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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 3rd June and 1st July 6.00pm - 6.30pm at **Bishopsgarth School**

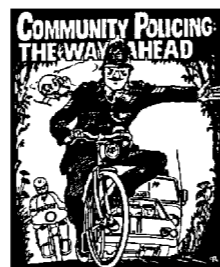
Tuesdays 4th June and 2nd July 6.00pm - 7.00pm at **Elm Tree Community Centre.**

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

SNIPPETS: extra street name plate installed at **Malton Drive**...sourcing replacement glass bowl for beautiful, historic street light on **Whitehouse Drive**...potholes repaired on **Harrowgate Lane** outside of Bishopsgarth School...damaged footpath and blocked grate cover reported for repair at **The Wynde**...potholes reported for repair on **Bishopton Road West** at junctions to **Barlborough Avenue** and **Whitehouse Drive** ...dumped tree branches at rear of **Tollerton Close** reported for removal...overhanging tree on **Darlington Back Lane** close to **Gentian Way** roundabout requested for trimming...**Felton Lane** footpath resurfacing now complete and following a request from a resident the extra spur leading to **Darlington Back Lane** has also been done...bollards to be installed on **Elm Tree Avenue** to deter verge parking outside **Barrington Avenue**...

Neighbourhood Policing: we

are delighted to hear that Medina House will remain open as a Neighbourhood Police Office and that changes to staffing means that you will now have 24/7 coverage.



Elliot and Julia can now be followed on Facebook Keep up with what we're doing and promote your local businesses based in the ward.

<http://www.facebook.com/BETwardnews>

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Messages for dog owners: we do get complaints about dogs barking / howling both day and night. If you are out at work all day your dog may be bored, someone walks up the path and the dog starts barking, setting off others in the street – all causing disturbance to your neighbours. If you have internet access then look at

Stockton Council's leaflet on the subject at:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/bsxxdmd> or contact one of us for a copy. Julia recently visited a house where the howling dog sounded so human that the police were forced to break the

door down to check that all was ok. Another complaint that has increased recently is the amount of dog dirt left on paths and green areas. Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog. If there are areas where you think we need extra dog bins then let us know.



BISHOPSGARTH ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS:

next meeting is on **Monday 1st July at 6.30pm at Bishopsgarth School.** Do

come along to have your say on local issues



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L - R, Wing Commander Harry Lowe (Vice Chair Reserve Forces & Cadets Association), Julia Cherrett and Harry Huntley (Chair, Elm Tree Community Centre)

REGIONAL YOUTH AWARD FOR ELM TREE PROJECT X

Julia was privileged to attend the recent Regional Youth Work Awards Ceremony at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland and to accept the award for the Best Youth Work Partnership on behalf of Elm Tree Project X. The award was sponsored by the Reserve Forces & Cadets Association For The North Of England and

recognises the tremendous good work carried out by this project which provides indoor skateboarding and bmx sessions every weekend at Elm Tree Community Centre.

The Partnership involves the young people themselves, both local councillors, Bishopsgarth Association of Residents, Police, Fire Brigade, Vela Homes, Bishopsgarth School and the Council's Integrated Youth Support Service.

The news came only weeks after the national award from The British Youth Council for "The Most Inspiring Project" but also at a time when the one year's Home Office Funding was running out. Julia had called on Stockton Council to give some interim support to the project whilst it looks for other funding. Funds from the council and from Vela Homes mean that the scheme is secure for the next 6 months while other avenues are explored. If you have ideas of how to help then get in touch with Julia (contact

