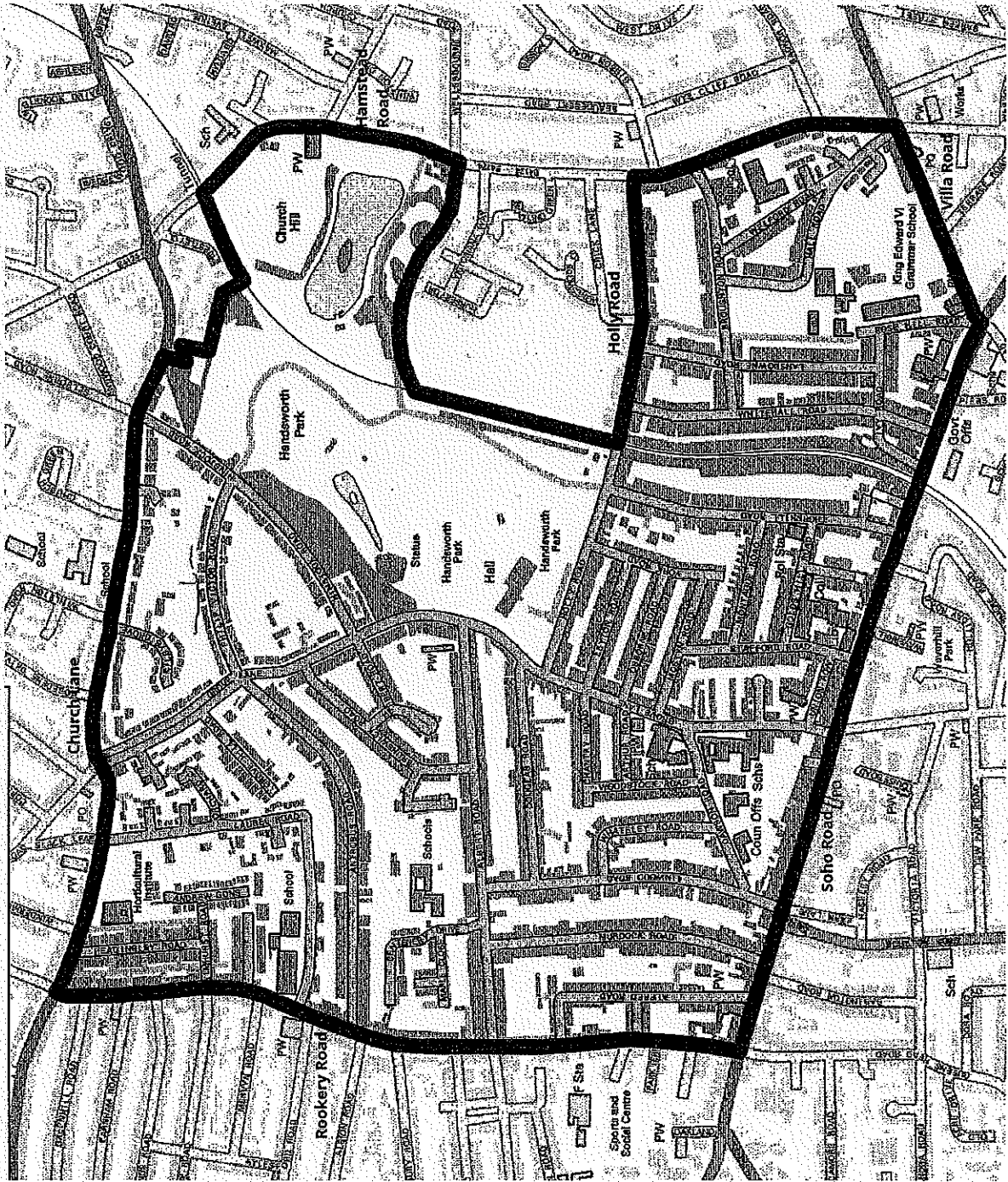


HANDSWORTH WARD PLAN 2018 - 2022



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Ward Description

Handsworth Ward is an inner-city ward located to the north west of the city centre. It has a population of 11,733 making it the 40th most populous ward in the city. The ward has a younger age profile than the city as a whole and has a higher Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) population than other wards. Handsworth is amongst the most deprived wards in the city and has the 12th lowest average income out of the 69 wards in the city. Resident employment rates in the ward are much lower than the city average and claimant count unemployment proportions are well above the Birmingham average.

