

# DEVELOPING A CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Exciting possibilities for welcoming, well-equipped local community facilities are being explored by Stockfield Community Association and Acocks Green Baptist Church, working with architects to look at improving and updating the church site on the corner of Alexander Rd and Yardley Rd.

Initial consultation was undertaken in May with groups and organisations currently using the site, drawing out many helpful suggestions and ideas. Stockfield Community Association has, for many years, wanted to see good quality community facilities provided for local residents, and has explored a variety of options, none of which has proved suitable. In recent years, the Association has developed closer relationships with the Baptist Church.



With other groups and organisations using the church to deliver activities and services for local residents, and community members hiring the hall for functions, it became clear that there is considerable potential to further develop a valuable resource for many people locally.

The Association hopes that this development will see that potential realised, providing a vibrant centre for community activities.



Do you have suggestions for what you'd like to see included in the centre? Input from the local community is essential to ensuring that these facilities are suitable and well-used. We will produce updates, and there will be opportunities to comment and make suggestions:

- The architect will be attending the Stockfield Fun Day on July 11<sup>th</sup>, so please come along to meet him and comment on the initial ideas.
- We will produce regular newsletter updates and updates to groups such as the local Neighbourhood Forum, as well as on the local noticeboards and at the church.
- As plans progress, there will be opportunities to discuss them and make suggestions.
- Please also see the websites for Stockfield Community Association [www.stockfield.org](http://www.stockfield.org) or the Church [www.acocksgreenbaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.acocksgreenbaptistchurch.co.uk).
- For more info, or to comment, please call Jon Miles on **0800 0234 807**, or Ken Fisher (architect) on **0121 333 1750**.

