

- A mobile classroom at **Egglecliffe School**
- A large house to replace *Low Crook Farm & Greenfields*, **Durham Lane**.
- All-weather garden at *The Eagle*, **Durham Lane**
- External bottle-serving bar at *The Blue Bell*, **Yarm Road**
- Detailed design of 82-bed care home at **654/656 Yarm Road**

They have refused permission for:

- An extra dwelling at *Hill House*, **Aislaby** – an appeal will now be decided by a Planning Inspector.
- 2 semi-detached houses in place of **704/706 Yarm Road**
- Storage warehouse at **Urly Nook**

At the time of going to press, applications were being considered for:

- Metal fence to the school field at **Thornfield Close**
- Conversion of **690 Yarm Road** with new-build, totalling 16 flats
- Conversion of *Copsewood Mews*, **The Avenue**, into 2 dwellings
- **558B Yarm Road** to change from a Sunday school to a flat
- Extra house at **131 Burnmoor Drive**

A Planning Inspector has rejected an appeal about **704-706 Yarm Road**, requiring unauthorised alterations to be removed.

Stockton Council are consulting on a Yarm & Egglecliffe Area Action Plan, which we all hope will allow some Planning policies specific to the character of our area. Too bulky to summarise here – please watch out for publicity and have your say!

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