Ward Councillor



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How to Contact Me

You can visit me at the advice surgeries or contact me by telephone or email, see above.

Surgeries are currently:

2nd Monday of the Month (except Bank Holidays & August), 2.00 – 3.00pm at
Handsworth Wellbeing Centre, Holly Road, Handsworth, B20 2BY.

4th Wednesday of the Month (School Term Time only) 3.00 - 4.00pm
Handsworth Association of Schools, Welford School, Welford Road, B20 2BL.

Advice surgeries are where you are able to visit your local councillors with any issues or concerns that you have.

Councillors will always try to attend their advice surgeries; however, there may be times, when an advice surgery has to be cancelled or changed at short notice. There is no legal requirement for Councillors to keep the advice surgery open for the full time.

Venues change from time to time and are advertised on the Council's website.

The **Member of Parliament** for Perry Barr Constituency within which Handsworth Ward is situated is Mr Khalid Mahmood.



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Constituency

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Ward Description

Handsworth Ward lies within:

- Hamstead Road,
- Holly Road
- Church Lane
- Rookery Road
- Oxhill Road
- Soho Road
- Villa Road

Handsworth Ward is made up of the following neighbourhoods (defined by Residents' Associations and street action groups):

- Antrobus
- Grove
- Rosehill (Welford Area)

There is one Neighbourhood Forum in Handsworth Ward that is led by the Residents.

There are street action groups emerging as a result of residents' response to local issues. These are supported by the Police and there is a Soho Road Street Wardens group. This is in line with the current Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods strategy.

Key Information

Handsworth Ward: population of approximately 11,733
profile: U18 – 29.2%, 18-24 – 11.7%, 25-44 – 31.7%, 45-64 – 18.2%, 65+ 9.2%; very diverse demographic profile; total claimant unemployed rate of 11.8% (April 2019); ranked 20th on the Birmingham indices of multiple deprivation and is within the 10% most deprived wards nationally;

Handsworth Ward is classified as an inner-city ward in an urban area of Northwest Birmingham in the West Midlands; it was established in May 2018 following the ward boundary changes. It lies outside the Birmingham City Centre.

Handsworth has seen massive changes over the decades, from a quiet rural settlement of Western Europeans to an industrial heartland and then new arrivals forming a thriving African, Caribbean and Asian community following a post-war rebuilding programme, and later arrivals of people from Eastern Europe.

Many of Handsworth's streets contain a mixture of architectural types and periods – among them some of the finest Victorian buildings in Birmingham. Many of the large Victorian buildings have been converted into flats.

Early history

Handsworth was recorded in the Domesday Survey of 1086, as a holding of William Fitz-Ansculf, the Lord of Dudley. The name Handsworth originates from its Saxon owner Hondes and the Old English word weorthing, meaning farm or estate. Archaeological finds have dated Handsworth back to the Stone Age.

The ancient parish of Handsworth was divided into two halves. The Perry Barr half lay on rising ground north-east of the River Tame. The southern part of Handsworth south-west of the river was confusingly known simply as Handsworth, and so was the hamlet around St Mary's Church.

Historically in the county of Staffordshire, it remained a small village from the 13th century to the 18th century. Accommodation was built for factory workers and the village quickly grew. Handsworth parish was transferred from Staffordshire to Warwickshire, and became part of Birmingham, in 1911.

