

Sheldon Ward

Introduction

Sheldon is an outer suburb on the south-east side of Birmingham, reached by the A45 Coventry Road. It is bounded by Solihull to the south and east and the main London railway line, Garretts Green Lane and Coventry Road to the west. The Northern end of the runway at Birmingham International Airport lies in the Ward, although the airport itself is actually in neighbouring Solihull. Hatchford Brook Golf Centre is adjacent to the runway.

A large percentage of the owner-occupied housing is semi-detached three bedroom built in the 1930s. Two and three bedroom council housing was added post-war, much of which has been sold over the last 20 years. The remaining Council-owned housing comprises of small bungalows, blocks of flats and maisonettes.

The ward has one secondary school offering dual use as a leisure centre, one Roman Catholic primary school and four other primary schools. There is a Public Library and Stechford Neighbourhood Office serves the ward. There are also two Youth and Community Centres within the ward.

Sheldon is also home to the Sheldon Country Park, an area of natural parkland with associated farm buildings and animals.

Areas Covered

Sheldon Ward covers the following Local Areas:

Garretts Green (part)
Lyndon Green
Sheldon
Wells Green

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Personnel

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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. Sheldon has a higher female to male ratio compared to men, according to figures there are 10,017 male's compared to 10,884 female's. Therefore, there are generally 850 more women than men in the ward.

*(Birmingham Public Health Network (BPHN),
Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.3)*

2. Sheldon ward has the highest population of people living in it from retirement age, this is compared to the Yardley Constituency and Birmingham. Generally the ward has low numbers of children and young adults.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.3)

3. Age is directly related to limited long-term illness those from elderly community report higher rates of limited long term condition, women reported higher rates of this compared to men living into later age. The ward is the 7th highest ward in Birmingham for limited long-term illness. However please noted that it is still lower than the Birmingham average.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.19)

4. The percentage in Sheldon reporting 'poor health' is lower than the corresponding Yardley constituency and Birmingham figures across all age group. Overall, the age standardized total rate for the ward is 16% lower than the city rate, and 15% lower than the rate for the constituency.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.14)

5. Fertility rates in Sheldon are lower than the constituency and Birmingham, 59 births per year per 1,000 women in the age bracket of 15-44.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.15)

6. One in eleven women in Sheldon had low birth weight babies lower than the constituency and Birmingham.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.15)

7. Sheldon has a lower mortality rate across most age groups in the ward compared to the constituency, having a Standard Mortality Ratio (SMR) of 13% lower than the constituency.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.16)

8. CHD is the highest cause of death, along with cancers such as colon and prostate cancer however the ward is low for diabetes, pneumonia and stroke.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.17)

9. 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 Sheldon ward are estimated to live 2.8 fewer years, an average age for someone to live to in Sheldon ward is 78.3 years. Higher than the constituency and Birmingham, it is ranked the 8th highest for life expectancy in Birmingham.

(BPHN Sheldon Health Profile, 2001, P.18)