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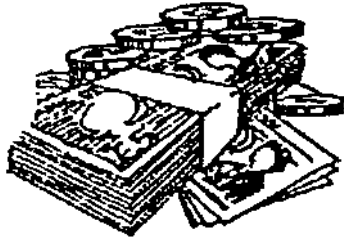
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Teesside Pension Fund:



Should the Council's pension fund be invested in tobacco companies when the Council has responsibility for Public Health? Stockton Liberal Democrats say **NO**. Julia put a motion to the last council meeting on this and was shouted down by Labour Councillors, led by the deputy Leader of the Council.

A few days later up popped the Labour MP for Stockton North calling for the same thing on TV and in the newspapers.

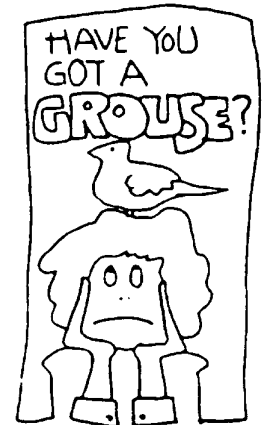
Julia has written to him thanking him for his support. We hope that Labour councillors follow his lead and stop playing party politics with investments in things that damage people's health.



Bishy Park Latest:

Bishopsgarth Association of Residents have submitted an application for older people's exercise equipment to be installed at Bishy Park. At the time of writing a decision is awaited. We'll let you know what happens. The next addition to the park is the installation of a "Totem Pole", the design of which involves local schoolchildren. It's been suggested that there is a chance to commemorate a famous local person. Any suggestions to Julia or Elliot please.

Estate Walkabouts: Elliot and Julia are planning to walk the **Whitehouse Estate** with an officer from Care For Your Area on Thursday 21st February starting at 1pm in Sainsbury's car park and **Bishopsgarth Estate** on Wednesday 27th February at 1pm starting at Five Alls car park. Watch out for us on the day, join us if you wish. If there are particular areas you'd like us to look at then let us know in advance.



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Contact us by:

Julia and Elliot, FREEPOST NEA 765 STOCKTON ON TEES, TS16 9BR (no need for a stamp)

BUT if you write to us please make sure you include your contact details otherwise we can't respond to you.



You can of course contact us at our regular ward surgeries as follows:

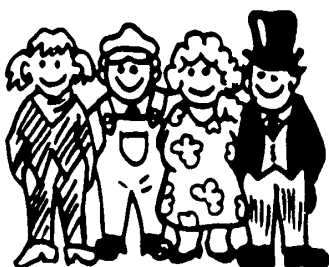
Mondays 11th March, 15th April, and 3rd June 6.00pm - 6.30pm at Bishopsgarth School

Tuesdays 5th March, 9th April and 7th May 6.00pm - 7.00pm at Elm Tree Community Centre.

OR email: julia.cherrett@stockton.gov.uk or Elliot.kennedy@stockton.gov.uk (phone numbers overleaf)

BAR meeting 11th March:

The January meeting had to be cancelled due to bad weather so the next meeting of the Residents' Association will be on Monday 11th March 6.30 – 8.00pm at Bishopsgarth School with a focus on traffic issues. Do come along to voice your concerns.



Elm Tree Centre

CCTV

The new CCTV cameras, paid for from our ward budget have finally been installed. The front of the shopping parade and the rear car park are now monitored. The cameras can be accessed by

Security Staff at the council so if you see any anti social behaviour in the area, ring 607943 whilst it's taking place and they can view and record to help them to take action.



Verge Parking:

We're both shocked at the state of some of the grassed verges in the area which have been ruined by people parking on them. As well as looking very unsightly, they are costly to keep on repairing. Please think carefully about where you park and report any offenders to us.



Reporting Problems: While Elliot and Julia are always happy to deal with issues on your behalf you might like to tear off and keep the following useful contacts for some of the more common problems:

| Problem | Telephone | E-mail |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Faulty Street Light | 526769 | street.lighting@stockton.gov.uk |
| Potholes / unemptied bins | 391959 | careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk |
| Anti social behaviour | 607943 | asbteam@stockton.gov.uk |

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