Schools

The following schools are within the ward:

name	type
Handsworth Grammar School	Secondary
King Edward VI Handsworth School Boys	Secondary
Rookery School	Primary

Welford Primary School	Primary
William Murdoch (previously Wilkes Green)	Primary
Grove School	Primary

Handsworth Library

Handsworth Library, on the Soho Road, was opened on 1 May 1880. There were books to borrow, and newspapers in the Reading Room. The first Annual Report in 1881 stated that the Committee: "had the pleasure of congratulating the Local Board and the inhabitants of the District on the great success which has attended the adoption of the Public Libraries' Acts in Handsworth."

The library has recently been the victim of budget cuts and is open only 5 days a week and is closed at lunchtimes.

Handsworth Park

Handsworth Park was founded in 1888 by the Handsworth Local Sanitary Board. At that time it was called Victoria Park. It fell into disrepair but was significantly restored between 2004 and 2006 thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and campaigning by the Save Handsworth Park Group.

The main entrances are via Hamstead Road and Grove Lane. The Well-Being Centre and its car park are off Holly Road.

About the park

Handsworth Park has over 63 acres of landscaped grass slopes, with flower beds, mature trees, shrubs, and plenty of wildlife.

There is also a **boating lake**, with rowing boats available to hire.

The park has hosted a variety of both Council and community organised events - from Vaisakhi with its huge processions to the Simmer Down Festival with music and entertainment.

Awards and status

Green Flag Award for being well managed. The Park has maintained this award for over 10 years.

Park Friends group

Friends of Handsworth Park came from the Save Handsworth Park Group and it ensures the park is well managed. The Friends also organise events and have set up a well-used community garden in the park. www.handsworthpark.co.uk

Sons of Rest building

The original building was opened in 1930 for veterans of the first world war to meet and support each other. It was the first of 29 buildings built in parks.

Playground

There are two play areas, both located near the Health and Well-Being Centre off the Holly Road entrance. The main area has a section for young children and a section for older children.

Sailing and boating

You can hire boats from the Boathouse Cafe during the summer (usually between May and September).

Walking or jogging routes

There is a 2 kilometer walking route through the park. **The map of the route is here**
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory_record/9118/handsworth_park

Art Trail

Handsworth Creative have installed art works within the park and there is map of the trail here <https://www.handsworthpark.co.uk/artstrail>

Cricket Pitch

Handsworth Park is one of the few parks in the city with its own Cricket Team. They are in the Birmingham and Warwickshire Leagues and have adult and children's teams.

<https://handsworthcricket.wordpress.com/>

Health and Well-Being Centre

The Centre has a swimming pool, indoor courts, a gym and fitness studio. For details

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory_record/7786/handsworth_wellbeing_centre

Significant resources in the ward include:

Handsworth Park

Holly Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B20 2BY

Handsworth Wellbeing Centre

Handsworth Health and Wellbeing Centre, Situated within Handsworth Park.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 7am to 10pm

Saturday, 8am to 5pm

Sunday, 7am to 5pm

Closed on bank holidays

Laurel Road Sports & Community Centre

Laurel Road Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 9PB

The Centre has astro turf football pitches, tennis courts and meeting rooms

<https://laurelroad.co.uk/>

Handsworth Association of Schools

Welford Primary School

Welford Road
Handsworth
B20 2BL

Handsworth Association of Schools is a Charity that aims to promote, develop and advance home, school, and community partnership. It organises activities which meet the educational, social, health, recreational and safety needs of the member schools of Handsworth Association.

South & City College

Soho Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 9LR

The College is next to the library and runs a variety of courses.

<https://www.sccb.ac.uk/handsworth-campus>

Aspire Supported Living CIC
308 Rookery Road
Handsworth
B21 9QG
Provides housing and training.

Faith - Led Organisations

Nishkam Civic Centre

6 Soho Road
Handsworth
B21 9BH

Nishkam Centre is a Sikh faith-led organisation working for the wellbeing of all communities; their mission is to enrich mundane life through the practice and promotion of Sikh values of earning an honest living, sharing, and active volunteering, that are embedded in their spiritual and Dharmic heritage.

