

STOCKFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

The quarterly Newsletter from Stockfield Community Association



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Fun Day 2018

Stockfield Community Association...
...at the beating heart of our community

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Same place!**

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE



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**Thank you to everyone,
who has taken time to complete the Consultation questionnaire.**

The information you have provided will help Stockfield Community Association to work with partners; in sourcing funding and developing community activities to respond to the needs of residents.

Here is a snapshot question from the questionnaire

What are the 3 main things that concern you about where you live?

And the top 3 answers received:

- Not enough for children and young people to do
- Not enough opportunity for community to get together
- Not enough opportunities to do training and improve or develop skills



DO YOU AGREE or do you have other thoughts; the more information we have, the better so I would like to hear from as many of you as possible. We need your thoughts comments and ideas.

There is still time to complete the consultation questionnaire and be in with a chance of winning a

£50 ARGOS Gift Card.

The prize draw will be drawn at the beginning of September.

You can contact me (Daphne) on
07847 788647

or email me on
daphne@daphnefrancis.com
to receive a hard copy of the questionnaire or the questionnaire will be available to complete throughout August; by going to the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Stockfield and following the link on the post.

FREE
0121 236 2917

PLAY OPPORTUNITIES
for children aged 5 - 13 yrs old

Parents retain responsibility

Play in Parks

11 - 4pm | Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st August

**Stockfield Park
Bramley Road
Birmingham, B27 6TR**

Arts and crafts -
Den building -
Messy play -
Planting and painting -
Sports and games -
Hammock and rope swings -

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Stockfield Gardening Competition 2018



First Prize - Liz Leach



Wow! This was the first word which came to my mind when approaching her front garden. Another word is 'plantswoman.' There are many plants for the pollinators, including oregano, rosemary and lavender along with a buddleia, the butterflies' friend. The backdrop to this was the very colourful annuals under the front window.

The back garden also does not disappoint with well-shaped shrubs, including photinia and a tree peony. These are interspersed with 'cottage garden' favourites: spires of foxgloves, toadflax, yellow loosestrife and Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve.' The backdrop to these well-shaped borders with a neatly-lined lawn are the fence-based climbers, including passionflower, clematis, honeysuckle and climbing roses.

What a feast for both the eyes and the bees!

Second Prize - Mrs. Meakin

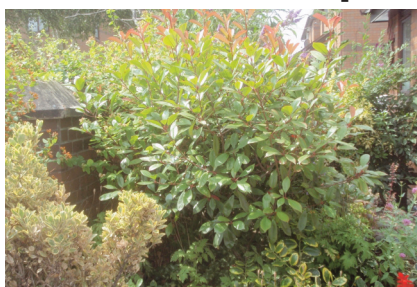
This lady never ceases to amaze! When entering her garden, visitors are greeted with a menagerie of birds and animals in the form of planters: a huge swan, a bear, a badger and a cute monkey.

Looking across the expanse of garden, there are dwarf trees, neatly trimmed and edged around with a border, and the entire lawn of the garden has the same tidy edges. The roses on the fence are extremely beautiful and a new archway is ready to take the climbers, which have been recently planted. The marguerites with numerous white flowers combine perfectly with the blue hardy geraniums which, along with the day lilies, are all flowering to perfection despite the weather.

A very pleasant, well laid out and tended garden.



Third Prize - Mr. Humphries



Visitors first see a well-shaped photinia, along with other drought-tolerant plants including euonymus, when approaching the front garden. The roses on the front wall definitely give this house kerb appeal.

Walking around to the rear of the house, one passes a line of well-planted, colourful pots along the side of the house which enhance the plain, grey paving stones.

The useful shed has been embellished with a metal arch, which has been planted on both sides with roses and clematis. Alongside the shed is a neat lawn with box hedging lining it. The backdrop to this is the beautiful yellow and red roses lining the wall. He also showed that in his mini-greenhouse, he has grown many plants from seed. He is heavily into re-cycling, running rainwater into butts from his shed roof.

With his enthusiasm of all he does in the garden, this is definitely a very pleasant place to visit.

Commended - Mrs. Perkins

Entering this garden, visitors encounter an array of designer pots, including a wheelbarrow, a wishing well and a horse and cart which Mrs. Perkins associates with her days as a milkmaid. There is also a lion alongside a garden bench, in addition to a very attractive hanging basket.

