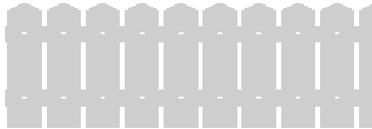


Alleyway from Yardley Road to Stockfield

Over recent years people living in Langworth Drive in the Stockfield area have been affected by anti social behaviour from young people hanging around the alleyway that runs next to Cottesbrooke Junior School. In an attempt to reduce this problem a proposal has been put forward that the walkway be gated and opened on a part time basis. If you may be affected by this decision or would like to find out more about such plans come along to the Public Meeting or contact your local MP or Councillor.



Centenary Year – Acocks Green Police Station

Acocks Green Police Station which opened in 1909, is 100 years old this year. The present impressive building replaced an earlier police station built in 1877 which was located in the village on Warwick Road, opposite Dudley Park Road . There are plans afoot to celebrate this milestone in our local history and the work of the local constabulary. Look out for more announcements on this event soon.

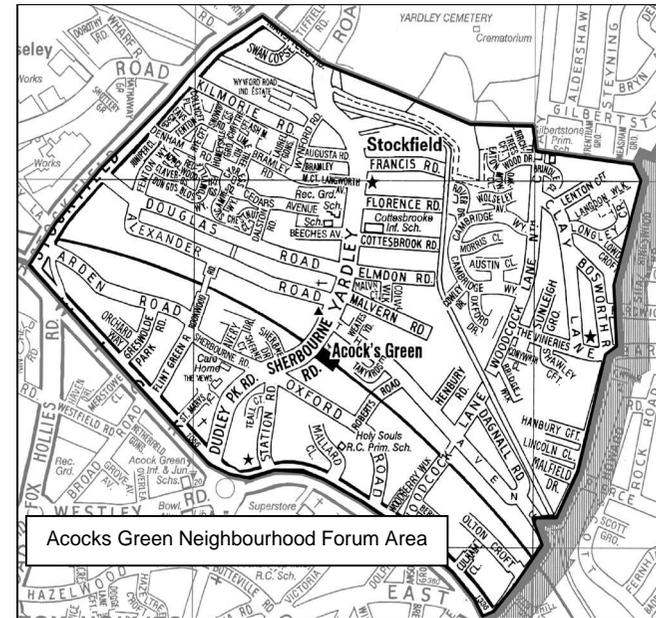
How to Contact your MP or Local Councillor:

<p>John Hemming MP House of Commons London SW1A 1AA</p> <p>Constituency Tel No: 722 3417</p>	<p>pop in & see him every Saturday 11am–12.00pm at 1772 Coventry Road Sheldon B26 1PB</p>
<p>Your Councillors are:</p> <p>Penny Wagg /Iain Bowen /Roger Harmer The Council House Victoria Square Birmingham B1 1BB</p> <p>Tel: 689 2611, 777 1476, or 680 6538</p>	<p>pop in and see them every Monday (except Bank Hols) 7.00-8.30pm at Acocks Green library</p>



Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

March 09



Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum has been in existence for over 10 years. It is organised and run by local people and welcomes everyone in the area. It provides the opportunity to share experiences and discuss issues of common concern such as community safety, environmental issues, health, transport and much more. Our next public meeting is on:

Thurs 5th March, 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Yardley Rd.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Many of you may have been affected by the changes in the local bus services in the area that came into effect in January. The guest Speaker at our meeting will be **Mark Kipling** from **Travel West Midlands**. He will talk to the meeting about the changes and answer any queries people might have concerning the bus transport in Birmingham.

We are also hoping to have our local MP John Hemming in attendance who can speak briefly about his role representing us the constituents.

Cottesbrooke Wednesday Walkers

January saw the launch of a new walking group in Stockfield. Every Wednesday during term time, parents of children from Cottesbrooke Junior & Infants School as well as other local people meet at Cedars Avenue school entrance at 9am for an enjoyable walk around the local area. The benefits of the group are many. Walkers enjoy exercise, become more familiar with their area and get a chance to meet other local people. Walks are between an hour and an hour and a half in length.

If you would like to join the walk, meet at 9am on Wednesdays (term time) at Cedars Avenue school gates. Of if you would like more information phone Ged at Cottesbrooke Junior school on 464 3178



Acocks Green Carnival - Saturday 4th July 2009

Now in its 36th Year, Acocks Green Carnival is a celebration by local organisations of all that is good in the Acocks Green area. There will be displays, stages, stalls and a 5-a-side football tournament in the morning.



There will also be a parade of floats with the theme '**Children's Books from Around the World**'. If you or your group would like to take part by building a float, having a stall, taking part on the Youth Stage or generally being involved in the Carnival then the Acocks Green Carnival Committee would love to hear from you. For more information contact David Swingle on 706 0652

Help with Giving Up Smoking on our doorstep

Great news for all those local people who are struggling with their New Year attempts to kick the nicotine habit. Help is at hand at the **Inn on the Green**.

Free support is available every Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm.

To find out more phone free on **0800 0525 855**

The service is free and it really works. In fact you're 4 times more likely to quit with this help.

Springtime : Putting the Green Back into Acocks Green 09

We are sure you have noticed that last year Acocks Green village was a lot more colourful than previous years with new flowerbeds and summer planters crammed with annual flowers. This is thanks to our Town Centre Manager- Melinda Brown, city council and local businesses' financial support and most of all, a band of enthusiastic volunteers. The *Putting the Green Back into Acocks Green* launched last Spring is hoping to build on last year's success. At the forefront of the volunteers is Fran Lee from Hazelwood Road Residents Association. The project always needs more volunteers, especially now that Spring is in the air. If you fancy helping out at a future gardening session then please phone : Fran Lee on 706 0076. Or talk to the volunteers when you see them down the Green. No experience necessary!



Old Vineries Bridge Update

British Waterways have been working on the towpath near the bridge these last few weeks. The first phase is to improve the path, prune trees to bring in more light, and then repair the bridge. It is hoped there will be a cast iron sign with the name of the bridge and the date put in place too.