Religious Places

Churches

Cannon Street Memorial Baptist Church

300 Soho Road
Handsworth
B21 9NA

Villa Road Methodist Church

Rosehill Road
Handsworth
B21 9AR

The Crown Church

King Edwards VI School
Rose Hill Road
Handsworth
B21 0PA

Church of God 7th Day

Arthur Road
Handsworth
B21 9HB

Calvary Church

14 Albert Rd
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 9JY

Mosques

Makki Masjid and Madrassa

75 Stafford Road,
Handsworth
B21 9DU

Masjid at - taqwa

Hall Road
Handsworth
B20 2BB

Masjid Bilal

14 Linwood Road Mosque
Linwood Road
Handsworth
B21 9HT

Jalalabad Sunni Jame Masjid and Islamic Centre

57 Albert Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B6 5NE

Gudwara

Guru Nana Nishkam Sewak Jatha

18-20 Soho Road
Handsworth

B21 9BH

Shri Guru Ravidass Bhawan

1 Union Road
Handsworth
B21 9EN

Police

Handsworth ward is policed by two Police Teams:

Lozells & East Handsworth Neighbourhood Police Team

This team covers the majority of the ward except for the area north of Antrobus Road and west of Grove Lane which is covered by the Handsworth Wood Team

Phone: 999 in an emergency

101 for everything else

Email: lozells@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Handsworth Wood Neighbourhood Police Team

Phone: 999 in an emergency

101 for everything else

Email: handsworthwood@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Policy Context

In January 2019 The Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Committee approved the [Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods](#) which sets out the Council's approach to working more closely with neighbourhoods to enable active citizens and effect improvements in local areas.

The policy sets out the Council's commitment to:

- Make the services that matter most to local neighbourhoods more responsive to their needs and priorities
- Redesign council jobs so that staff are free to work with residents to make a difference
- Support ward councillors to focus on local issues and represent their residents more effectively
- Develop Ward Forum meetings and Ward Plans to make them more effective
- Modernise key local services
- Tackle priority issues such as jobs, health and housing at the local level.¹

In addition to this the Council's community cohesion strategy which sets out the Council's vision, "of an ambitious and inclusive city, where everyone is able to fully contribute and play their part in building strong, resilient communities."²

The Ward Plan will seek to align with five key priorities within The Council Plan and Strategy 2018+:

- 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.

And finally, the - **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL VISION** – *A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.*

¹ BCC Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods Strategy, January 2019

² BCC Community Cohesion Strategy, November 2018

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 Lozells and East Handsworth:

Council Priorities

- 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 residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.

Local Innovation Fund Priorities (latest ward priorities) 2017

- Cleaner Streets
- Road Safety
- Vulnerable Adults (Independent living, Housing and Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO))
- Children and Youth involvement and projects
- Jobs, skills and training.

Ward Tracker Priorities (from Lozells & East Handsworth Ward meetings May 2016 – April 2018)

- Environment (including fly tipping, street litter, enforcement, street cleansing, HMO related)
- Highways (including: illegal and inconsiderate parking, speeding, repairs)
- Adult Services (including: independent living, homelessness)
- Crime and Policing (including: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), prostitution)
- Housing (including: HMOs – poor management, ASB, homelessness, Private Rented Sector regulation and enforcement).

Emerging Priorities agreed at the Handsworth Ward Meeting on 27th November 2018:

- **Environment** (including: fly tipping, street litter, enforcement, street cleansing, waste collection, issues with wheeled bins, HMO related issues)
- **Highways** (including: illegal and inconsiderate parking, speeding, road repairs, tree pruning, congestion)
- **Adult Services** (including: independent living, homelessness, mental health, health and well-being)
- **Children and young people** (including: education, jobs, skills and training, safety, mental health and well-being, homelessness)

- **Crime and Policing** (including: ASB, prostitution, modern slavery, robbery, unreported crime, burglary, safer streets)
- **Housing** (including: HMOs – poor management, ASB, homelessness, Private Rented Sector regulation and enforcement)

Other suggestions – December 2019

- Creativity i.e. thinking 'outside' of the box
- Planning consent (fast food outlets, betting shops, illegal developments, HMOs hostels etc.)
- Celebration of the 'good' things and civic pride
- Cohesion
- Communication is important and connectivity with other ward/neighbourhood based groups and forums
- Ward Forum Development - to establish a clear role and purpose, concrete goals, aspirations and resources
- Resident Leadership
- Resident Training for involvement in important matters such as consultation and planning decisions.
- Identifying land where trees can be planted and other environment – related matters.

