



MIND THE GAP!

Alan was inundated with complaints after Network Rail left Allen's West crossing almost impassable by car. People were worried about damage to their car suspension, even at slow speed.

Alan chased up Network Rail who've now done a repair of sorts. If they don't come back and do it properly we'll be chasing them again.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS:

Most of our budget has now been spent:
Bulb planting along stretches of **Yarm Rd** and **Durham Lane**; Dog waste bins at **Dinsdale Drive, Urlay Nook Rd/Langdon Way** open space and **Swinburne Rd/Dunottar Ave**;
Ivy to soften the impact of the concrete structure erected years ago by Mercury communications near the **Cleveland Bay** traffic lights; Street lights between **Birchfield** and **Finchfield Closes** (*Focus 143*);
Improvements to the land at **Butts Lane** (*Focus 143*); A few trees on the grass at **Hindhead**. We are consulting all residents of **Oak Rd** on possible new parking bays to alleviate some parking problems there. In April we start on a new budget and so far we have a request for a safer crossing facility on **Urlay Nook Rd** to help children going to and from school. If you have other suggestions please let us know.



✓ Yellow lines awaited in Beechwood Road
✓ Vehicles ploughing up grass in Cedar Crescent

- ✓ Tree in Egglecliffe Churchyard
- ✓ Gullies in Roundhay Drive
- ✓ Lingfield Drive play area
- ✓ Sunningdale Drive shops – lights on under the canopy at last!

Preston Park children's play areas will be closed for refurbishment. As we write the dates are not available but watch out for them in the press.

RAILWAY TERRACE

The front road is a private street, maintainable at the cost of the owners. There are great obstacles to making it up so that it could be adopted by the Council. However, our councillors have persuaded them to fill some potholes so that the dustcart can continue to call.

SNIPPETS

Among the many other issues taken up by our Liberal Democrat councillors, Alan, Maureen & John:

- ✓ Allen's West Crossing: Network Rail covered a pavement in mud; And their tree trimming sent bits flying dangerously onto the neighbours' land.
- ✓ Potholes in Yarm Road, Dunbar Drive & Grisedale Crescent
- ✓ Egglecliffe Bank (a.k.a. Stoney Bank) – broken up footpath at the bottom; review of lighting

SAVE OUR FIRE SERVICE

Liberal Democrats in Stockton were horrified to hear from our Fire Authority representative, Cllr Julia Roberts, of the cuts in Fire Service funding being made by this Labour government. At the Stockton Council meeting in January Maureen and Alan proposed a motion supporting the Fire Authority's fight to have the funding restored. After debate it was passed unanimously. Fiona Hall MEP is also backing the campaign.



PLANNING

Stockton Council **approved**:

* Temporary Eaglescliffe Health Centre in **Muirfield Road** & a new permanent Centre on the present site in **Sunningdale Drive**

* 11 **Station Road** hairdressers'

Refused permission for

*the adverts on Orchard Mews (**Urly Nook Road/Durham Lane**) & ordered removal.

* Soft play facility inside **Allen's West**

* Car park in **Eggescliffe CE Primary School** grounds, intended to relieve staff parking on **Butts Lane**

Application **withdrawn** for house to replace **Meadowcroft, Aislaby**

Planning Inspectors:

* **Refused** an extra house at Hill House, Aislaby

* Are considering an appeal for 1 Aislaby Grange Bungalows, off **A67 (Focus 143)**

As we go to press, applications are **pending** for:

* Footpath access to play group building at Junction Farm School, **Butterfield Drive**

* 14 houses on site of **Scargill, Urly Nook Rd**

* 2 houses at **Kirklands, The Avenue**

* House in **Elton Lane**

* 12 flats to replace **Eagle Service Station, 502 Yarm Road**

* Warehouse next to **Urly Nook Crossing**

* Smoking shelters outside **The Pavilion, Sunningdale Drive**

* **The Rookery, South View** – previously approved plans for 13 flats but with demolition & rebuilding of the house

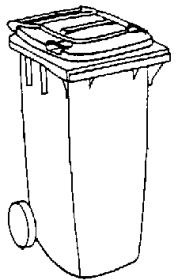
Maureen has persuaded Stockton Council officers to restart preparing a Local List of buildings worth keeping, on which no progress had been made since she and John made nominations for this ward some time ago.

The owners of **Allen's West** (ex-RNSPD) will shortly apply for outline permission for some 500 homes, a shop & other buildings.

More details on any of these from Alan, Maureen or John.

TALKING RUBBISH!

One of the most appreciated council services is the collection of rubbish and recyclable material. Maureen is chairing a committee doing a thorough study of the service and how it might be improved. Part of the study is a questionnaire in **Stockton News**. Please take time to complete it - we really need to know what our residents want. If you haven't got a copy you can ask one of us or complete it at <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/citizenservices/environment/CFYA/general/talkrubbish/>



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TRAFFIC QUEUES

Queues for the Cleveland Bay traffic lights seem much longer on Urly Nook Rd/Durham Lane than on Yarm Road. At our councillors' request, the lights have been altered to give more time to Urly Nook Road – results will be monitored.

NEW BRIDGE

The Lottery bid for Connect2 (*Focus 143*) was successful. Stockton Council will start consultation and design later in the year.

LONDON TRAINS

At the time of writing, only one through train per day each way between Eaglescliffe & London, but do check with Grand Central's publicity.



SKIPS

12th Feb, Leven Close hammerhead

13th Mar, Muirfield Rd, opposite Health Centre

26th Mar, Cedar Cres

WE KEEP IN TOUCH

Alan, John & Maureen will see anyone who calls on

19 Feb. Eggescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane, 6-7

29 Feb, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Ave, 6.30-7.30

18 Mar. Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, 6.30-7.30



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