



Edited By Councillor Henry Gallagher

Council Goes Back On Valley “Village Green” Promise

The “Friends Of The Valley” and other local residents have applied to have the land designated as a Village Green. This would stop developers from building on the land. You may recall that the Council has earmarked it for a potential development which would see bungalows built next to Newlands Road. The closing date for objections to Village Green status was 31/12/14. On the 11th of November last year we were informed by the Fairer Housing Unit that they were not planning to object. Sadly on the 29th of December they did indeed object, citing they had received advice from the Council’s legal section. As you can imagine we are surprised and disappointed by this. Of course the inspector could agree to designate the Valley as a Village Green anyway, but it will be more difficult due to the objection. **Councillor Peter Leggott** who himself provided evidence supporting Village Green status told Focus, “We were completely thrown by this, especially as the Council indicated they would not object. Hopefully the inspector will still see the validity of the claim and we can get our Village Green. I asked an officer in the Fairer Housing Unit if the council still planned to build on the land if it did not become a Village Green. He told me there are not any current plans but they do review potential sites every six months or so. We will continue to fight to preserve the Valley as it is.”



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News From Around East Gosforth Ward

We often feature the bigger local stories but this special format calendar edition gives us some space to feature the smaller stories that sometimes might not make it into the Focus

We have only been given about £12,000 for road improvements. We asked officers to put **Field Street and Wolveleigh Terrace** top of the list.

Finally after a long time of asking we persuaded the council to replace the "City Of Newcastle upon Tyne" sign near to **Salters Bridge** at the bottom of **Hollywood Avenue**.

3 lights were broken in the St Nicholas car park. As well as being repaired as a priority there is to a survey to determine if the lighting in the car park is adequate overall.

Henry, Peter and David have held talks with the Jesmond Real Tennis Club who are based in Jesmond Dene adjacent to Matthew Bank. We are supporting their plans to gain control of the building from the council so this historic facility can be preserved.

Graffiti is becoming a problem around the ward. We are working with the police and others to catch the person(s) doing it in the act. In the meantime we ordered the removal of graffiti in the Station Road area.

Ward Committee Grants
Your 3 East Gosforth Cllrs have approved the following recent grants: £1,035 to **Gosforth Pool** £3,000 to the **Gosforth Garden Village Association** £75 to the **Gosforth Community Minibus** to take pensioners shopping. **Friends Of Gosforth Central Park** have received grants of £500 for training and £1,500 for railings.

Cut out and keep your calendar and useful information below

EMERGENCY Electricity (24 hours) **0800 668 877**
Fire/Ambulance/Police (emergency) **999**
Gas (Gas escapes - 24 hour) **0800 111 999**
Environment Agency Floodline **0845 988 1188**
Police (non-emergency) **03456 043 043** or text **07786 200 814**
Water and sewerage (24 hrs) **0845 717 1100**
Neighbourhood Help Line: reporting noise, vandalism, litter and other nuisance **0300 1000 101**
Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

ARCH reporting hate crime & harassment **0800 032 3288**
Airport Enquiries **0871 882 1121**
Anchor Staying Put Newcastle Trades Register **495 6178**
Benefits Helpline **277 2627**
Bus/Rail/Metro Enquiries **202 0747**
Citizens Advice Bureau **0870 126 4015**
Civic Centre **232 8520**
Twitter: @egosforthlibdem

Hospitals: Freeman, General, RVI **233 6161**
Moneywise Newcastle Credit Union **211 6983**
NHS Non-Urgent **111**
National Rail Enquiries **08457 484 950**
Neighbourhood Wardens **277 3970**
Newcastle Law Centre **230 4777**
Newcastle Warm Zone **277 7373**
North East Council on Addictions **222 1262**
Connexions Direct (advice for 13-19 yrs) **080 800 132 19**
Repair Call (YHN housing) **277 8888**
Safeguarding Children **277 7485**
Samaritans **08457 90 90 90**
Social Services (adults) **278 8377**
Victim Support **274 4274** Council tax and housing benefit helpline **0845 111 4101**
Domestic Violence Helpline **0808 2000 247**
Job Centre Plus **0800 055 66 88**
Envirocall: reporting street lighting, bulky rubbish collections, roads & footpaths, litter, bin collections **278 7878**
Gosforth Housing Office **277 1166**
Gosforth Library/Customer Service Centre **277 1811**
Gosforth Swimming Pool **284 3696**
Community Furniture Service **224 0555**

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Gosforth Garden Village Hall on the third Monday of each month between 6pm-7pm. *Henry*

My colleagues and I hold two surgeries a month: On the first Saturday of each month we are on the High St near to Boots between 10am-Midday.

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