

Introducing your Environmental Warden

I'm Mike Barnett, the Environmental Warden for the Stockfield area. I will be patrolling Stockfield most days during the week.

My job is to help and advise residents over environmental matters including fly tipping, rats and other vermin, litter, abandoned cars, graffiti, and so on.

I'll be updating you all on the main environmental and public health issues, and giving some hints and tips that I hope you'll find useful.



that might provide them with food, or keep an untidy garden where they can find nesting materials. Take care with all rubbish stored outside.

Rubbish—Bin bags should be put out after 6pm the day before collection at the earliest, you can be fined £50 otherwise. Collection day is Thursday. Household rubbish should be placed in black bags, tied securely and kept until collection day.

Don't place soil, rubble or anything heavy in your black bags as the dustmen will not remove them if they are too heavy.

Rats are getting harder to eradicate. Stockfield is relatively rat free at the moment compared to the rest of the city. To keep it that way, please don't put your bin bags out too early, drop litter

thing heavy in your black bags as the dustmen will not remove them if they are too heavy.

Contact Mike on 0121 303 9800.

Contacts and Useful Telephone Numbers

Please let us know of any upcoming local community events, or if you would like to be involved in helping us establish a programme of events for Stockfield.

Are you a senior citizen who would like some help with your gardening? Stockfield Community Association are offering assistance - call 706 5166, and we'll see if we can help.

If you would like to know more about Stockfield Community Association, we would be happy to discuss further - contact us on 706 5166.

Car to dispose of? There's no charge!

If you see anyone dumping rubbish please report it to

The Council's help and advice line, open 8am to 8pm on weekdays.

If the bin men have missed some rubbish, or left mess.

Noisy or nuisance neighbours? Call environmental staff on:

Book free bulky waste collection by the Council, up to six large items free.

Bromford Housing

BMS Repairs Service

Andy Lane, Housing Officer for Stockfield Community Association

Stockfield Community Association

Acocks Green Police Station, open from 10am to 6pm (with hour over lunch)

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This newsletter will be published quarterly, with the next issue planned for the end of February 2005. If there are any events you want included, or other suggestions for the newsletter, please contact us on 706 5166 by Feb 15th.

Stockfield Village News



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December 2004

Your Local Community Newsletter for Stockfield

Welcome to the first issue of the Stockfield Village Newsletter, produced for the residents of Stockfield by the Stockfield Community Association.

This newsletter will be produced quarterly to keep you informed of what events are happening in the neighbourhood, what is being done to help improve Stockfield, and how you can get involved.

Finally, Stockfield Community Association would also like to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Stockfield a merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SERVING STOCKFIELD: YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Stockfield Community Association exists to serve the neighbourhood of Stockfield. The objectives of the Association are "to provide recreation and leisure time facilities for

local residents", and "to produce housing at 'affordable' rents". We want to ensure greater resident participation in the management of the estate, to work to provide a safe and attractive environment for residents, and to maintain a high standard of estate management.

What does the Association do?

We are working in many ways to improve our neighbourhood for all residents, to make it a cleaner and safer place to live. We have worked in partnership with other organisations such as Birmingham City Council and the Police to bring about many improvements in the area over the past few years. As well as our continued links with partner organisations, we continue to try and find new ways to enhance the community spirit in Stockfield.

We hope this newsletter will help us let everyone know what events are happening, what services are on offer, and who is involved.

Carol Singing at Cypress Square.

Come along to listen, or join in at 6.30pm on Friday 17th December.

Mince pies and hot chocolate provided.

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WORKING TOGETHER FOR STOCKFIELD—SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

Bringing us all together—Community Events

We want Stockfield to be a pleasant place to live, and that is not only achieved through better buildings and facilities. We would like to build on the sense of community in the area, and get to know each other better.

For this reason, a programme of community events is being planned for the next year, to bring the community together and celebrate life in Stockfield. We have some ideas, but are very keen to hear any suggestions you might have for events in your neighbourhood, or of any that you already know are happening.

Please let us know if you would like to be involved in arranging community events in Stockfield, on (0121) 706 5166.

What Next?

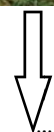
We hope you'll agree that Stockfield has improved, but we want to see things get even better.

We have some exciting plans for the next year. We will soon be opening a new community flat, providing office space for the Association. It will also allow Stockfield to have a housing office that is more local, and will provide community meeting rooms and facilities.

We hope that this can become a base for community initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, and so be of benefit to the area.



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Get Involved

There are opportunities for interested residents to get involved in several groups set up by the our local District to influence the provision of services that affect our area.

The groups focus on the District themes of *Clean & Safe, Healthy, Prosperous, Cultural Regeneration, Children's Issues, and Housing.*

If you are particularly interested in any of these, you can get involved in influencing the decisions that will shape our neighbourhood.

For more information, please contact Bari Aziz, Ward Support Officer on (0121) 464 0321.

Crime Prevention

West Midlands Police have been working closely with Stockfield Community Association to tackle issues of crime and community safety, to make Stockfield a safe place to live.

The latest crime figures for Stockfield give a positive message that crime on the estate is relatively low compared to many areas.

Over the past 6 months, there have been:

2 burglaries

7 cases of vehicle crime

5 cases of violence

Neighbourhood Watch Needs You!

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is a great way of supporting our neighbourhood and tackling crime and antisocial behaviour. We need more local coordinators - are you able to help? If so, please call Georgina Bland on 606 7815.

Christmas Crime Prevention Tips

Reduce the risk of burglaries - break up boxes from gifts, so it is not obvious what new items you have when you put out your rubbish.

Take care when disposing of documents with personal details, such as bills or bank letters - shred them so they can't be used for fraud.

The Resident Directors

The resident directors are Pat Sheridan, Amanda Millward, Ann Ross, Pam Smith, Ernie Tipper, and Christine Henry.

Stockfield Community Association has six resident directors, who live in Stockfield and were elected to the board two years ago. We are here for you, to help you, to represent your concerns and ensure that the interests of your neighbourhood are served.

We are involved in all areas affecting the neighbourhood, from housing and environmental services through to plans for future improvements.

We are building links with Birmingham City Council, the police, the Housing Liaison Board and other partner agencies to bring about improvements for the neighbourhood.

We are also involved in representing the needs of Stockfield

at the ward committees. In partnership with Bromford Housing, we are working to bring about improvements in the repairs service for the area, and to eradicate nuisance behaviour.

This is a good estate, it is an estate we are proud of, and one that we want to help you all to enjoy and benefit from.

Other News

We are currently looking at options for making road signs clearer.

We are also exploring the possibility of installing community noticeboards in the area.

Please let us know if there are other improvements to the area that you would like to see.

What's on for Young People in Stockfield?

Aged 13 to 17? The youth pod in the park is open from 5 to 8pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It is a space for young people to meet up, relax, or explore the issues that relate to them.

This is coordinated by the Safer Neighbourhoods initiative, with youth workers on site to support local young people. Those already involved are looking to build up a range of activities (and Stockfield are providing some funding to contribute to these), and want to set up a youth newsletter and committee. If you're interested, please come along.