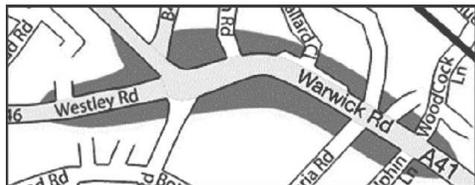


The Warwick Road – A41 Improvements



Birmingham City Council, Solihull Council and Centro are all working together to look at ways to improve the A41 Warwick Road, which is the main road that runs through the heart of Acocks Green village.

The area under consultation stretches from the junction with the Stratford Road in Sparkhill to the junction with Seven Star Road in Solihull. The project aims to develop a series of route improvements on the A41 to help make travelling, living, working and shopping along the Warwick Road route easier and more enjoyable.

A preliminary consultation has already taken place with representatives from local organisations (including AG Neighbourhood Forum). The next stage will be a **Public Consultation**. This will be a drop-in event at **Acocks Green Library on Saturday 19th September** from 11am to 3pm, where members of the public will get a chance to learn more and express their views. Or you can check out their website: www.warwickroad.org.uk

Silver Surfers - an over 55s Computer Club

Do you have access to a computer but need more confidence to use it? Would you like to learn in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere? Then here is a great opportunity for you:

- Term starts:** 14 September - 14 December (13 weeks)
Day & time: Monday 1.30 to 3.30pm
Cost: £39 total (first instalment £21, second instalment £18)
Venue: Cottesbrooke Junior School

This course is run by **ReCom**, a local charity whose aim is to make computers more accessible to everyone. For more information contact them on 765 5282 .

Our Neighbourhood Police

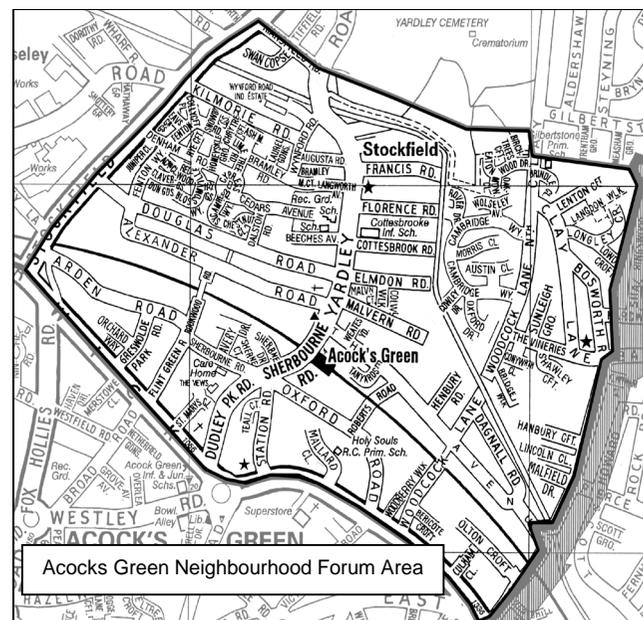
Here is an opportunity to meet the team and discuss any issues or concerns. These Neighbourhood Police Tasking Meetings are specifically for local residents to drop by and meet face to face with the team of police who know the local area and its issues well. Dates for the sessions are as follows:

22 nd September	25 th January
19 th October	22 nd February
24 th November	29 th March
21 st December	

Each session starts at 7pm at AG Police Station, just go to the front door.

Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

September 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 17th September, 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Yardley Rd (corner of Alexander Rd). Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available.

Guest speakers include :

- Jeremy Shields – Head of Waste Management, Birmingham City Council
- Bari Aziz – Acocks Green Ward Support Officer

There will be an opportunity to ask your questions and discuss local concerns.

www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org

University of Acocks Green?



A new English Literature course being run by the University of Warwick starts here in Acocks Green this September. If you are interested in studying a degree in English this could act as a stepping stone or if you would like to study for pleasure this could be for you.

The course will run from Stone Hall Adult Education Centre for 2 hours on Saturday mornings and will cost £80 per term (£40 concessions). No previous qualifications are required, just enthusiasm and commitment. For more information go to the website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/cll/courses/openstudies/certificates/english> or phone 024 7657 3739

What makes you proud about Acocks Green? Who delivers the best service and who could do better?

Our Town Centre Manager, Melinda Brown, wants to hear your thoughts about the Village via a 'Comments Box' in the Library. All comments will be posted on a notice board (no names are given) so you can see what others think and add your own views. The TCM will take the comments on board and feed back to the businesses, or relevant services. So why not share your views with the community?

You can drop your comment into the library or email them through to: acocksgreentcm@birmingham.gov.uk Please keep it short and to the point so it can be posted on the notice board.

Autumn Spruce Up - Volunteers Required

It will soon be time to prepare for winter in the Village and that means a good tidy up of the plants and some winter planting. Melinda and the 'Greening the Green' team are looking for willing volunteers. You really don't need any gardening experience (most of us started with none!) and we only work for an hour or so. You can drop an email to the TCM or watch out for notices in the Library for the next sessions.

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And don't forget...

our Public Meeting – Thursday 17th September, 7.30pm Yardley Road Community Room, next to the Baptist Church. Come and find out more about your community and maybe get to know more people in your neighbourhood.

Be Active Scheme

Every Birmingham resident should be able to use a gym and swimming pool free of charge from September under radical new plans to help people to lose weight and get fitter.



City council chiefs hope that its new 'Be Active' scheme, open to people aged from 17 to 59, will encourage people to become more active. Under the £9.3 million initiative, they will get free off peak access to local authority-run pools and leisure centres.

Be Active comes as latest figures show Birmingham is one of the UK's fattest and least physically active cities. Experts recommend doing a minimum of 30 minutes exercise three times a week – but just 17.2 per cent of Birmingham residents achieve this.

So why not take advantage of this opportunity to get fitter? Fox Hollies Leisure Centre is just up the road and has great sports and swimming facilities as well as lots of organised classes to suit all levels of fitness. Phone them on 464 4112 or visit their website: <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/fox-hollies>



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Have you checked out our new website? This is actually a blog and was free and easy to set up. We were helped by a local organisation called **Be Vocal** (<http://bevocal.org.uk>) that helps community groups make the most of the internet and other social media such as blogs and Twitter.

The organisation brings together people with useful technical knowledge and blogging experience to guide and advice local people. They have organised many drop-in advice surgeries both locally and in Digbeth. It was at one of these surgeries that our new website was born. Other local websites you may want to check out are:

For Francis Road residents: <http://francisroadb27.wordpress.com>

A local blog about AG: <http://iamag.wordpress.com>

Acocks Green Focus Group <http://acocksgreenfocusgroup.org.uk>

The new AG Traders Assoc. <http://acocksgreentraders.wordpress.com>