

Community Fun Day—Get Involved!

We need your help—The Fun Day on August 13th is a community event, and we need the community to get involved. If you can help in any way on the day or before, we'd like to hear from you. In particular, we need people who can help steward on the day or can help with some of the setting up and tidying away.

Wanted— keen goalies to pit their wits against all-comers in a penalty shootout competition.

Please let us know if you can help: contact Pat on **706 5166**.

Competitions - start planning now!

Following the interest in last year's **Gardening Competition**, there will be a similar contest this year. So if you're green-fingered, whether with flowers or fruit and veg, be sure to keep some of your best to be judged in July - prize-winners to be announced at the Fun Day.

Cake Competition - If you're a keen baker, and think your cakes are creations to be proud of, bring one along to the Fun Day to show and share.

See the noticeboards for more info.

We will be running some **creative competitions**, asking local children to design posters for the Fun Day, and also running a **colouring competition** for the younger children -*get your pens and paints ready!*

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are not groups of nousey neighbours moaning about their community! Stockfield Neighbourhood Watch needs concerned residents to work with the Police to reduce crime, the fear of crime and create a sense of community safety and neighbourliness. An ideal Neighbourhood Watch Scheme should have 10-12 houses, a coordinator providing a link to a designated Police staff member.

If you are interested in getting involved as a rep for your courtyard or wish to know more, please call Georgina Johnstone, Community Partnerships Officer, at Acocks Green Police Station on **0121 606 7815**.

Contacts and Useful Telephone Numbers

Car to dispose of? There's no charge!	0121 303 1112
If you see anyone dumping rubbish please report it to	0121 303 9800
The Council's help and advice line, open 8am to 8pm on weekdays.	0121 303 1112
If the bin men have missed some rubbish, or left mess.	0121 303 1112
Noisy or nuisance neighbours? Call environmental team on:	0121 303 9800
Bromford Housing Group	771 2220
Andy Lane, Housing Officer for Stockfield Community Association	303 0736; or e-mail him on: andy.lane@birmingham.gov.uk
Stockfield Community Association	0121 706 5166
Acocks Green Police Station, open from 10am to 6pm (with hour over lunch)	0845 113 5000, 999 in emergency
For free estimate or info on gardening services, call Dave Fowler:	0121 705 4000 or 07909 746732
For free quote on window cleaning services, call Randell & Son:	0121 608 4155 or 07979 377717

This newsletter will be published regularly, with the next issue planned for September 2005. If there are any events you want included, or other suggestions for the newsletter, please contact us on 706 5166 by August 3rd.

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Summer Events in Stockfield

A date for your diaries - remember to keep **Saturday 13th August** free, because that's when we're planning to hold the first **Stockfield Fun Day!** With games, competitions, displays, giveaways and stalls in the park, we hope this will be a great day for the community of Stockfield to spend some time together and have some fun.

Watch out for more information over the next few weeks, but get the date in your diaries now!

Stockfield Community Association are working with

Bromford Housing Association, Acocks Green Baptist Church, the Police and others to put on this free event for the people of Stockfield, and we hope this will be the first of many successful community events. This Fun Day is for the whole community, and is a great opportunity to get involved.

See page 4 for more information, including ways you can get involved in preparing for the big day.



Ann Philips, Head Teacher

Support your local schools and help our children stay healthy

To encourage our children to adopt healthy lifestyles, Cottesbrooke Infants School has established a 'Walk to School on a Wednesday' scheme. Also being explored is the idea of a 'Walking Bus' for children from the Stockfield area. To find out more, please contact Ann Philips, Head Teacher, at the school.

New Community Noticeboards—Keeping Stockfield Informed

Some of you will already have noticed the appearance of two large noticeboards, provided by Stockfield Community Association, on Denham Road and Dalston Road. These noticeboards will be a useful source



Resident Directors Pat and Ann with the new noticeboard

of information about what is going on in your neighbourhood, whether events, news, or

opportunities to get involved, and will also keep you up to date with facilities and courses on offer in the area, such as advice or training.

Please stop and have a look - they're here to keep this community informed. If you have any notices you would like to have displayed, contact Pat on 706 5166.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STOCKFIELD—SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

Your Environmental Warden



Stockfield continues to be one of the cleanest areas that I work, with people willing to make an effort where things need changing. Here are a few points to note:

Graffiti: This continues to be a problem especially around the park. Tags are being photographed and passed onto the police, and graffiti will be removed.

