

# Hodge Hill Ward

## Introduction

Hodge Hill lies seven kilometres to the east of Birmingham City Centre. It is one of the four wards which make up Hodge Hill Constituency, along with Shard End, Washwood Heath and Bordesley Green. It is an extremely diverse ward in terms of ethnicity of residents, housing stock, levels of crime and service provision. Deprivation is below the Birmingham average, which masks high levels of disadvantage in some of the Ward's neighbourhoods.

The Ward's northern boundary is set M6 and the A47 (Heartlands Parkway). Washwood Heath Road, Stechford Lane and the River Cole mark its western and southern edges. The 'Outer Circle' (A4040) provides a major north-south division separating the Ward's (western) Ward End neighbourhood, from those of Hodge Hill and the Bromford and Firs Estate to the east and south.

The Fox & Goose retail area provides a social and commercial focus for the Ward. The Washwood Heath Road shopping area also serves many residents

Hodge Hill is lucky to have a number of important areas of public space, including the Cole Valley (Nature Conservation Area) and Hodge Hill Common.

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## Personnel

Birmingham City Council

Birmingham City Council Constituency Director: **Robert James**

Birmingham City Council Ward Support Officer: **Vacant**

A Ward Support Officer (WSO) is a Birmingham City Council employee working in one ward within a Constituency, in the Hodge Hill Constituency there are four wards therefore there are four 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, The NHDO covers the Hodge Hill 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 Hodge Hill Constituency.
- Responsible for communicating and establishing links between Hodge Hill 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 Hodge Hill 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 Hodge Hill Constituency

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## Key Points

### Hodge Hill Ward

1. The proportion of people in Hodge Hill ward reporting their general health as not good rises sharply with age increasing from under 2% in the 0 to 15 age group 46% for those aged 85+.

*(BPHN Hodge Hill Profile, 2001, P.14)*

2. The prevalence of smoking is estimated to be over 40% in Hodge Hill ward. Smoking can drastically reduce life expectancy & greatly increase the risk of many serious diseases.

*(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07, P.30)*

3. Pneumonia is the main cause of death in Hodge Hill ward with death from the condition well above Birmingham and Hodge Hill Constituency. 34% of all death are due to diseases of the circulatory system (heart disease and stroke). Hodge Hill had higher numbers of deaths than that would have been expected from Birmingham. Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR ) (all causes) of Hodge Hill ward is 20% higher than that that of England

*(BPHN Hodge Hill Profile, 2001, P.17)*

*(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07, P. 9)*

4. Hodge Hill is recognised as one of the hotspots for the PCT amongst other wards for Coronary Heart Disease and Lung Cancer.

*(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07, P. 11)*

5. Hodge Hill as a Constituency has 30% excess winter deaths which is five times higher than Sparkbrook & Small Heath and four times higher than Sutton Coldfield.

*(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07, P.27)*

6. Fertility rates in Hodge Hill are lower than constituency but higher than Birmingham; 76 births per year per 1000 women aged 15-44.

*(BPHN Hodge Hill Profile, 2001, P.15)*

7. Under one in ten births to women living in Hodge Hill were of low weight- slightly lower than constituency & Birmingham.

*(BPHN Hodge Hill Profile, 2001, P.15)*

8. 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 Hodge Hill are estimated to live 5.1 fewer years.

*(BPHN Hodge Hill Profile, 2001, P.18)*