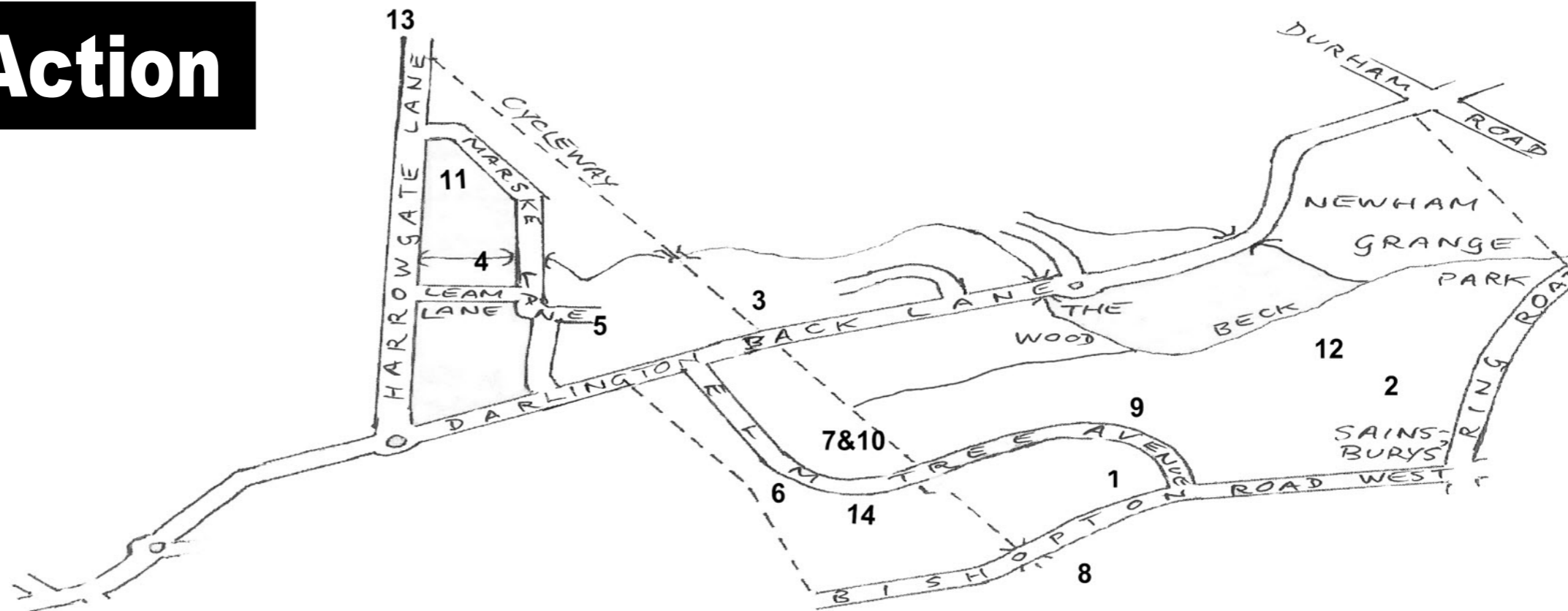
details at top of page) or with Marilyn Surtees at Elm Tree Community Centre, tel: 611333.

In the meantime, congratulations to everyone involved but particularly the young people them-

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A Record of Action

Two years on from the local elections we thought it appropriate to give you a "mid - term review". This side of the page shows just some of the things we have done since being elected. We have used our ward budget to put in measures to enhance the local area that residents have asked for. On the facing page you will see some of the things that we hope to achieve before the next local elections in 2015



HOT OFF THE PRESS!



The bollards have finally been installed on Elm Tree Avenue to prevent verge damage. We know that this is just one area in the ward that has suffered, please do think about where you park your car.

- 1 - Pedestrian Refuge on Elm Tree Avenue installed
- 2 - Barlborough Avenue finally resurfaced
- 3 - Electrical cables relaid in The Vale, ending years of power cuts for local residents
- 4 - Marske Lane cycle inhibitor installed
- 5 - Bishopsgarth Play Park opened
- 6 - Crossing Improvements Elm Tree Avenue / Lauder Close
- 7 - Skateboard / bmx facility opened at Elm Tree Community Centre
- 8 - Traffic barrier installed at Biddick Close / Bishopston Road West
- 9 - Dropped kerbs at junctions of Foxwood Drive & Marley Close Installed
- 10 - CCTV extended at Elm Tree Centre
- 11 - Felton Lane footpath re-surfaced
- 12 - White lining at Alford Lane to deal with school parking
- 13 - Bollards installed at cycle way to prevent cars gaining access
- 14 - Bollards installed to prevent verge damage at Elm Tree Avenue

INDIVIDUALS THAT MATTER

Many individual people have been helped on matters personal to them.

A promise of more

We have been asked to extend the footpath at Selwyn Drive to follow the desired lines. Install extra bollards on Marske Lane to stop parking on the bend (affected residents will be consulted about the two requests)

We've just heard that the long awaited improvements to Darlington Lane will be going ahead soon. The works will include a pedestrian refuge, carriageway widening, new footpath and road markings from Gentian Way roundabout to Teasel Court.



We promise to:

- To work with Elm Tree Project X to secure funding for the future
- Listen to your ideas for improving your area
- Keep you up to date with news and information which effect your area via Focus, BET News & Facebook
- To support the residents groups in Elm Tree and Bishopsgarth
- Continue to hold regular Ward Surgeries
- Support the local Schools

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