Moving to the back of the garden, Mrs. Perkins shows her liking of hydrangeas, including one planted in 1960, including a beautiful 'lace cap' variety. She sensibly keeps her hostas in pots out of reach of slugs, and this year it is fortunate that she has chosen drought-tolerant plants, such as geraniums and euonymus. There is a primula still flowering - how unusual is that? Mrs. Perkins shows her love of carnations (pinks) by growing a number of them which are looking very attractive. She has the fluffy gypsophila, as well as a rosemary which she purchased at the Village in Bloom 2018 launch.

A very attractive garden made that way by a very keen gardener.



Commended - Malcolm Baker



It was his back garden which amazed us. Initially, visitors see the long lawn, lined with yew hedging; the backdrop to this is a steep slope, which has been terraced with the use of bricks. There are well-rounded shrubs on the terrace including an attractive hebe. He informs us that this is really a spring garden with the terrace lined with aubretia and a yellow flowering broom shrub in the hedging.

However, we also saw some autumn flowering sedum looking very healthy.

Climbing the terrace steps, visitor then see another level with an apple tree and then, further on some raised beds which have produced onions which he has pickled. He used to grow rhubarb but now has a bed of colourful dahlias. He also has greenhouses from which he runs water into several butts. Going further back through a gate there is hard landscaping and compost bins. Fortunately, there are a row of thick shrubs here,

as there is a significant drop to the canal at this point. He also grows many tomato plants and has had a bumper crop of strawberries over the last few weeks.

Overall, a fascinating garden providing a great deal of interest.

Please help support your local foodbank!



We are currently providing over 25 bags of shopping twice a week and meeting the needs of some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

Since we opened in June 2016 we have been working to meet these needs with an amazing team of volunteers. Every single item has been generously donated by people from the local community. We are determined to see an end to hunger and poverty in Acocks Green.

The closing of Sainsbury's in the Green after Easter has made a serious dent in our stocks and ability to provide the kind of help we would like to provide. We are calling on everyone who has previously helped and anyone in the local area to donate whatever they can afford to help us to keep helping others.

Please provide any dried or tinned food you can but we're always short of the following:



Tea
sugar
tinned meats and



coffee
soups
toiletries.



UHT Milk
beans

We have a collection/drop off point in Iceland in the Green.

Pop in to Westley Road on Tuesday or Friday between 10-12pm and donate money if you don't have time to shop. Every penny will be used for Foodbank. The church does not charge the foodbank for operating in its premises.

If you are a community group, you can collect food for us and deliver it once a fortnight or perhaps hold a fundraising event. We are more than happy to connect with you and provide feedback about the difference you are making.

We desperately need people willing to partner with a shop or school and deliver food to us when you're free. All you need is a car and half an hour.

We're always on the lookout for volunteers who can commit to attending one day a week for 2.5 hours. Training will be given and the team is great!

We really do rely on the generosity of the local community to help us to keep going.

THANK YOU

Poppy Appeal Collection supported at the Stockfield Community Fun Day

The Royal British Legion in Acocks Green are looking for people to help with the poppy appeal by working in shop sites during November. All we are asking for is a couple of hours over this period.

This year is the 100th year centenary of the end of the First World War. For this big milestone; events are planned through the UK and our aim is to not let people forget the sacrifices made. If you can spare a couple of hours it would be very much appreciated.



WE NEED YOU

For more information and to volunteer please contact
James Rollins on 07484173371

WELLBEING WEEK AT CEDARS



Cedars Academy held a 'Wellbeing Week' on the week of 2nd – 6th July, which saw the whole school doing activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Activities were based around the 5 ways to wellbeing: Take Notice, Give, Connect, Stay Active and Keep Learning.

Here are some examples of activities across school:

- Children explored how they are connected to their peers by making a paper chain or a web with string.
- Pupils and staff worked together to decorate cakes and biscuits for a charity bake sale. The money raised was donated to a children's mental health charity, Place2Be.
- Children thought about the importance of giving their time, words and presence to others and gave thoughtful compliments to their classmates.
- Year 6 looked carefully at stress and strategies for releasing stress.
- Year 3 did some observational sketching and cloud watching.
- Children across school learnt new skills such as sewing and new languages, as well as tasting food from around the world.



