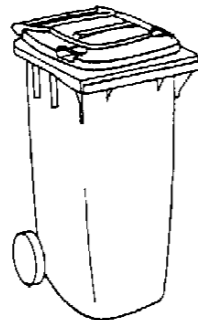


## TALK ABOUT RUBBISH

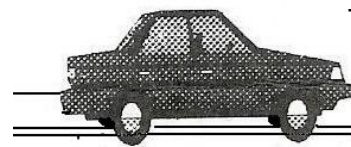
Stockton Council's Environment committee, chaired by Maureen, has received over 4000 responses to the questionnaire on recycling and rubbish collections (*Focus 144*), 258 of them from Eaglescliffe residents. The committee has agreed to recommend that cardboard and plastic bottle recycling collections are phased in right across the Borough and at the same time that collection of side waste (extra bags & boxes) should stop as most of these are caused by cardboard & plastic being in the bin.



They have also recommended that weekly collections of residual waste should continue for the time being, but that provision of community skips should cease after this year. The waste in the skips goes straight into landfill which is very bad for the environment. Bulky material can be collected for a payment of £10 (phone 391959). The report goes to the

Cabinet on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the first changes should happen later this year.

## NEW PARKING REGULATIONS



These came into force on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to see how Stockton Council is operating them, see

[www.stockton.gov.uk/parking/enforcement](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/parking/enforcement).

If you do not have access to the internet, contact us and we will let you have a fact sheet.

## RAILWAY VEGETATION

Residents have complained about Network Rail's stripping of vegetation from the sides of cuttings. It seems that there is nothing that can be done about this. A better fence is promised for the railway side of **West View Terrace**, but no date for this. Our councillors will keep up the pressure for this.

## ALLEN'S WEST CROSSING

Alan has written yet again to Network Rail about the condition of the crossing at Allen's West. As they seem to be having trouble identifying the problem, this time he has sent some photographs which show quite clearly where the problems are. We await their reply. Hopefully we will have some positive news for our next edition.

Contact us any time at:

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Or see us at **Ward Surgery**:

Friday 2nd May, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue  
Tuesday 20th May, 6.30-7.30pm, Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane  
Friday 6th June, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue

## NEWS BETWEEN FOCUS EDITIONS

If you have access to an e-mail address you can get updates in between issues of *Focus* covering such things as roadworks, planning applications or events in the ward. The e-mails are kept as brief as possible, they do not have attachments or graphics, and are sent by blind copy so that nobody else sees your e-mail address.

You can, of course, have your name removed from the list at any time. This is a service that was pioneered by Local Lib Dem Councillors, and is now being copied by others. So send an e-mail to sign up.

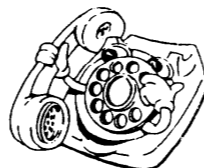
## CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PC

If you would like to talk to PC Burke about anything going on in the area you can ring and speak to him or leave a message if he's not available. He'll then contact you next time he's on duty. The number for this is 302930.

BUT for emergencies the number is still 999 and for incidents which aren't emergencies but still need a police response quickly the number is still 326326.

**Don't forget your MEP:**

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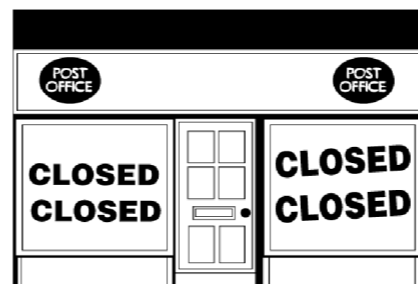
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## POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Yet more Post Offices are being closed thanks to first Tory then Labour policies. The latest wave of closures does not directly affect this ward, but every time one closes down, the queues get longer at those that are left. Not at all easy for people who find queuing difficult.



We were appalled to see the actions of our local Labour MP when given

the chance to vote on the Government's programme to close 2,500 post offices. She enjoyed much publicity by supposedly supporting Stockton Post Offices, but shunned the opportunity to really make a difference in Parliament. If

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

We hope you've enjoyed the spring bulbs planted last autumn which have flowered over recent weeks. Thank you for all the suggestions we've had for this year's budget. We are in the process of evaluating them all with the help of officers from the relevant departments of the council and will report in a future *Focus* on what decisions are made.



