**Acocks Green**

**WARD PLAN 2018 – 2022**

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**Ward Description**

Acocks Green ward is located in the south east of the city. It has a population of 23,117 making it the 3rd most populous ward in the city. The ward has a similar age profile to the city as a whole and a similar ethnic makeup.

Acocks Green is mid ranking amongst the city’s 69 wards for deprivation levels and average income. Resident employment rates in the ward are above the city average and claimant count unemployment proportions are slightly lower than the Birmingham average

Acocks Green is 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 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.

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**Acocks Green Ward** is within the parliamentary constituency of Yardley. The local **Member of Parliament** is Jess Phillips.



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**Acocks Green today**

**Transport**

Transport access to Acocks Green is good, if congested much of the time. There is a station on the Birmingham to Leamington line, and another on the border with Tyseley, on the North Warwickshire line. A number of bus routes to and from the city reach here, and the Outer Circle route and a number of cross-city routes also serve the area.

**Housing**

There are a significant number of fine Victorian and Edwardian houses. Very large municipal estates needing a degree of refurbishment are to be found in the south and to the west, and two early municipal estates have been rebuilt in the 1990s.

Modern developments have been in the nature of replacement of large houses with small flat blocks or groups of smaller houses, and building over former sports clubs and nurseries with new estates. The housing tenure in Acocks Green is equally split between owner – occupiers and the rented sector; however an increase in the number of privately rented homes over the years is now more than social housing.

**Business**

Industry exists on the western edges, by the railway and at Tyseley. The city is putting resources into regenerating Tyseley. Commercially, Acocks Green is an important shopping centre. The Warwick Road through to Olton is bordered by businesses of all kinds, although the number of charity shops has increased in recent years at the expense of other High Street enterprises. The Warwick Road has two supermarkets, and there is another at Fox Hollies.

**Famous Residents**

Jasper Carrott OBE (born Robert Norman Davis), Comedian, Actor & TV Presenter, lived in Shaftsmoor Lane

John Curry OBE (1949 – 1994) – British Figure Ice Skater, 1976 Olympic and World Champion

**Key information**

Acocks Green Ward

* Has a population of approximately 23,117
* Has the following age profile

**Age Profile** Source: 2011 Census

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Age  | Acocks Green (No) | Acocks Green (%) | Birmingham (%) | England (%) |
| All residents | **23.117** |  |  |  |
| 16-64 | 14811 | 64.1 | 64.3% | 64.8% |
| Under 18  | 5934 | 25.7 | 25.5% | 21.4% |
| 18-24 | 2301 | 10.0 | 12.1% | 9.4% |
| 25-44 | 6976 | 30.2 | 28.7% | 27.5% |
| 45-64 | 4852 | 21.0 | 20.7% | 25.4% |
| 65+ | 3054 | 13.2 | 12.9% | 16.3% |

* Has a demographic profile;

**Ethnicity**

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| Ethnic Group  | Acocks Green (No) | Acocks Green (%) | Birmingham (%) | England (%) |
| White Total  | 12996 | 56.2 | 57.9 | 85.4 |
| BritishIrishOther White Mixed/ Multiple Ethnicity  | 111298601007052 | 48.13.74.44.6 | 53.12.12.74.4 | 79.81.04.72.3 |
| Asian Total  | 5714 | 24.7 | 26.6 | 7.8 |
| Indian Pakistani BangladeshiChineseOther Asian  | 15612908491153601 | 6.812.62.10.72.6 | 6.013.53.01.22.9 | 2.62.10.80.71.5 |
| Black Total | 1221 | 5.3 | 9.0 | 3.5 |
| Black African Black Caribbean Black Other Other Ethnic Group | 248741232267 | 1.23.21.01.2 | 2.84.41.72.0 | 1.81.10.51.0 |

**Housing Tenure Profile in Acocks Green**

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| **All Household** | **Owned****Outright**  | **Owned with Mortgage/loan** | **Shared ownership** | **Rented BCC** | **Housing Ass/registered** **Landlord**  | **Private** **Landlord or letting agency** | **Other private rented**  | **Living rent free** |
| 9018 | 2029 | 2901 | 77 | 1558 | 503 | 1692 | 100 | 158 |

**Infographic of Acocks Green Ward.**



There are seven schools within the ward of which five are primary schools and two are secondary schools.