Funding/Budgets

1. The sum of £48k was from the old Lozells & East Handsworth Ward which was awarded to the below organisations within the ward to deliver various projects using **Local Innovation Fund (LIF)** Projects.

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status
Community Sensory Gardens	Friends of Handsworth Park	£4,500	Completed
Collaboration of Lozells Projects	Asian Resource Centre	£2,500	Completed
Grow Together	The Crick Project	£10,000	Completed
Supported Living	Aspire Supported Living	£26,000	Completed

2. **Highways Ward Minor Transport Measures budget 2018/19 & 2019/2020**

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status
Bollards & Guard rails	BCC	£6500	

3. **Housing Environmental Works budget - £2,500**

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

4. **Section 106 funding - £50,186.52**

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status
		£39,234 of £50,186.52 received from application number: 2016/08371/PA	No projects identified to date

5. **Neighbourhood Network Scheme- £8,700 allocated, projects tbc.**

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

6. Community Infrastructure Levy (tba where/if applicable)

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

Please list any other sources of ward-based funding below.

Useful Links

Local news

<http://www.insidehandsworth.co.uk/>

History

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Handsworth,_West_Midlands

<https://www.handsworthhistory.co.uk/>

<http://www.recognizeonline.com/tags/handsworth-black-heritage-walks>

<https://www.blackcountrymuse.com/handsworthparkhistory.htm>

Demographics

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

Crime and Policing

<https://www.police.uk/west-midlands/BW014/>

<https://www.police.uk/west-midlands/BW015/>

Health and Leisure

www.handsworthpark.co.uk

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20177/sport_and_leisure/671/handsworth_wellbeing_centre