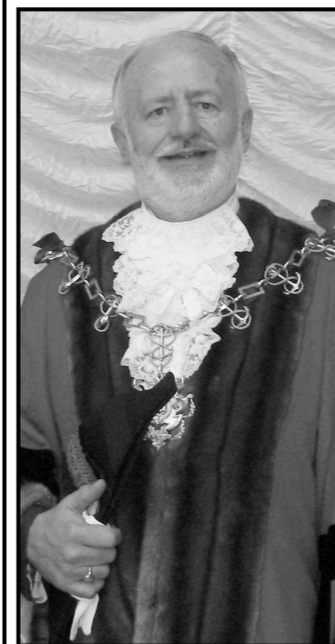
every Labour MP in the area had voted against the Labour Government, they would have had to halt the closure programme.

The Liberal Democrats have proposals for business expansion and for employee shared ownership. Other MPs are welcome to use them!

## EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCILLOR IS MAYOR

Councillor John Fletcher, who has represented this ward for almost 21 years, became Mayor of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees this month. He will serve in that role until April 1st 2009 while continuing to represent and work for the people of Eaglescliffe. The role of Civic Mayor is different to that of an elected Mayor, so John will have no more power than he has as a ward councillor. It does mean that he'll spend some of his time representing the Borough at civic functions and raising funds for two charities - **Daisy Chain**, which helps families who have children with autism, and **Justice First** which helps asylum seekers to have their cases properly heard and supports them if necessary with basic needs.

John would be very happy to give details of both charities to anyone who would like to support them.



## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Every year Stockton council's Care for Your Area section gives awards to individuals and groups who make the Borough more attractive. It could be a person, group, school or business who works very hard to keep the area clean and tidy, or makes the area bloom, or makes a huge effort to increase recycling and reducing waste. We're looking for the best Gardens, Hanging Basket, Container, Business garden, or other projects to nominate in our area. If you think someone is worthy of an award please get in touch with Alan, Maureen or John before June 20th.

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## ALLEN'S WEST

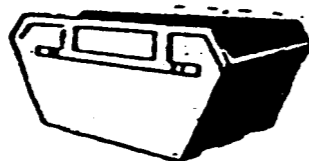
The owners of the Allen's West site have submitted an outline planning application, seeking permission to build a new entrance to the site for the industrial traffic away from the railway crossing and changes to the present entrance for use by residential traffic. Although no further details are being decided at this stage some indications of future plans are given. The proposal includes 500 homes, a nursing home, a shop and "community use" as well as continued industrial use. Maureen, Alan and John have made the following points:



- We welcome the fact that there will be continuing industry, meaning there will still be employment on the site
- 15% of the housing will have to be "affordable" which could reflect a variety of ways of keeping the cost down for e.g. young people so that they can stay near family & friends.
- Much of the proposed housing is too far from local shops, bus stops and other amenities to be described as sustainable.
- There is no evidence that another nursing home is needed in Eaglescliffe
- Although it's beyond the power of any developer to solve the traffic bottleneck of Yarm High St this development will certainly not improve the traffic situation on Durham Lane.
- The developer has proposals to ensure the safety of the crested newts and the bats on the site, but not the skylarks which don't have the benefit of legal protection.
- The proposal shows some open space but it looks too small for ball games. There is no mention of play equipment.
- The proposal for community use is very vague, but there has been mention of a dentist or doctor without reference to any discussion with the Health service. We'd like something which helped the young people living on the estate and on Kingsmead, over the road, to have somewhere to go and something to do.

## SKIPS FOR COMMUNITY USE WILL BE:

30-Apr CROFT ROAD - garage site  
19-May OAK ROAD - grassed area  
29-May EGGLESCLIFFE VILLAGE GREEN  
9.30am - 3.30pm



Please don't dump rubbish beside the skip. If it's full you can ring Care for your Area on 391959.

