

Acocks Green Ward

Introduction

Acocks Green, a socially mixed Ward, lies about four miles South East of Birmingham City Centre. It has a recognisable centre itself, known as 'The Green' which is at the junction of the Warwick Road and three local through routes. The 'natural' boundary of Acocks Green can be seen as the canal along the Northern edge, the city boundary along the East side, then Lakey Lane as far as Broomhall Crescent. From there, a line can be drawn to Fox Hollies Leisure Centre and continued along York Road to the North Warwickshire Railway Line. To complete the boundary, the railway forms a barrier, as far as the canal. This area forms a natural community, easily understood by local people. From the local Government Elections in June 2004, the new Ward of Acocks Green mostly reflects this geographical area.

The Ward has several supermarkets and commercially is an important shopping centre. It has eight primary schools and two secondary schools, and a variety of places of Worship.

Acocks Green also has several historic buildings, including Grade II listed cottages in Arden Road, a Grade II listed Baptist Church, and Church Hall.

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A Ward Support Officer (WSO) is a Birmingham City Council employee working in two wards within a Constituency, in the Yardley Constituency there are four wards therefore there are two WSO's.

They are responsible for maintaining the records and monitoring regeneration funds for example the Working Neighbourhoods Fund within a particular ward. They are one of the main contacts supporting the constituency offices and working towards improving the ward and constituency in relation to health, crime, education, employment, housing and environment. They also organise constituency meetings.

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A Neighbourhood Health Development Officer (NHDO) works by constituency, Jasbir covers the Yardley Constituency, which is overlapped by two localities (please refer to localities map on the web site) NHDO's aim to support and drive forward the Public, Patient Involvement (PPI) and reduce Health inequalities within BEN PCT.

NHDO's objectives are to:

- Promote BEN PCT's activities within the Yardley Constituency.
- Responsible for communicating and establishing links between Yardley Constituency organisations, local community and BEN PCT.
- To encourage and support financial bids from local organisations to attract new funds for health activities in the Yardley Constituency. (One of the prime examples of this is the constituency health panels jointly established by the NHDO's and

Birmingham City Council (for further details, please refer to the PPI section on BEN PCT web site and Birmingham City Council web site)

- Guide local people on their greatest health needs and priorities in the Yardley Constituency.

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Key Points

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1. Reports by individuals 85 years and over living within the Acocks Green ward with limiting long-term illnesses is higher than the constituency and Birmingham (Reports in Acocks Green are 5% higher than Birmingham and 3% higher than the constituency).

*(Birmingham Public Health Network (BPHN),
Acocks Green Health Profile, 2001, P.13)*

2. Under the general health section of the ward profile, 46% of individuals aged 85 years and over reported their health as 'poor', this is 8% higher than Birmingham and Yardley Constituency.

(BPHN, Acocks Green Ward Profile, 2001, P.14)

3. After referring to Acocks Green Ward deprivation levels it indicates high deprivation results in low levels of health lifestyle. Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) score for Acocks Green is 39.22, making it the 8th highest ward in BEN PCT

(BEN PCT Annual Public Health report 2006-07, P 15)

4. Perinatal Mortality rate's for the wards is 11.9 % per 1,000 child born, this is average for the constituency.

(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07 P. 21)

5. Higher mortality rate than Birmingham (16% higher across most age groups.) The leading cause of death is heart disease, mainly due to smoking, lack of exercise and obesity.

(BPHN, Acocks Green Ward, 2001, P.16)

6. Taking the highest life expectancy of all the wards in Birmingham as the benchmark, Sutton New Hall life expectancy is 81.2 years; therefore individuals in Acocks green ward are estimated to live 5.8 fewer years.

(BPHN, Acocks Green Ward, 1999-2003, P.18)