

Your Yardley

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Did you know that over 900,000 people used the 2 Leisure facilities in Yardley last year?

Adnan is Leaving Yardley

You might have already heard that Adnan Saif, who has been Yardley Constituency Director for more than four years, will be leaving Yardley. He is taking up the position of Chief Executive Officer of Urban Living - the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder covering the North West of Birmingham and parts of Sandwell. At the last CSP and Constituency Committee meetings Adnan thanked everyone for their support and wished Yardley continued progress.

People's Millions Big Lottery Fund - Mapledene Primary School

On Tuesday 17th March Lee Carsley, who plays for Birmingham City Football Club, and is originally from Sheldon, came and officially opened our new playground. The playground equipment was funded from a grant from the People's Millions Big Lottery Fund. We would like to say a huge thank you to the whole community who voted for us.

Library Super Salesperson

Congratulations to the Acocks Green Library team for creating a Super super salesperson - Faiqa Shahzad - who succeeded in recruiting 27 new library members to Acocks Green Library to help celebrate National Year of Reading. Particular mention needs to go to Mike Byrne and Brenda Clarke for acting as 'super trainers and motivators'

Constituency Committee Decisions

At its last meeting held on 27th March 2009, the Constituency Committee approved a number of recommendations including the following:

Approved the Service Plan 2009/10 which included the priority of increasing the number of users of facilities by at least 10% and user satisfaction to at least 95%.

A number of decisions were taken to improve library services in the constituency including the investment of up to £150,000 to:

- Increase opening hours
- Increase outreach activity.
- Introduce self-service technology.
- Create additional Neighbourhood Libraries.

Community Chest

Yardley Constituency Committee approved the following grants at their meeting on 26 March

Acocks Green Ward

£1,495 for projects for 2008-09

£65,599 for projects for 2009-10

Sheldon Ward

£53,100 for projects for 2009-10

South Yardley Ward

£24,459 for projects for 2009-10

Stechford & Yardley North Ward

Other Meetings

Wednesday 22 April

Yardley Neighbourhood Forum will be holding its next Public Meeting in South Yardley Library starting at 7:15pm and finishing no later than 9:00pm. This meeting is the Annual General Meeting and the members of the Forum Management Committee will be elected. New Committee members are welcomed. There will be a report on the Tesco Development at the Swan and other guest speakers.

Highlights of Yardley in 2008/09

The following indicators show the considerable progress made in Yardley in 2008/09 by Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police and other partner agencies:

- 11% drop in crime level (Feb 09 compared to Feb 08)
- 14% increase in the number of people believing that crime levels have improved.
- 2% increase in level of resident satisfaction with their neighbourhoods (81% to 83%)
- 20% increase in the number of people believing that people from different backgrounds get on better (73% to 93%)
- Successful organisation of community events – eg Volunteers Awards and Youth Festival.
- Successful joint operation with the Police to combat anti-graffiti and the arrest of many of the perpetrators.
- Highway safety improvement schemes and start on more than £250,000 worth of work to improve The Radleys shopping centre.
- £190,000 of WNF secured to continue the Town Centre Management initiatives.
- £3.2m worth of activities, funded by the Working Neighbourhood Fund to reduce worklessness in the Constituency.
- More than £1,140,000 being invested in facilities improvement.

St Edburgha's Church £1 Million Appeal

As part of the fundraising drive to raise £1 million for repairs to the 700 year old building, the church will be open on Saturday 25 April from 11.00 till 4.00. Visitors will be invited to donate a coin for each year of the church's history since 972. Guided tours available

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