There was also a focus on staff wellbeing, with fun, sociable activities for staff to take part in after school. We hope to continue to support children and staff with understanding the importance of positive emotional wellbeing and mental health and are aiming to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools next year.

St John Ambulance Volunteering Taster

Sign up today for St John Ambulance's volunteering taster.

Three weeks is all it takes to find out just how fun and rewarding volunteering with young people aged 7-17 can be.

It's commitment free and no previous experience is necessary so come and give it a try.

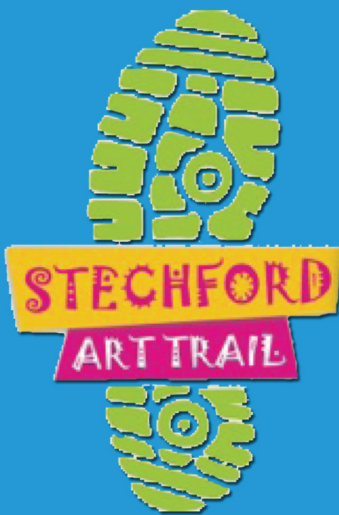
During your Three Week Challenge you'll:

- give something back to your local community;
- inspire young people to learn life-saving first aid skills;
- help them develop in a fun, rewarding environment;
- make friends in our teams and
- build your skills and develop your personal potential.

You'll be supported every step of the way by our experienced youth volunteer team.



Find out how you can give it a go at www.sja.org.uk



Stechford Art Trail

Stechford Art Trail is a brand new art and walking trail with sites dotted around the East Birmingham neighbourhoods of Stechford, Glebe Farm and North Yardley. All 10 new public art pieces have been created with the help of residents, community groups and local partners. Along with 2 existing pieces, Arts In The Yard have formed a free, fun and family-friendly art trail that is best explored on foot. The trail is designed as a walking route, it is best to leave the car at home! You can start and end the trail where it suits you. If you live outside the trail area please consider travelling by public transport. You can get the train to Stechford Rail Station. Bus routes that serve the trail area include: 11, 14 and 97.

All our artists are Birmingham based with many having links to the trail area. The project is delivered by Arts In The Yard; a grassroots, community-led arts organisation. We are part of the city's Local Arts Forum network supported and funded by No. 11 Arts and Birmingham City Council. We aim for everyone to have access to the arts: as participants, creators, leaders and audience. We also foster community development and community cohesion. We'd love for you to share your adventures with us; on twitter, instagram and facebook using the hashtags #lovestechford #stechfordarttrail #StechfordSteps.



Track your steps with a pedometer or via an app. and share your steps with us!

#StechfordSelfie We'd love to see your smiling faces while you explore the trail and upload your photos to:

www.stechfordarttrail.co.uk

The trail will be live and ready to explore on Friday 20th July 2018

www.stechfordarttrail.co.uk

hello@stechfordarttrail.co.uk

Twitter: @artsintheyard

www.facebook.com/artsintheyard

Instagram: artsintheyard

Local Litter Champions

The Village in Bloom Team were recently inspired by a group from Olton who organise a monthly litter pick and, supported by Solihull Council, lend out litter-picking sticks and supplies of special council bags for people to do local litter picks targeting areas that they want to keep tidy.



Fran at Village in Bloom asked Birmingham City Council if they could offer the same opportunity and they said 'Yes'!

The 'Acocks Green Litter Picker Champions' idea has really taken off! There are now 8 champions around the Green who have a high viz jacket, a litter-picking stick, a roll of council bags and instructions where to leave the bags for the council to collect them. They can do litter-picking on their own or with neighbours at a time to suit them and help to improve their neighbourhood for everyone.

Obviously, we would prefer that people just put their litter in the bin or took it home with them, but now everyone can do their bit to help keep Stockfield tidy.



Would you like to be a Litter Champion?

Telephone: Fran Lee: 0121 706 0076 or email: Fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk

What's On in Acocks Green this summer?

