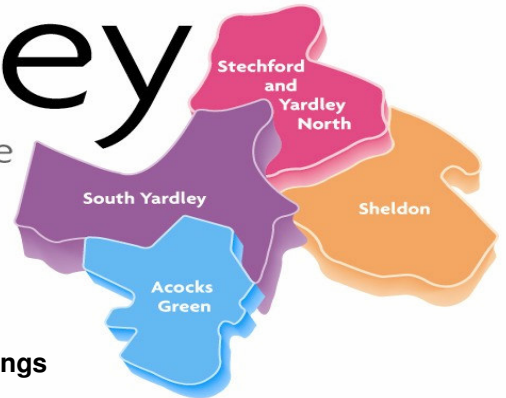


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Town Centre Managers

Two Town Centre Managers have been appointed to lead on Acocks Green Town Centre and The Swan/Yew Tree/Hay Mills area to enhance their economic and physical environment.

The Town Centre Managers appointed to start in February are:

- Melinda Brown - Acocks Green
 - Jenny Drew - The Swan/Yew Tree/Hay Mills
- For further information contact Richard Hulbert on 675 5492.

New Principal at City College

Peter Harwood has been appointed as the Acting Principal of City College, following the resignation of Tony Henry.

Stechford Cascades – New Gym

Stechford Cascades re-opened its doors in the New Year sporting a completely refurbished gym area.

The facility has benefitted from a £140,000.00 worth of new equipment and now boasts 33 state of the art Technogym cardio-vascular and resistance machines. All of the cardio-vascular kit is fitted with the latest integrated TVs and I-pod docking stations, a first in Birmingham!

Its timely upgrade has tied in purposefully to capitalise on those customers wishing to get into shape in the New Year and also compliments Cascades ongoing programme of improvements.

A personal training service will soon be offered on a one to one basis with a professionally qualified instructor.

The War on Graffiti goes on!

Sergeant Anna Hynett has been appointed to coordinate all the anti-graffiti activities in Yardley for the next 2 months.

In the meantime.....

Have you adopted a cablebox yet?

As part of the activities to tackle graffiti, the Constituency Strategic Partnership launched 'Adopt a Cable Box' campaign to get residents and organisations to play their part in making Yardley free from graffiti.

Have you adopted the cable box closest to your home or the facility you are managing?

Dates of February Meetings

5th Prosperous Yardley 12.00 pm @ Constituency Office

6th Safer Estates 11.00 am @ Constituency Office

11th Greener Cleaner Safer 6.30 pm @ Constituency Office

25th CHYPS Strategic Group 2.00 pm @ Constituency Office.

A45 Corridor Study:

Birmingham City Council has commissioned a study which will lead to the development of an ambitious Strategic Development Framework for the A45 Coventry Road Transportation Corridor. The aims for the Study are:

- Establish a vision for transformational land use decisions.
- Ensure 'connectedness' of the A45 Corridor to key adjoining developments
- identify transportation investment and infrastructure needed to support the vision.
(Contact: Phil Coyne on 464 9835)

Big Lottery Funding

Are you missing-out on opportunities to get Big Lottery Funding for your projects and activities?

You can contact BCC External Funding Unit on 303 0010 or the Big Lottery Fund Help Desk on 0845 4102030 to get help to secure funding from the Big Lottery Fund for a range of projects and activities. For example there is money for green spaces, young people, growing vegetables, and many others.

Volunteer Awards

This years event will be held on Tuesday 19th February at 6.30 pm at the Westley Arms Hotel in Acocks Green. At this years event we will not only be recognising the work of individuals but also groups and their achievements.

Please forward your nomination to:
Caroline. Davis@birmingham.gov.uk by 5th February .

A message from Chief Supt Clive Burgess:

"There are now more front line police officers and PCSOs than ever in the area. Crime is at the lowest level for many years. We are however experiencing a rise in house burglary, as we do number plates from cars so we would urge residents to be vigilant and look out for each other."

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