## PLANNING

Stockton Council approved:

- Footpath to **Junction Farm School** play group building
- Smoking shelters at *The Pavilion, Sunningdale Drive*
- 5 Houses in the grounds of *Copsewood, The Avenue*
- Warehouse on land near **Urly Nook Rd**

They refused:

- Flats to replace *Eagle Service Station, 502 Yarm Road*
- Greyhound kennels & training facility at *Highfield House, Aislaby Rd*

Planning application withdrawn for a new house in **Elton Lane**.

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

- Details of development at S Side of **The Airport**
- **Muirfield Road** – 2 dormer bungalows
- **Butts Lane** – extra house, next to Cemetery
- **2A Albert Road** – change to dwelling
- **The Avenue** – extensions to Teesside High School and Prep School
- Replacement house for *Meadowcroft, Aislaby*
- 7 dwellings at *Preston Farm, Preston Lane*

A Planning Inspector allowed retrospectively a stable block & storage building at 1 *Aislaby Grange Bungalows, A67*.

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

## CORRECTION

We apologise for the error in the "Planning" section of *Focus 144* concerning the "car park in *Egglescliffe CE Primary School* grounds". This was **approved** by Stockton Council.

## ROADS & PATHS

In the next 12 months Stockton Council will resurface all the carriageway of **Station Road** and footpaths in the whole of **Dunbar Drive, Pannal & Panmore Walks**; also **Durham Lane** between Greenfield & Butterfield Drives. In **Oak Road** they are resurfacing footpaths 2-32 & between Sycamore & Myrtle Roads.

# Needed: More Liberal Democrat Councillors

## Stockton Council is a Wishy-Washy Labour/Tory Coalition with no prospects.

### We want change - Do You?

**We know that not everyone reading this voted Lib Dem last year but over 2000 of you did!**

**Stockton Liberal Democrats want to do what Liberal Democrats have done across the length & breadth of the country - in Durham City, Newcastle, Berwick, Alnwick, York, Leeds, Hull, Liverpool, Chesterfield, Kingston-upon-Thames and many more. In fact there are over 60 Local Authorities in England and Wales currently led by Liberal Democrats, all of them enjoying open government, genuine consultation and action to improve their city, borough or county. If you know anyone who lives in any of these places talk to them and ask them what it's like.**

**Newcastle-upon-Tyne** is an example of what can be done. A few years ago it was run by Labour with a few Tories in opposition. There was one Liberal Democrat Councillor. The people of Newcastle wanted a change - they wanted their city to be the great place it once was. Now there are 48 Liberal Democrat Councillors running the council. The city is going from strength to strength, a beacon in the region.

**Durham City** is such a successful Lib Dem council that the government decided to scrap it in favour of a unitary council covering the whole county, despite a huge referendum vote against such a move.

**Stockton-on-Tees** could be next to change for the better, if you will support us. The next elections here are in 2011. Will you be part of a growing successful team?



Nick Clegg, Lib Dem Leader

Liberal Democrats are currently riding high in the popularity stakes. We have many dynamic young MPs. Our new leader Nick Clegg and Charles Kennedy are two of the best speakers in the House of Commons. Our shadow chancellor, Vince Cable, is widely respected. Our MEPs, including the North East's Fiona Hall, contribute hugely in Europe.

Unlike the Labour and Conservative Parties, mainly financed by unions and businesses, the Liberal Democrats rely heavily on our membership. So to start this exciting journey, first we need to increase our numbers. For just £9 a year (that amounts to just 75p per month) you could join us and help us to make the change for Stockton Council.

**Excited? Want to be a councillor?** You need to be at least 18 to be a Ward Councillor but after that age is of no importance. The youngest Stockton Councillor is 24 and the oldest is in his eighties and you don't have to live in a ward to represent it. You just have to care!

We know you are out there, and we want you to join us. You can make a real difference.

**So come on, join the party, jump on board and let's change Stockton for the better. Ring or e-mail Alan, Maureen or John and let's talk about making the change.**



# Liberal Democrats Say NO to ID Cards, YES to More Police