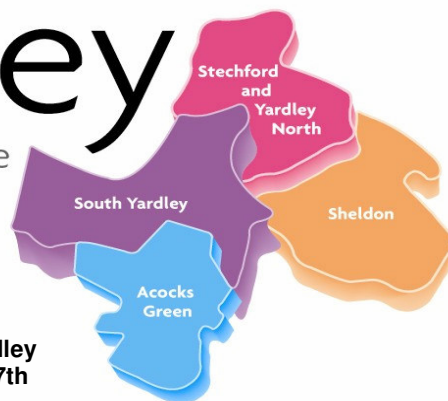


Your Yardley

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Welcome to Issue 1 of **Your Yardley** - the monthly electronic newsletter updating you on events and issues in Yardley Constituency.

November 2007



Help for Older People

Free services are being tested for 12 months for people aged 50 or over who live in Yardley constituency. Priority will be given to those who have a disability or illness or live in the priority neighbourhoods. If the trial is successful, Birmingham City Council, working with its partners, wishes to provide such services in future on a long term basis. These projects are:

- Handyperson
- Gardening
- Good Neighbour scheme
- Wired-up to Well-being in Yardley - in all the constituency libraries

Priority areas are: Bieron Road Area, Chestnuts, Elms Farm, Garrets Green, Glebe Farm, Gospel Lane, Greet, Maple-dene, Meadway, Richmond, Small Heath Park Area and Stechford. For more information please contact Jenny York on 464 0108.

Mobile Speed Activated Signs

- The Constituency has funded 10 signs which are currently being delivered.
- The signs record the speed and number of vehicles passing, and enable traffic engineers to gain a better perception of traffic conditions. This helps to determine whether any further speed reducing measures are necessary.
- The signs use radar detection to monitor and record the speed of a vehicle, and if it's travelling more than 10% above the speed limit, the sign flashes the speed limit at the driver.
- They are effective as a traffic calming measure at sites where traffic speeds give rise to a perceived road safety problem and where there are accidents occurring that can be related to excessive speeds.

If you have information you would like to share via this newsletter please contact Lorraine Newman on 0121 675 1304 or email lorraine.newman@birmingham.gov.uk

Some Decisions made by Yardley Constituency Committee on 27th September 2007

The committee agreed the following funding

- £1500 for Yardley Neighbourhood Forum
- £800 for East Yardley Neighbourhood Forum
- £800 for Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum

The committee also agreed to the revised opening hours for Fox Hollies Leisure Centre.

Dates of November Meetings

7th Acocks Green Ward Advisory Board @ Fox Hollies LC
7th Stechford & Yardley North 7.00 pm @ Meadway CC
8th Sheldon Ward Forum 7.00 pm @ Constituency Office
12th Greener Cleaner Safer 6.30 pm @ Constituency Office
14th Safer Estates 10.30 am @ Constituency Office
20th Prosperous Yardley 12.00 pm @ Constituency Office
20th Local Delivery Group 2.00 pm Sheldon Fire Station
22nd Constituency Committee 6.30pm @ Constituency Office
26th Health Improvement Panel 6.30pm @ Constituency Office
28th Acocks Green Ward Committee 7.00pm @ Fox Hollies Forum
29th CHYPS strategic group 2.00 pm Constituency Office.

Tescos at the Swan

A revised planning application has been submitted and is out for consultation.

Yardley Youth Festival

Yardley held its second Youth Festival from 20 - 27 October 2007. The programme covered arts & crafts, making music, life education sessions, sport, a quiz and much more. The grand final event was a Disco and Talent Show Finals at Stechford Cascades on Saturday 27 October. For more information go to www.itsgoodtobeyoung.co.uk

Town Centre Managers

Two Town Centre Managers are being recruited for Acocks Green Town Centre and the Swan, Yew Tree and Hay Mills. For more information please contact Richard Hulbert on 675 5492.