Faith

<http://www.ncauk.org/>

<http://csmbc.co.uk/>

<https://www.birminghammethodistcircuit.org.uk/church-page/villa-road>

Civic

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

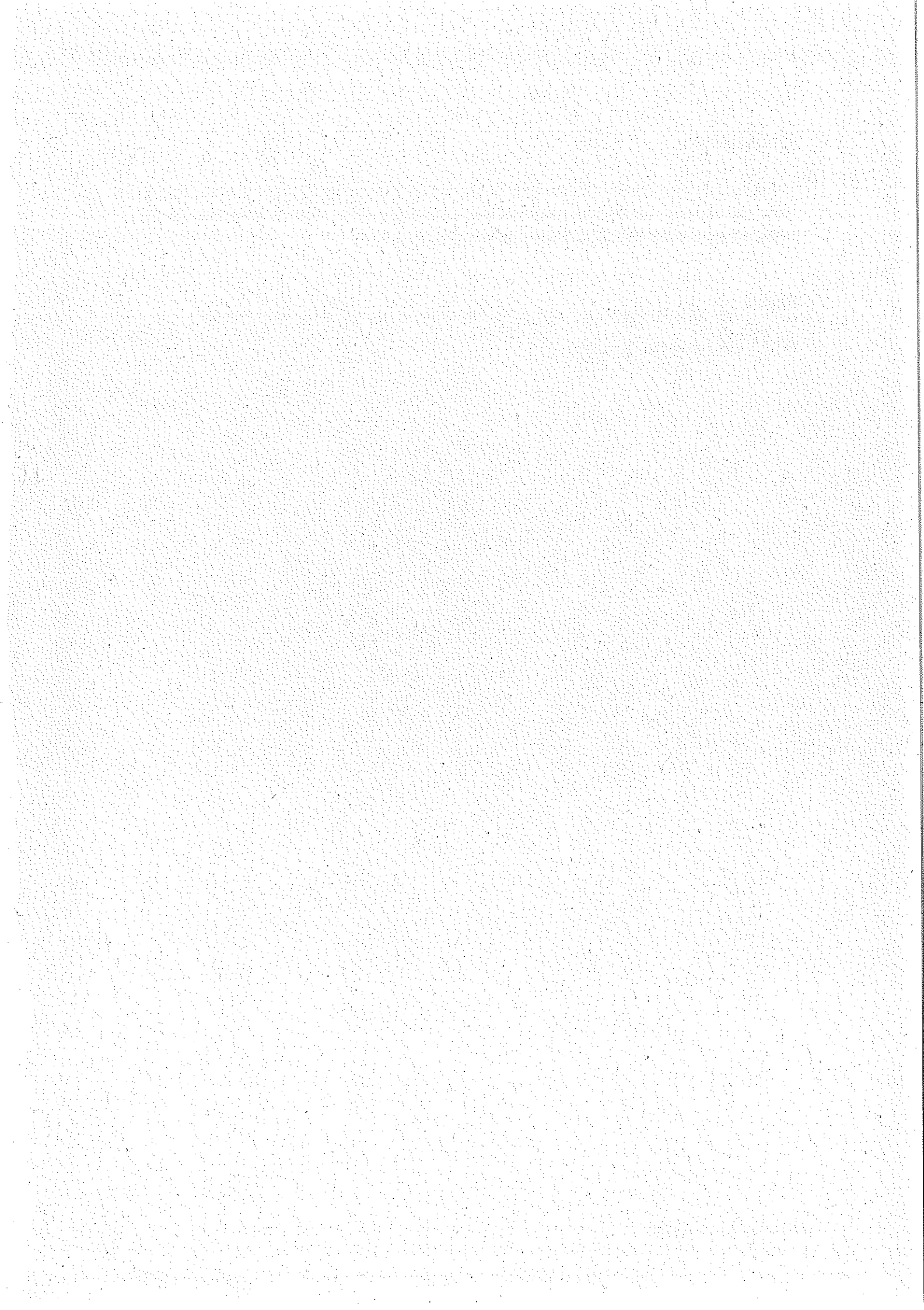
Declaration

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 Handsworth Ward meeting on: XXXX 2020, which was held at XXXX.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print: Cllr Hendrina Quinnen



Handsworth Ward Action Plan – January 2020 -

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

Priority 1: Built Environment and Green Environment

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Whom?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
<p>Fly-tipping / enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reduce the amount of fly-tipping in the ward and ensure better enforcement. - Cameras to be placed very high up in target areas. - Landlords to be identified through the Land Register and letters sent warning them of fines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleyways • Baker St carpark • Crick Lane • Belgrave Terrace • Grove Lane / Soho Road • Corner of Linwood and Soho Roads • Murdock Road • Antrobus Road • Rookery Road and others • Rented properties above shops 	<p>BCC to put up the cameras, residents, landlords and estate agents/management companies</p> <p>Soho BID constituted voluntary organisations</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC, residents, landlords and estate agents/managemen nt companies or other</p>	
<p>Street litter / enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All schools and places of worship in the ward to be asked to be part of Keep Britain Tidy in March 2020. - Parks staff to be asked to clear street leaf litter in the winter - Identified households to be contacted by Waste Prevention for education/enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On private and council land • General street litter • Road litter • Leaf Litter 	<p>BCC with support from residents where appropriate</p> <p>Parks Teams to clear street leaf litter in winter to use as mulch in the park</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC</p>	
<p>Street and pavements cleansing</p>	<p>All roads, streets and pavements</p>	<p>BCC</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC</p>	

