

# STOCKFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



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Oh What fun we had...

We all enjoyed a great  
time at Christmas Cracker

See inside for more exciting  
news for 2020!

# 2020 New Year – New Decade



**Stockfield  
Community  
Association**

**Stockfield Community Association** over the years has been working hard with partners and investing in the Community to fulfil its mission statement: 'To work with the residents of the Stockfield Estate and wider area to achieve a self-supporting Community living in high quality homes in a pleasant and safe environment'.

As a result of the reduction in statutory funding, many local organisations have struggled to deliver activities to residents as they once did.

Thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund over the next 5 years we have been given the opportunity to address this and we look forward to partnering with BPCN, AITY and our residents making a difference in our community working alongside the community we serve.

## Building Community Together

- We will develop what is already working locally;
- Work with more partners who are operating locally
- Provide activities accessible to the local community in response to their feedback

## Activities that will help to

- Reduce social isolation
- Encourage health and wellbeing
- Increase resident involvement and leadership
- Promote and encourage community spirit and cohesion across all ages

We want to work with as many residents as possible through this project.

<https://www.facebook.com/Stockfield/> look out for posts on this exciting new venture and LIKE our page to be kept up to date on future events in your community. If you would like to know more about this exciting new project you can direct message on Facebook, Contact via the Stockfield Community Association Website [www.stockfield.org](http://www.stockfield.org) or call **Daphne Francis on 07847 78647**



## Stockfield Youth Group



**Bromford.**



Stockfield Community Association and Bromford are working with Sport Birmingham to deliver a youth project on the Stockfield Estate funded by Clarion Futures Communities.

Leading on the Programme is Callam Dunne a Youth and Sports Officer for Sports Birmingham on the MAD (Making a Difference) Project. He will train and support young people of Stockfield to fulfil the requirements of their Clarion Futures Young Ambassadors Programme.

M.A.D Birmingham is a youth engagement programme which uses activities, such as sport, to tackle social issues. Being part of the Ambassador Programme not only allows young people to make a difference within their community; they can also see other benefits such as increased confidence, learning new skills; gaining accredited qualifications, having new experiences, being a voice for young people and of course let's not forget having fun.

We have some amazingly talented young people already signed up to the Youth Group and they are making a remarked change to Stockfield Park. These young people are currently decorating the POD and supporting FITCAP in the delivery of sports session; while they continue to develop setting up their own sports session in the park. Children love taking part in the session with the youth group and see them as positive role models.

The youth group are an outstanding asset to Stockfield. We will keep you updated with projects going forward and what we are up to. It is worth noting that volunteering is considered very important in the eyes of both employers and colleges/universities so if you are 11-19 and want to become involved or just have a question please contact Callam Dunne on: 07538360922 or email: [callamdunne@sportbirmingham.org](mailto:callamdunne@sportbirmingham.org)



# What's new for our Community?

**Birmingham PlayCare Network (BPCN)** is thrilled to be working in Partnership with Stockfield Community Association and Arts in the Yard on the Building Community Together programme.



The main focus of BPCN is around play for young and old. BPCN will be providing activity and playful opportunities for the residents of the Stockfield estate and wider area. It is our vision to promote good quality play opportunities and seek out innovation in play.

For 2 weeks of each summer for 5 years BPCN will deliver play in parks open access play scheme activity in Stockfield Park to encourage children and families to engage in active play using the local green spaces around their homes.

We shall also be working with local schools to deliver onsite playground sessions run by playworkers to support local schools to understand the importance of active play. A van full of loose part resources from The Scrapstore will be delivered to the school to be used during the session and then left for the school to continue using.

BPCN are also excited to be delivering reminiscence sessions with local elderly/retired residents, revisiting their childhoods and memories of play. Memories are then shared with local children creating new friendships between generations reducing loneliness and isolation.

Tea Dances open to the whole community will be run to encourage new friendships and also to share information about all other project activity for the wider scheme.

BPCN will also be promoting awareness of its Scrapstore based at the Swan Courtyard. We want to increase activity within the scrapstore, engage with local businesses and residents to consider reuse and reduce rather than use landfill. We will run family themed sessions; 'Retired and Recycled', 'Lads and Dads' and 'Playful Parents'.

We are open at the scrapstore all year round and are looking for volunteers who would be interested in supporting our work – either at the Recycling Centre itself or at the activities listed above.

For more information please contact Emma at BPCN either on 0121 236 2917 or email [emmapbct@gmail.com](mailto:emmapbct@gmail.com)

## Arts in the Yard

Arts In The Yard (AITY) are pleased to be working in partnership with Birmingham PlayCare Network (BPCN) and Stockfield Community Association (SCA) AITY is the Local Arts Forum for Yardley district. It is a grassroots arts and community organisation, steered by a resident led management committee and set up to foster community development and community cohesion. We believe every resident should have equal access to the wealth and opportunities the arts and culture can offer. We work across the district of Yardley using the Arts, in its broadest and most diverse forms, as a vehicle for change. Arts In The Yard has worked in Acocks Green for nearly 5 years, supporting local groups with new pieces of public art, creating and delivering community events.

You may have seen us at Stockfield Community Fun days and Christmas Cracker Events, providing craft activities and screen-printing custom designed bags. As part of the Building Communities Together Partnership we will be launching a brand new monthly pop-up Neighbourhood Arts Cafe. Similar to other Arts Cafes across Birmingham it will incorporate a mix of arts activities and food, all in a friendly, welcoming environment tailored to the needs of local residents.

Arts In The Yard will need resident help and input to get this new venture off the ground and ensure it represents the needs of the local community; so if you have ideas or would like to volunteer please drop us a line; we would love to hear from you!



**ARTS IN THE YARD**  
yardley arts forum



# Christmas Lunch Fun

It's not only the children that can have Christmas fun!

Our Over 55s Lunch and Bingo was a great success and enjoyed by all.



## Why not join us next year?

**Stockfield Community Association Tenants - For your information:**

Repair contractor Family Housing are now known as Citizen Housing.  **CITIZEN**

They attend to urgent, routine and out of hours repairs.  
Their contact number is **0300 561 0040**.

**For out of hours emergency call 0300 790 6533.**

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 your repair request with the minimum of delay.