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# **ACOCKS GREEN WARD**

**Ward Action Plan**

**2022 to 2026 (last updated April 2023)**

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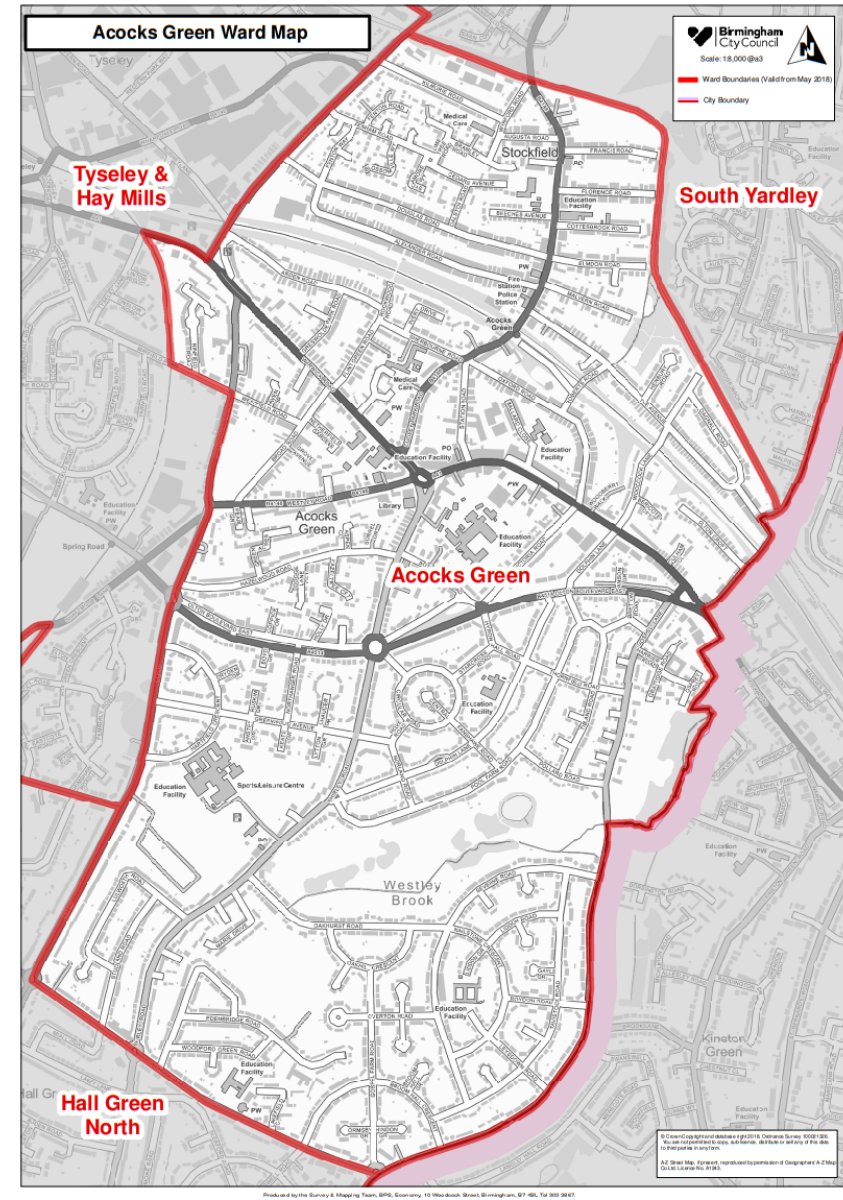
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## **Note to residents**

Dear Acocks Green Ward Residents,

This ward plan builds on the previous ward plan developed in 2018.

It is intended to be a realistic living document that reflects the hopes and aspirations of local residents. Its success will depend on joint working by residents, community groups partner organisations and the Council.

We have tried to keep it simple and prioritise a list of outcomes that can be delivered if we work together, rather than have an endless wish list of ideas that gathers dust on a shelf in the Council House.

If you think something needs adding – or removing - from this plan, let us know. It can be updated at the regular public Acocks Green ward forum meetings.

Thank You.

Councillors Roger Harmer and Penny Wagg

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## **Ward Background Information: Interesting Facts about Acocks Green**

Acocks Green Ward is located in the south-east of Birmingham, within the parliamentary constituency of Birmingham Yardley. It is made up of most (but not all) of Acocks Green (B27) and a small part of the northern edge of Hall Green (B28) and has a population of 23,117 making it the 3rd most populous ward in the city.

Acocks Green Ward is typical Birmingham. Indeed, it is one of the few wards where the demographic and economic data are very close to the average for the city as a whole. It has a very similar age profile, ethnic make-up, deprivation levels and average income to those of Birmingham.

For deprivation Acocks Green ward is ranked as the 542<sup>nd</sup> most deprived ward in the country out of 7,511 putting it in the 10% most deprived wards nationally (Source: Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015). Within Birmingham it is ranked 34 out of 69 wards.

Demographic data still currently comes from the 2011 Census, but as more data sets are published from the 2021 Census this will be updated. In 2011 noteworthy details are:

- Acocks Green ward has a relatively young population, like the rest of Birmingham: 25.7% of the population was under 18, compared with 25.5% for Birmingham and 21.4% for England as a whole.
- 64.3% of the population was White in 2011, with 24.7% Asian, 5.3% Black and 4.6% Mixed. This was similar to Birmingham but different to England (85.4% White, 7.8% Asian, 3.3% Black and 2.3% Mixed).
- The proportion of Acocks Green's workforce in Higher Skilled Occupations was 32.5% compared with 37.6% for Birmingham and 41.1% for England. For Lower Skilled Occupations the figures are 45.7% for Acocks Green, 40.8% for Birmingham and 36% for England.
- 22% of Acocks Green residents have no qualifications compared with 20.8% in Birmingham and 14.8% in England.
- 84.3% of residents have English as their main language. For Birmingham the figure is 82.7% and for England its 90.3%.