<p>Issues with wheeled bins and waste collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bins left on the road to secure parking space -Bins left on the pavements outside of refuse collection days 	<p>All households and businesses premises</p>	<p>BCC Residents' Street Action Groups BCC and WMP</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC</p>	
<p>Increase trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the Tree Canopy from 16.4% to 40% by identifying 10 places where trees can be planted - Encourage householders to plant a tree in their back gardens (small fruit tree). Give trees away for free 	<p>All areas in ward</p>	<p>Birmingham Tree People, Birmingham Trees for Life and residents</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC, residents</p>	
<p>Greening the streets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improve disused and neglected land and planters and plant low maintenance perennial edible plants and herbs for use by local residents 	<p>Ward wide in suitable sites planters outside Co-op on Grove lane</p>	<p>Friends Of Handsworth Park(FOHP)/ residents/BCC</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC/residents</p>	
<p>Improve Disused green spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support Friends of Handsworth Park to reopen and sustainably manage the disused woodland in Handsworth Park to use for a range of nature based family activities 	<p>Handsworth Park</p>	<p>Friends of Handsworth Park</p>	<p>Summer 2020-ongoing</p>	<p>FOHP/BCC/residents</p>	

Priority 2: Proactive Regulation and Enforcement over Houses of Multiple Occupation, Registered Housing Providers and Private Landlords and of Betting Shops and Food Outlets

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Whom?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
<p>Increased regulation and enforcement of HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation) and private landlords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make the Ward an Area of Restraint. - Develop a list of landlords from the Land registry and communicate directly with them any concerns about their tenants - Work with the letting agencies in the area to ensure that concerns about tenants are dealt with quickly. -Active monitoring of current Council directive on new HMO's -Audit/gather knowledge of Registered Providers 	Ward-wide	BCC	open	tbc	
<p>Stricter conditions on betting shops</p>	Ward-wide	BCC and WMP	open	BCC and WMP	
<p>More influence on planning consent for fast food outlets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All planning applications to be sent to the Ward Group for comment as part of the statutory consultation process 	Soho Road	BCC	open	BCC	

Priority 3: Crime and Policing

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Whom?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
<p>Prostitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prosecute the pimps - Consider closing the car parks in the ward - Offer support to alcohol and substance misuse agencies to work with the prostitutes in the area - Develop alternative employment schemes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back of Iceland • Baker St. carpark • Passage / entrance of City College at Soho Road • Disused land off Soho Road, opposite Holiday Road • Temple Row House, railway line side 	WMP and BCC	open	WMP, BCC, Streetwatch	
<p>ASB Anti- Social Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-open youth centres and youth services - Develop a detached youth work programme in the ward 	General ward area	WMP and BCC	open	WMP, BCC, Streetwatch	
<p>Modern Slavery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refer any suspected victims to Spring Housing Association who have a programme for them - Check the staff at car washes 	General ward area	WMP and BCC	open	WMP and BCC	
Robbery	General ward area	WMP	open	WMP	
Unreported Crime	General ward area	Residents (Streetwatch), stakeholders and	open	Residents and WMP	

Priority 4: Highways and Transport

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Whom?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
<p>Illegal and inconsiderate parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put in more bollards on pavements through the ward - Introduce resident parking permits of one vehicle per house. A free permit would be for a small car only. Any larger SUV and any commercial van would have to pay for the one parking permit or be fined. 	<p>General ward area Bollards at each end of Antrobus Road (Grove Lane and Rookery Road)</p>	BCC	open	WMP, BCC, Streetwatch	
<p>Speeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce a mini-Holland scheme on any roads that are used as rat runs eg Stafford Road. This involves traffic calming and encouraging cycling and walking. - Put up 20mph signs throughout the ward. - More speed bumps throughout the ward 	<p>General ward area</p>	BCC	open	WMP	
<p>Congestion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport by making streets mini-Hollands -Put a cycle lane in both directions on Soho Road - Re-open the railway station in Handsworth Park 	<p>General ward area</p>	BCC, WMCA	open	BCC	

