

Sutton Vesey Ward

Introduction

Sutton Vesey is one of the four Wards that make up the Parliamentary Constituency of Sutton Coldfield. The Ward lies to the south of Sutton Coldfield Town Centre and Sutton Park and includes the neighbourhoods of Boldmere, Banners Gate and parts of New Oscott and Wylde Green.

Vesey Ward constitutes a well established residential area with New Oscott and Boldmere being the main commercial centres.

New Oscott is located at the busy junction of Chester Road, Jockey Road and Kings Road. Recent development has brought a small retail park and extra housing to the centre thus increasing trading levels. Brampton Hall Community Centre, located on the former Princess Alice Ophanage site is a valued local facility serving the people of Sutton Coldfield and Kingstanding.

Boldmere is a busy local shopping centre serving adjoining residential areas with a range of convenience goods and services. Boldmere Library provides a focal point for local residents.

The Ward benefits from several areas of open space, including Boldmere Golf Course at the southern-most edge of Sutton Park with the Ward boundary extending around both Powell's and Wyndley Pools as well as Princess Alice Park accessed off Avery Road or Churchill Road, New Oscott.

A play area at the Banners Gate entrance to Sutton Park offers a range of inclusive play equipment so that children with special needs can also join in the fun.

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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 Sutton 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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Neighbourhood Health Development works by constituency, Sheeba covers the Sutton Coldfield Constituency, which is overlapped by two localities (please refer to localities map on the web site) NHD work aims to support and drive forward the Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) and reduce Health inequalities within BEN PCT.

NHD objectives are to:

- Promote BEN PCT's activities within the Sutton Constituency.

- Responsible for communicating and establishing links between Sutton 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 Sutton Constituency. (One of the prime examples of this is the constituency health panels jointly established by the NHD work and Birmingham City Council (for further details, please refer to the PPI section on BEN PCT web site)
- Guide local people on their greatest health needs and priorities in the Sutton Constituency.

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Key Points

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1. The Sutton Vesey population has an older age structure than that of Birmingham, with relatively fewer children and young adults, and a larger proportion of persons of retirement age than the city.

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

2. Under a third of all persons of pensionable age in Sutton Vesey ward live alone - lower than the corresponding figure for Birmingham.

(BPHN, Sutton Vesey Ward Profile, 2001, P.8)

3. As measured by the Townsend Score*, Sutton Vesey ward has the second lowest level of deprivation out of the 40 wards in Birmingham, while Sutton Coldfield constituency is the least deprived of Birmingham's 11 constituency. This is also supported by BEN PCT's Annual Public Health Report 2006, where Sutton Vesey ward is classified as having the second lowest index of multiple deprivation score from all the wards in BEN PCT.

*(BPHN, Sutton Vesey Ward Profile, 2001, P.10)
(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07 P. 15)*

4. Sutton Vesey's limiting long-term illness rates are lower than the corresponding Birmingham rates across all age groups, resulting in a standardised all age rate for the ward which is 33% lower than the Birmingham rate, and almost identical to the rate for the constituency.

(BPHN, Sutton Vesey Ward Profile, 2001, P.13)

5. The percentages in Sutton Vesey reporting poor general health are lower than the corresponding Birmingham figures across all age groups. Overall, the age standardised total rate from the ward is 46% lower than the Birmingham rate, and 3% lower than the rate for Sutton Coldfield constituency.

(BPHN, Sutton Vesey Ward Profile, 2001, P.14)

6. 37% of all ward deaths were due to diseases of the circulatory system (heart disease and stroke), while the four types of cancer listed (lung, breast, colon and prostate) accounted for a further 12%. Sutton Constituency has a high prevalence of CHD, however Sutton Vesey experienced 30% fewer deaths from the disease than expected. Comparing Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMRs) nationally and locally. Sutton Constituency SMR is 11% below the national SMR (P.7, BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report).

*(BPHN, Sutton Vesey Ward Profile, 2001, P.17)
(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07 P. 11)*

7. 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 Sutton Vesey ward are estimated to live 0.8 fewer years. According to BEN PCT's Annual Public Health Report, Sutton Vesey experiences 20% lower mortality rates compared to England.

(BPHN, Sutton Vesey Ward Profile, 2001, P.18)
(BEN PCT Annual Public Health Report 2006-07 P. 9)

* The Townsend Score is a four component ranking index designed to measure relative deprivation and is particularly appropriate for use in urban areas. The higher the Townsend Score, the greater the degree of deprivation in an area relative to other areas.