

## Update from Rob Smith, Environmental Warden



The local Environmental Warden team is continuing to work with the Community Association to address the issues of local concern. In recent months we've found three main issues that people in Stock-



field have been concerned about.

**Graffiti** - this continues to be a problem, especially in the park. This is criminal damage, so we are working with the Police to tackle this as well as arranging for graffiti to be removed.

**Dog fouling** - again, this has been an issue in the park as well as elsewhere. There is a dog bin installed in the park, as well as notices about the

penalties for allowing dogs to foul other areas. If you have concerns on this, the Council's dog warden can be contacted on 303 9900.

**Bag advancement** - this issue has improved in Stockfield.

We have undertaken an information campaign, circulating reminder leaflets to residents, and the area does not now have a major problem with bags being put out too early. Please remember - refuse is collected on Thursdays, so don't put bags out before 6pm on Wednesdays.

If you have concerns about these or other public health issues, contact us on 0121 303 9800.



### HELP FOR ALL TENANTS

If you are a tenant in Stockfield (you will either be a Bromford or Stockfield Community Association tenant, not Birmingham City Council), the sessions at the Community Resource Centre are here to help. If you have any queries or concerns about your rent, or about benefits, or have other housing queries, we hope that you will find it useful to meet with Andy Lane, Lee Collier or Hayley Burden at a convenient local venue. They are available to assist you, so please call if you have any concerns or need any help.

**Acocks Green Baptist Church lunch club, Lunches, (cost £3.50), run from 11am to 1.30pm each Friday at the Church (on the corner of Alexander Road and Yardley Road). To find out more, please contact Kay on 0121 608 2890.**



## Cut out and keep Useful Telephone Numbers

STOCKFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (ANSWERPHONE): [0121 707 9899](tel:01217079899)

BMS REPAIRS: [01903 393 627](tel:01903393627)

BMS EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS: [0845 605 0608](tel:08456050608)

ACOCKS GREEN POLICE STATION: [0845 113 5000](tel:08451135000) (999 IN EMERGENCY)

BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION: [0121 303 1112](tel:01213031112)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS: [0121 303 9800](tel:01213039800)

This newsletter will be published regularly, with the next issue planned for June 2006. If there are any events you want included, or other suggestions for the newsletter, please contact us on [07866 702 363](tel:07866702363) by 10th May.

# Stockfield Village News



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## RESOURCE CENTRE RECEIVES MP VISIT

Stockfield Community Association welcomed John Hemming MP when he officially opened the Community Resource Centre at 2a Alexander Road. Mr Hemming met with the Directors and others at the event, on 16<sup>th</sup> December, and was shown round the centre.

The Centre has been established to benefit the community of Stockfield, providing a range of information materials as well as a venue for residents to access help and advice.

We hope that this will increasingly become somewhere that the community can use and benefit from, and we are looking to expand the range of services on offer. If you have ideas about what you would like to see at the centre, please let us know - leave a message on 0121 707 9989, or drop us a note at the centre.



## SESSION DETAILS

The contact details for the sessions already running are:  
**Andy Lane** (Housing Officer) - 0121 303 0736. Sessions on Tuesday afternoons (2-4pm) and Thursday mornings (10am to 12pm).  
**Lee Collier** (Debt and Benefits advice) - 0121 464 3120. Session on Tuesday mornings (10am to 12pm)  
**Bromford Housing Association** - General enquiries to Hayley Burden on 0845 6050604. Session every 1st Wednesday in the month, from 2-4pm

Please see inside for important information and key dates for Stockfield, including:  
**Stockfield Community Association Elections** - a key opportunity for you to get involved  
**Community Clean Up Day, Saturday 25th March** - part of Stockfield In Bloom 2006  
**Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, 3rd April** - exploring your crime and safety concerns  
**Help and advice for tenants** - see the key contact numbers on the back page  
**More news, updates, and information about what's going on in Stockfield**

Important info inside

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR STOCKFIELD—SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

## IMPORANT NEWS FOR 2006—STOCKFIELD ELECTIONS

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We're already making plans for the Summer Funday, planned for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Cottesbrooke Infants School Summer Fair: June 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. See the school for more info.