<p>Road Repairs - Reducing road traffic will reduce the number of potholes.</p>	<p>General ward area</p>	<p>BCC</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC</p>	
<p>Trees - Continued urban pollarding of street trees - Identify streets with no trees and plant at least 8 trees on these streets.</p>	<p>General ward area</p>	<p>BCC</p>	<p>open</p>	<p>BCC</p>	

Priority 5 - Children and Young People

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	By Whom?	By When?	Stakeholders/ Resources	Where/with who?	Update
Education	BCC	open	BCC	Ward-wide	
Jobs, Skills and Training - Ask all employers in the ward to take on two unemployed young people as apprentices - Set up skill share events (free workshops where people with skills show others how to do things) - Ask Birmingham TV to work with young people in the ward to develop footage for broadcast - Ask a Handsworth musician or music group to support some young people into the music industry through their contacts and mentoring	BCC, other employment and training agencies	open	BCC, other employment agencies	Ward-wide	
Mental Health services	NHS, BCC and other voluntary and statutory agencies	open	NHS, other providers and BCC where appropriate	Ward-wide	
Health and Wellbeing - More leisure facilities and playschemes in the holidays - Reduced air pollution as vehicle numbers decrease - Support Laurel Road to start a football league for local teams (may exist already) - Improve sports facilities in the park with 2 tennis courts, a football pitch, running track and fitness trail. - refurbish the WellBeing Centre	BCC funding eg Health Happy Holidays for voluntary organisations	open	BCC	Ward-wide	

Homelessness	BCC or other registered voluntary organisation	open	BCC or other registered voluntary organisation	Ward-wide	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Priority 6: Adult Services						
Action(s) / What needs to be done?						
Independent Living support - Develop a housing scheme for young adults with learning difficulties and young people to encourage integration	Ward-wide	BCC	open	BCC and other constituted voluntary organisations or other appropriate agencies		
Homelessness services	Ward-wide	BCC	open	BCC		
Mental Health services	Ward-wide	BCC, NHS and other voluntary and statutory service providers	open	NHS or other registered voluntary sector organisation		
Health and Wellbeing services - Refurbish the Health and WellBeing Centre in the Park - Improve sports facilities in the park with 2 tennis courts, a football pitch, running track and fitness trail.	Ward-wide	BCC, NHS and other voluntary and statutory service providers	Open	BCC The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWs)		

Priority 7: Improving Local Pride in Handsworth Ward and Supporting Local Action by Residents

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Whom?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
<p>Celebration of the 'good' things and civic pride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a civic square in one of the car parks or as part of Soho Road which would serve as a place to meet, have markets etc - More support for local artists - Encourage people to be more creative. - Support Handsworth Creative to identify a suitable venue as a local art gallery 	Ward-wide	BCC, Soho BID, residents and stakeholders	annually	tbc	
<p>Community Cohesion Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise a food festival in the park, and ask local food shops and restaurants to have stalls and promote cooking workshops to share recipes - Organise a Plot to Plate event in the park based on using home or allotment - grown food in recipes, 	Ward-wide	BCC, other constituted voluntary and statutory providers and local residents.	annually	tbc	
<p>Developing community creativity, i.e. thinking 'outside' of the box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employ one person per area of the ward on a part time basis to be a street co-ordinator. They would pick up litter, or arrange litter picks, welcome new neighbours with an information pack, organise an Active Streets closure event once a year and act as a point of contact for the ward Councillor 	Ward-wide	BCC and constituted voluntary and statutory providers	open	tbc	

Priority 8: Ward Forum Development

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Whom?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Define the role and purpose of the Handsworth Ward Forum	Ward-wide	Residents, stakeholders, local councillor	open	tbc	
Improve Communication - Use WhatsApp groups and email to send out frequent information about events and concerns	Ward-wide	BCC, local residents, stakeholders	open		
Develop residents and volunteers in order to improve effective leadership skills - Run a 10 week training course on community development and leadership	Ward-wide	BCC and other constituted voluntary and statutory providers	open		