Bag Advancement: Please don't place bin bags out too early - they should be placed out on Wednesday after 6pm or on Thursday morning before 6am.



Fly Tipping: The maximum fine for fly tipping is £1000. If you have fridges and other bulky waste that needs disposing of call the Council on **0121 303 1112**. Loose rubbish can be placed into black refuse sacks for removal. Please don't dump rubbish—use this **free** service.

Littering: Several areas seem to be littered often, especially with cans and bottles around the park. Please keep our area pleasant: use the bins provided.

Composting With the summer months arriving I know



a lot of people will start to generate more garden waste. I'm hoping to encourage composting as a more environmentally friendly way to dispose of garden waste.

If you want to discuss any environmental issues, please call me on **0121 303 9800** or just talk to me while I'm in Stockfield. Thanks!

Andrew Kidney—Environmental Warden

Bike Safety Success

Five young people, supported by the Youth Pod, have successfully completed their compulsory bike tests.

The tests, run by BSM, aim to teach people about road safety and safe bike use.



The 5 young people (Rebecca, Lloyd, Tony, Joseph and Niall) had a day of training and tests, including a daunting City Centre trip. They all

enjoyed the experience, (even when the heavens opened on them!), especially Rebecca, passing the test on her 16th birthday.

Following recent problems in Stockfield with mini motorbikes, the Police and the Youth Pod want to support young people to be safe and responsible on their bikes. The Police helped access funding to send this group on the course. Hopefully, more will be able to benefit from similar courses.

The Youth Pod, supported by Stockfield Community Association, offers our young people support, activities, and a place to hang out. To find out more about the Pod and the activities on offer, please contact Donna on **07961 935333**, or come along.

Still places! Blackpool Coach Trip. Fun day out for families on **July 23rd: £10 per seat (£5 deposit)**. Call Donna on **07961 935333** for info or to book your place!



Stockfield Community Association has been working to regenerate the neighbourhood of Stockfield for several years, working closely with Birmingham City Council, Bromford Housing Association, the Police and others. We are also developing links with others including the Health Service to benefit Stockfield.

Community Resource Centre

We hope to be opening the long-awaited community resource centre at **2a Alexander Road** very soon, which will give the community of Stockfield a central



Members of Stockfield's Community Development Group outside 2a Alexander Rd, the site of the new Community Resource Centre

point for enquiries, information, and advice on a range of issues, from housing matters to debt advice. We hope that this centre, which will also be the office for Stockfield Community Association, will provide the opportunity for a range of advice surgeries and useful information.

Please keep an eye on the community noticeboards for the opening date, and come along to see what's on offer. Remember, this is an exciting resource for the community, so we're keen to hear what you would find useful, and we look forward to seeing you there! For more information, contact Pat on **706 5166**.

Over-50's day trip to Weston-Super-Mare: August 18th. £10 per seat, including fish & chips and ice cream. See noticeboards, or call John or Becki on **07961 935333**.

We have seen many improvements to the neighbourhood, and want to continue to involve residents in helping to make Stockfield a cleaner, safer and healthier place to live, and to enhance community spirit. The newsletter will be produced regularly to keep you informed of news and upcoming events.

Cop's Corner—Sgt 5738 Danny Cooke

With summer and school holidays coming up, I want to raise your awareness to several issues.

Young people: Please help our young people stay occupied in lawful ways, to keep Stockfield a pleasant & vibrant place. Threatening and anti-social behaviour fragments our community, raising the fear of crime. The Police will support you when such matters are reported, so they are dealt with appropriately.

Our young people need tolerance and care too, and for us to support projects such as the Pod. Children need to gain independence, but safely — they may be targeted for money and possessions, so be selective in what they carry with them, where they use mobile phones, and where and how they travel. Looking after our young people helps ensure a crime free tomorrow!

Summer Security: Don't leave doors and windows open: use locks and door chains. Burglars are often after your car keys, so don't leave them visible! Be vigilant— it only takes seconds to get in and out!

Going away? Make things difficult for Mr Criminal: Lock internal doors; set alarm & timers for lamps; cancel milk and papers; ask someone to check your home while you're away.

Good News: Stockfield is a very safe area to live! There have been **no reported house burglaries**, **no reported robberies**, and only two reported vehicle crimes in our area in the first 5 months of this year!

All crime in our area is down from 32 crimes to **9** for the same period. That's 23 less victims of crime, which is fantastic—thank you for your vigilance.

Please support your area however you can, report crime when it happens, and enjoy your summer!