4 - 12 year olds

<p>Summer Playscheme Fox Hollies Forum, B27 7RA 23rd July – 3rd August 10am – 3:30pm 4 – 11 year olds £55 per week: Trip included (day rates available) <i>Activities include: arts & crafts, games</i> Contact: Fox Hollies Forum 0121 706 0652 (Pre-booking required before start of the scheme)</p>	<p>260th Scout Fun Days 260th Scouts, Spring Rd, B11 3DW (rear of site) Every Monday & Wednesday throughout summer Holidays 10am – 4pm 6 – 14 year olds £6 per child per day (need own packed lunch) <i>Activities include: arts & crafts, games, cooking</i> Contact: 260th Scouts - 07983429146 (closed Bank-holiday Monday)</p>	<p>Superstars Holiday Club Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, B27 7NS 23rd July – 31st August 8:30am – 5:30pm 5 – 12 year olds £16.50 per child per day <i>Activities include: arts & crafts, sports & games</i> Contact: Fox Hollies Leisure Centre – 0121 796 2330 (Pre-booking required before start of the scheme)</p>
<p>24th Scouts Weekly Sessions 24th Scouts, Manor Farm Road, Every Wednesday 6:30pm – 8pm 6 – 18 year olds £2.50 per child per session <i>Activities include:</i> <i>craft, cooking, life skills, first aid, camping</i> Contact: 24th Scouts - 0345 300 1818</p>	<p>Mischief Makers Art, Craft & Play Acocks Green Library, B27 7XH, Weds 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th August 10am – 12pm 5-10 year olds FREE <i>Activities include: arts & craft</i> Contact: House of Play & Education - 07951 674 624</p>	<p>Family Fun for children with additional needs and their families Yardley (phone for details) Tuesday 7th August & 14th August 10am – 12pm 1.15pm – 3.15pm 5-10 year olds FREE <i>Activities include: range of family fun activities</i> Contact: House of Play & Education - 07951674624</p>

13 - 18 year olds

<p>Sport 4 Life UK: Be Positive Stockfield Park, B27 6JL Wednesday 8th, 15th & 22nd August 12pm – 3pm 12 – 16 year olds FREE <i>Activities include: sports and games</i> Contact: Sport4Life – 0121 456-1818</p>	<p>Sport 4 Life UK: Be Positive Acocks Green Recreation Ground, B27 7UX Thursday 9th & 16th August 12pm – 3pm 12 – 16 year olds FREE <i>Activities include: sports and games</i> Contact: Sport4Life – 0121 456-1818</p>	<p>260th Scout Fun Days 260th Scouts, Spring Rd, B11 3DW (rear of site) Every Monday & Wednesday throughout summer Holidays 10am – 4pm 6 – 14 year olds £6 per child per day (need own packed lunch) <i>Activities include: arts & crafts, games, cooking</i> Contact: 260th Scouts - 07983429146 (closed Bank-holiday Monday)</p>
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Stockfield Community Association tenants, repair contractor Family Housing will attend to urgent, routine and out of hours repairs. Their contact number is 0121 766 1115. This is a direct line to their contact centre and should also be used for out of hours calls.

*Emergencies are attended to within 24 hours
Urgent Jobs are attended to within 7 days
Routine jobs are attended to within 31 days*

When you call please give all relevant information so that the contact centre can pass the repair request to Family Housing with the minimum of delay.

The Stockfield dedicated Officers are
Sgt Darren Brown, Sgt Anna Wilson and PCSO Large
To make direct contact with us call
0845 113 5000
and dial extension number 7824 6928.

Contact your local resident Director:
Amanda Millward - 0796 978 1999
Office Number: 0121 707 9899
(24 hours answerphone)

Alternatively email us at:
e3 nhp acocksgreen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
the neighbourhood team website is:
<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/belgraveroad/n17.asp>



Dog Warden Tel: 0121 303 6007
to report any problems
with dogs and fouling.

Useful Telephone Numbers

- **STOCKFIELD CA TENANTS** - your Housing Officer is **Anil Gill** of Bromford Housing.
NEW NUMBER FOR THIS TEAM: 07793 902971 or email: anil.gill@bromford.co.uk
- **BROMFORD TENANTS** - your Housing Manager is **Anil Gill**: 0330 1234 034 E: anil.gill@bromford.co.uk
- **DEBT & BENEFITS ADVICE** - For **Debt Advice**, please call the helpline on **303 2087**.
For **Benefits Advice**, contact the Neighbourhood Office on **303 0596**.
- **STOCKFIELD CA TENANTS - REPAIRS** - Family Housing is the repair contractor - **0121 766 1115**.
- **BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION: 0121 303 1112**
- **ACOCKS GREEN POLICE STATION: 0845 113 5000 x 7824 6587 (999 in emergency).**