**Primary Schools**

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| Name | Address | Postcode  |
| Acocks Green Primary School | Westley Road Acocks Green | B27 7UQ |
| The Oaklands Primary School  | Dolphin Lane Acocks Green | B27 7BT |
| Holy Souls Catholic Primary School  | Mallard Close Acocks Green | B27 7BN |
| Severne Junior Infant and Nursery School  | Severne Road Acocks Green | B27 7HR |
| Lakey Lane Junior and Infant School | Lakey Lane Hall Green | B28 8RY |
| Cottesbrooke Infants & Nursery School | Yardley Road, | B27 6LG |
| Cedars Academy | Cedars Avenue | B27 6JL |
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**Secondary Schools**

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| Name | Address | Postcode  |
| Ninestiles Academy  | Hartfield Crescent  | B27 7QG |
| Archbishop IIsley Catholic School | Victoria Road   | B27 7XY |
| Kimichi Independent School | Eastbourne House111 Yardley Road | B27 6LL |

**Noteable Buildings of Historical Interest include:**

* The Old Fire Station **Grade B**
* Caretakers House on Alexander Road **Grade A**
* Former Police Station on Yardley Road **Grade II Listed**
* House corner of Elmdon Road
* Acocks Green Library on Shirley Road **Grade A**
* The Old Cottage

**Key stakeholders within the ward include:**

* Fox Hollies Community Association
* Friends of Acocks Green Recreation Ground
* West Midland Police
* West Midlands Fire Service
* Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum
* Friends of Fox Hollies Recreation Ground
* Acocks Green Focus Group
* Acocks Green BID
* Arden and Hazelwood Residents Associations
* Westley Vale Millennium Green Charitable Trust
* Acocks Green Village in Bloom
* Friends of Acocks Green Library
* Acocks Green History Society

**Policy Context**

The Paper Localism in Birmingham: A Framework for Future Policy, March 2018 set out objectives for future ward-based working which will focus on: improved service delivery in neighbourhoods, an agenda of “Neighbourly Neighbourhoods” and a commitment to a “Whole Place” and “Whole System” way of working.

The new ward planning process is one of the main mechanisms by which citizens and communities can participate in setting local priorities themselves. The ward plan will be used to develop and enhance local engagement and community governance. The ward plan will highlight local priorities and planned actions.

In January 2019 Cabinet approved the Localisation White Paper “Working Together in Birmingham’s Neighbourhoods”. This commits the City Council to a programme of transformation, “to make Birmingham a localist city, and transform the culture of the city council to support that”. It also commits the city council to:

* Strengthen Ward partnership working and Ward planning
* Strengthen neighbourhood resources
* Make services more responsive to local neighbourhoods

It sets four tests for the success of this programme by 2022:

* Services being different, better suited to the area, and more efficient.
* Officers working for ‘one council’, putting shared outcomes and local places first, not their service or directorate.
* Local councillors having more influence on services.
* Residents feeling they are more in control of their services and their local area.

This Acocks Green Ward Plan is about achieving these results in our own local Ward.

The ward plan aligns with **Birmingham City Council Vision and Priorities 2017-2020**

**BIRMIINGHAM CITY COUNCIL VISION** –*A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.*

***BIRMIINGHAM CITY COUNCIL OUTCOMES – What we want to achieve:***

* **Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in**
* **Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in**
* **Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in**
* **Birmingham is a great city to live in**
* **Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games**

**Ward Priorities**

Although new ward arrangements provide an opportunity through ward meetings, councillors’ advice surgeries and stakeholder engagement to re-establish local priorities, it is important to revisit and note previously agreed ward priorities and the ward action tracker, which has tracked ward priorities for over 12 months.

**Ward Tracker Priorities Acocks Green**

* Environment
* Parks & Open Spaces
* Community Safety
* Young People
* Housing
* Acocks Green Village

**Local Innovation Fund Priorities:**

* Young people
* Environment – Recreation Green Space
* Local Engagement and Employment t

**Local Partnership Delivery Group (LPDG)**

**Local Community Safety Partnership and/or** **Neighbourhood Tasking Group Priorities (where applicable):**

* Community Engagement
* Antisocial behaviour.

Not sure what the priorities are as they are yet to be finalised

**Funding/Budgets**

1. The sum of £48k from the old ward arrangements have been devolved to the organisations within the ward to deliver **Local Innovation Fund** (LIF) Projects.