Neighbourhood Watch Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm, Community Resource Centre.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP, SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, FROM 11.00 TO 12.30.

Meet in the Park.

As part of a city-wide series of events, we're spending a couple of hours doing a litter pick. Come along and join in on the day - it won't be too strenuous, and it would be great to see lots of people turn out to take care of their neighbourhood.

This year sees an important opportunity for all Stockfield residents to get involved in the life of the community. Stockfield Community Association is holding elections for the six resident director posts on its Board. Resident directors play a vital part in the management of the neighbourhood, and in ensuring that your interests as residents are heard and inform decisions affecting Stockfield.

Nominations forms will be sent to all households soon: please consider whether you would like to stand for election. Please get involved in this process, whether standing as nominees or by voting in the elections themselves, as this a key chance for you to influence what happens in your community.



## STOCKFIELD IN BLOOM

You've probably noticed changes to Cypress Square recently. The planting has been tidied up, replacing the exist-



ing overgrown shrubs. We have arranged with the Council for the new planting to be an attractive display adding colour to the square. This is in response to issues raised by residents about the neighbourhood's appearance, working closely with Environmental Wardens and others to address litter issues (including the litter pick on 25<sup>th</sup> March).

We plan to enter Stockfield in the 'Britain In Bloom' scheme, encouraging

communities to take an active role in caring for their neighbourhood. Planting is important

(in public areas such

as Cypress Square and in hanging baskets, and also in gardens—we'd love keen gardeners to get involved), but so is the appearance of the roads and verges. With the local schools and others, we hope this is a way we as a community can celebrate and enjoy our public spaces.

If you can get involved, to contribute ideas or to grow or plant flowers and other plants, please call Jon on 07866702363, or ask a director.

## POLICE UPDATE—SGT 5738 COOKE

Crime Update: Great news! No house burglaries, robberies or vehicle crime reported this year on the Stockfield estate. This is fantastic, so keep up the vigilance, keep property out of view and doors locked, and report any incidents that occur. A recent trend is for cars to be attacked to steal satellite navigation systems. Try to remove the cradles as well as the main unit, as thieves are breaking into cars to see if systems are kept in the glove compartments. Let's not get caught out.



**Alcohol Free Zone:** We are working on trying to establish this for the estate, to remove the problem of drinking around the park. This problem was identified during the recent survey, and the resident directors will be asking for your support on this matter.

**Police Box:** This is now installed at the Community Resource Centre, where you may leave information, anonymously if you wish. If the centre is open, place it into the clearly marked secure box. If the centre is closed, post your letter through the letterbox, and it will be put into the Police box for you. Remember, if it is urgent or a crime in progress, always ring 999.



We are hosting a Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the Community Resource Centre on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm.

Those who registered an interest during the survey will be contacted directly, but all are welcome, so please come along. It is a simple, effective way of keeping your neighbourhood safe.

## Stockfield's Musical Stars!



Young people from Stockfield have been learning the basics of music production to produce their own cd, as part of a programme run by youth workers in Stockfield.

The young people have learnt about performing and producing their own music, supported by professional musicians, through the 6-week programme. As well as learning how to operate a



music studio they have been creating their own music, focusing on positive themes about their community. At the

end of the six weeks, the young people will have a cd of their own music and the opportunity to perform the songs they have written.

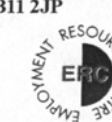
Kevin Brookes, a Groundwork youth worker working with Stockfield's young people who has organised this, says that it has been very popular and hopes to organise further schemes.

### Tyseley and Greet Employment Resource Centre

541a Warwick Road, Tyseley Birmingham B11 2JP  
(on the corner with Medina Road)

0121 764 4202

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