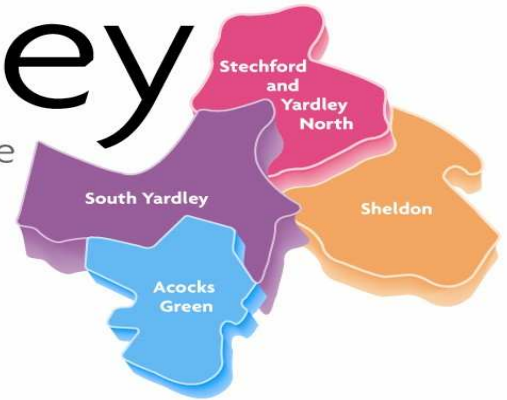


Your Yardley

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Did you know that the population of Yardley Constituency is 100,003?

Start of Radleys improvement Scheme

Refurbishment of The Radleys shopping centre has now started. The project includes provision of a service road with parking bays, block paving on the shop forecourts, modular paving to the public footpath and stainless steel street furniture. This will regenerate and secure the future viability of an important local shopping centre.

Yardley Libraries Super-Sales Person Event

This is Yardley's latest scheme to get Young People involved in helping Libraries to promote membership and library use. Chris White entertained at all 5 libraries. At Sheldon Library we promoted this scheme to 166 children from 5 schools on December 10. To date Sheldon Library has signed up over 60 SSPs. They each get a pouch with an SSP pen, notepad, bookmark, 20 business cards and a pencil with a reading message and sweets. Children who attended came from Elms Farm, Mapledene, St Thomas More and Stanville Primary Schools. This is part of the National Year of Reading - Big Push in Yardley. Hopefully the end result is more joiners and active borrowers too.

Tesco Start of Demolition

Work is due to begin on the new Tesco Extra store at the Swan Yardley on 23 February. Demolition of existing buildings is expected to take around 20 weeks. For further information contact Contract Manager Billy Young on 07795 638058.

Greet: Have You Spotted the Difference?

Greet Neighbourhood tasking have achieved a visible difference to the central reservation on Warwick Road between Golden Hillock Road and Albion Road roundabouts. The shrubbery that used to act as a litter trap has been removed and replaced with turf.

If you have information you would like to share via this newsletter please contact Lorraine Newman on 675 1304 or
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Duncan Goodhew to launch Swimathon at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre

Fox Hollies Leisure Centre is being used to launch the 2009 Swimathon. Duncan Goodhew will be at Fox Hollies from 2.00 pm on Tuesday 10th February. Many staff and customers take part in the event to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Big City Plan

Big City Plan gives each of us a once in a lifetime opportunity to really influence the future development of the city centre. Public consultation is currently taking place to inform and guide the development of the Big City Plan. The consultation finishes on 6th February. You can see the plan at www.bigcityplan.org.uk.

Community Chest

Yardley Constituency Committee approved the following grants at their meeting on 29th January

Acocks Green Ward

Brownies Trip £800
Rough & Tumble £436
Yoga Bugs £1108
Personal Development Course £1300
Youth Group Weekend £1620
High Flyers After-School £566
Security Gating Scheme £5000
Sheldon In Bloom £5000
Chestnuts Tasking Public Meeting £500
Skyguard Personal Safety Device £7360

South Yardley Ward

Clay Lane allotments £4000
South Yardley Gating £1747

Good News on Local Fire Stations

After 12 weeks of consultation it has been agreed that both Hay Mills & Sheldon Community Fire Stations will be retained. This decision will go for approval to the meeting of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority on February 9, 2009.

4th Annual Volunteers Awards Evening

The 4th Yardley Volunteer's Awards Evening will be held on Wednesday 25th February at the Westley Hotel, Acocks Green.