In 2016, average income levels in Acocks Green were £15,961. Across Birmingham the average was £16,185 and in England the average was £18,788.

## **Further Ward Information**

[View the ward profile for more information about Acocks Green Ward](#)

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## WARD ACTION PLAN 2022 to 2026

### Litter and Clean Streets

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Publish information on the dates and frequencies when road sweepers should be coming round each road and shopping centre.	Councillors Redfern Depot	
b) Work with 'Love Your Streets' (LYS) to target fly-tipping hot-spots.	Love Your Streets (LYS) Team Councillors Neighbourhood Action Coordinator (NAC)	First session Jan 2023 in Fox Hollies
c) Encourage residents' groups/ business/ schools to do regular community litter picks and to use these to recruit other residents to join the groups	Cllrs Friends of Parks Resident Associations Acocks Green Lions Acocks Green in Bloom (AGIB)	Ongoing
d) Tackle advanced / fly tipped waste from flats above shops	LYS Team NAC Waste Enforcement	Extra Bins provided Oxford Rd and to come Fox Hollies Rd

### Parks and Other Green Spaces

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Fox Hollies Park: Improve Security / Tackle ASB	Acocks Green Police Community Safety Partnership	Improving boundary security
b) Fox Hollies Park: Modernise Play Areas		Underway with planning gain funds
c) Acocks Green Recreation Ground – new planting	Friends Acocks Green Recreation Ground	Participated in National Trust Blossom Trail
d) Westley Vale Millennium Green	Friends of Group	
e) Grand Union Canal		

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### Community Safety

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Maintain Acocks Green Police Station as a base for our Neighbourhood Police Team	West Midlands Police	Off the closure list for now
b) Regular meetings between Police, Councillors and Housing Managers.	Councillors Neighbourhood Police Team BCC Housing	Being held
c) Tackle dangerous / illegal parking across the Ward prioritising schools and busy junctions	Neighbourhood Police Team	Being done as resources allow
d) Tackle speeding and dangerous driving by installing Average Speed Cameras on our main roads and Traffic Enforcement Cameras at the Roberts Road tunnel and Woodcock Lane bridge across the Chiltern Line	BCC Highways West Midlands Police	Trial of enforcement cameras underway.
e) Neighbourhood Police to attend as many Ward Forum and Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum meetings as possible.	Acocks Green Neighbourhood Police Team	

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### Local Shopping Centres

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Support the growth and development of Acocks Green Village as a key suburban shopping centre in Acocks Green by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limiting the number of fast-food takeaways</li> <li>• Investigate options for a renewed BID</li> <li>• Raise funding for Christmas Lights</li> <li>• Enhancing the local environment</li> <li>• Improve the Library Frontage</li> <li>• Improve the railings</li> </ul>	AG Partnership Traders Planning Enforcement Councillors Acocks Green in Bloom	Shops being surveyed regarding a future Business Improvement District by Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator
b) Improve the cleanliness of Yardley Road Shops	Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator	Love Your Streets Sessions and Acocks Green In Bloom sessions
c) Work with Tyseley and Hay Mills Ward to improve the Fox Hollies Shops		Love Your Streets Sessions and Acocks Green In Bloom sessions
d) Tackle begging by shops (use of Community Protection Warnings / Notices)	West Midlands Police	Neighbourhood Police Team actioning

### Roads, Pavements, Lighting and Trees

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Hold regular reviews with the Kier Highways Steward and site visits to monitor implementation of repairs requested.	Kier	Being done

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Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
b) Increase the level of road and pavement renewal to a sustainable level with resurfacing of Oxford Road, Hartfield Crescent and Severne Road as an initial priority.	BCC Highways	
c) Work with the Local Highways Engineer to prioritise highways improvements and allocate the small works highways budget.	Yardley Engineer	Being done 2022/2023 projects being finalised

### Young People (up to 25 years old)

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Continue to develop and support the Acocks Green Youth Project, including support of the development of a Youth Council to enable young people to raise issues of importance to them.	Acocks Green Partnership Fox Hollies Forum	
b) Work closely with local schools, Scouts groups and St Johns Ambulance Cadets (esp. re environmental issues – e.g., energy and litter)	Councillors	
c) Set up an AG Partnership Youth Forum: envisaged as bi-monthly meeting of schools and youth groups to exchange and co-ordinate re concerns / issues and plans		
d) Build links with further education establishments to encourage their students to do research work and projects in Acocks Green		



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### Local Housing and Public Buildings

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Improve the regulation and management of multi-occupied housing, especially the 'exempt' sector	Central Government BCC Exempt Accommodation Team	Bill in Parliament
b) Maintain diverse communities by stopping the domination of individual roads by multi-occupied properties.	Planning Enforcement	
c) Improve the energy efficiency of our housing stock and public buildings	Acocks Greener BCC	250+ homes being improved

### Transport

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Tackle car parking congestion by improving access to public transport and car share clubs.	BCC Highways National Express West Midlands (AG Bus Depot site) Travel for West Midlands (AG Station site)	Acocks Greener met NXWM – will consider
b) Accelerate conversion to electric forms of Transport by growing EV charging facilities	BCC Private operators	

### Community Groups

Actions	Actioned by?	Progress
a) Deliver the Neighbourhood Action Grants - £10k	NAC Community Groups	
b) Support the co-ordination of groups via the Acocks Green Partnership (AGP)		AGP terms of reference updated 2022