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| **Project** | **Org. name** | **Sum awarded** | **Status** |
| Fox Hollies Youth  | Fox Hollies Community Association  | £20,730 | On going |
| Transform Rec Ground  | Friends of Recreation Ground  | £13,361 | On going  |
| Hope for the future  | Hope for the Future  | £13,909 |  |

1. A share of the **Proceeds of Crime funding** allocated to the ward]

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| **Project** | **Org. name** | **Sum awarded** | **Status** |
| Acocks Green Men’s Shed  | Fox Hollies Com Ass | £300 | On going  |

1. **Highways Ward Minor Transport Measures budget** £9447 [insert exact detail]

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| **Project** | **Org. name** | **Sum awarded** | **Status** |
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1. **Housing Environmental Works budget** - £19,300

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| **Project** | **Location** | **Sum allocated** | **Status** |
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1. **Section 106 funding** (where/if applicable) [insert detail]

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| **Project** | **Location** | **Sum allocated** | **Status** |
| Ext/Imp to School  | Beeches Avenue/Yardley Rd | £18,000 | Expiry 2023 |
| Public Open Spaces | Beeches Avenue Rec & Com Facilities | £41,490 | Expiry 2023 |

1. **Neighbourhood Network Scheme** (where/if applicable)

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| **Project** | **Location** | **Sum allocated** | **Status** |
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1. **Community Infrastructure Levy** (where/if applicable)

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| **Project** | **Location** | **Sum allocated** | **Status** |
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Please list any other sources of ward-based funding below.

**Useful Links**

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/>

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/bcc.ck#!/vizhome/2018BirminghamWardProfiles/2018BirminghamWardProfiles>

[links to be agreed and added]

**Declaration**

*This plan has been drafted following engagement and discussions with local residents and ward stakeholders. It was been agreed and adopted by those present at the [insert ward name] Ward meeting on: [insert day, date and year], which was held at [insert meeting venue name].*

Signed [elected member(s) signature(s):

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Elected member (2) Signed:

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***A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.***

**Priority 1 Environment**

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| **Action(s) / What needs to be done?** | **Where?** | **By Who?** | **By When** | **Stakeholders/****Resources** | **Update**  |
| Tackle Litter/Fly tipping  | Numerous locations | Schools  |  | AG Litter ChampionsAG BIDBCC |  |
| Improve our pavements and roads | Numerous locations | BCC contractor |  |  | Amey being replaced as BCC contractor |
| Protect our street trees |  | Amey for now. |  |  |  |
| Plant wildflowers on central reservations | Stockfield Rd Fox Hollies Rd |  |  |  |  |
| Create Acocks Green Conservation Area | Defined area of north AG. | BCC Planning |  |  | Visit by Council Leader, Cllr Ian Ward, June 2019. |

**Priority 2 Parks & Open Spaces**

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| **Action(s) / What needs to be done?** | **Where?** | **By Who?** | **By When** | **Stakeholders/****Resources** | **Update**  |
| Improve our Parks | Fox Hollies Park, Acocks Green Rec. Millennium Green | Friends of Groups / Trustees.BCC | Ongoing | S106Grant Funding | Work to AG Rec to start after Carnival 2019. Further improvements to Fox Hollies Park dependent on S106 funding / bids. |
| Protect Grass Verges | Prioritise high use areas | BCC | Ongoing | Small Local Highways Projects |  |

**Priority 3 Community Safety**

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| **Action(s) / What needs to be done?** | **Where?** | **By Who?** | **By When** | **Stakeholders/****Resources** | **Update**  |
| Maintain Acocks Green Police Station as a base for our Neighbourhood Police Team | Yardley Road | Police |  |  |  |
| Tackle dangerous / illegal parking | By schools, road junctions | Police, BCC |  |  |  |
| More neighbourhood police officers / PCSOs |  | WMP/HMG |  |  |  |
| Tackle speeding/dangerous parking | Arden Rd, Roberts Rd bridge (one way); Woodcock Lane | Police, Community Groups |  |  |  |

**Priority 4 Young People**

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| **Action(s) / What needs to be done?** | **Where?** | **By Who?** | **By When** | **Stakeholders/****Resources** | **Update**  |
| Develop Acocks Green Youth Project | Across AG | Fox Hollies CA CIO |  | Lottery. Local funders | Capacity building project underway |

**Priority 5 Housing**

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| **Action(s) / What needs to be done?** | **Where?** | **By Who?** | **By When** | **Stakeholders/****Resources** | **Update**  |
| Tackle poorly managed rented accommodation |  |  |  |  | BCC consulting on requiring planning permission for all HMOs  |
| Tackle fuel poverty via better insulation |  |  |  |  |  |

**Priority 6 Acocks Green Village**

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| **Action(s) / What needs to be done?** | **By Who?** | **By When?** | **Stakeholders/****Resources** | **Where/with who?** | **Update**  |
| Create a great environment for a successful Village Centre for the future | AG BID, BCC |  |  |  | Bid to Future Highstreets Fund – EOI result expected during summer 2019 |