

BE BOLD

BE BORDESLEY & HIGHGATE

**Ward Action Plan
2022 to 2026**

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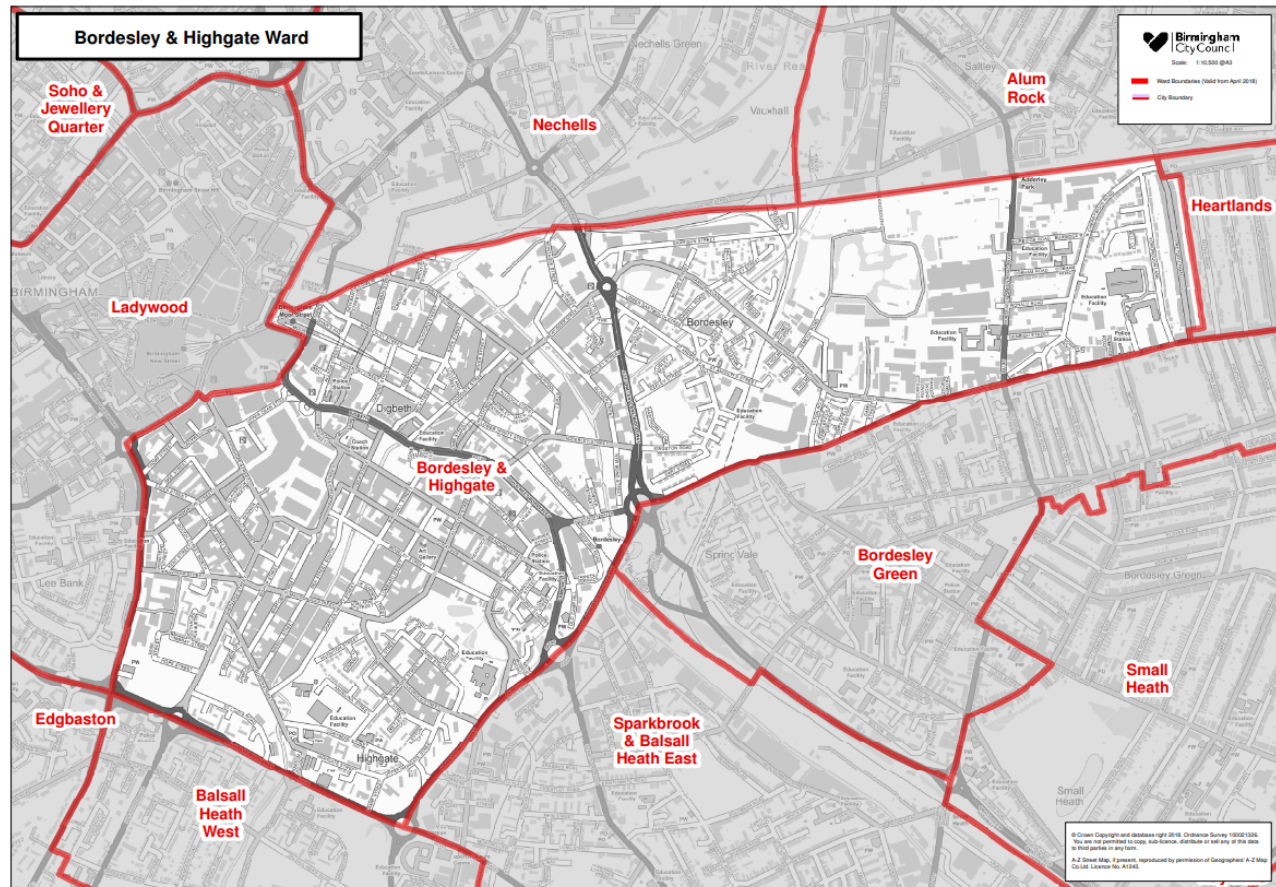
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A Cleaner Bordesley & Highgate

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| Priority 1: | To make Bordesley & Highgate cleaner. |
| Why has this been chosen as a priority? | Bordesley & Highgate has high levels of litter, fly-tipping and litter. |
| Who will own this priority? | Everyone |
| Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with? | Keep Britain Tidy, Community Payback, Birmingham City Council, community and faith groups, residents and businesses. |
| What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition? | Less, rubbish dumping and litter in our area resulting in greater pride of where we live and work |

Set up to three clear, realistic goals that we want to achieve locally.

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| 1 | Increased number of community litter picking groups and volunteers | How many BCC litter picking equipment distributed. Number of groups and volunteers | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |
| 2 | Reduced graffiti, dumping and litter | Stats from BCC | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |
| 3 | Increased number of bins in our public areas | Number of bins in our public areas | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |

Set the actions needed to achieve each of our goals.

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| 1 | Identifying and promote existing litter picking groups | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, Community Litter Picking Groups | No | Ongoing | |
| 1a | Identify new community groups to set up litter picks groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gooch Street Shops area. Emily Street Stanhope Street | Councillor, Friends of Hope Park, group, and residents | Yes, externally funding. E.g. Veolia Community Fund, Hodge Hill NNS Funding. BCC to provide litter picking equipment, where appropriate | Sept 2024 | March 2025 |
| 1b | Utilise national campaigns for example The Great British Clean Up | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, Community Litter Picking Groups | No | Ongoing | |
| 2a | Have CCTV to prevent and capture fly-tipping | Dumping hotspots across Bordesley & Highgate, Bradford Street, Gooch Street, shop areas. | Councillor's Birmingham City Council. | Use of BCC resources where appropriate | Ongoing | |
| 2b | Make the Mobile Household Recycling Centres Permanent | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, Birmingham City Council | Use of BCC resources where appropriate | January 2023 | |
| 2c | To improve street cleansing and graffiti clearance teams | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, Birmingham City Council. Community groups, Parents, Local CPSO, Local Businesses | Use of BCC resources where appropriate. | Ongoing | |

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| | | | <p>Collaborate with St Martin's Youth & Community Centre.</p> <p>Work with the local School's i.e. Ark St Albans Academy, Chando's Primary school and, Calthorpe Academy.</p> | | | |
| 3 | <p>Identify the current number of bins.</p> <p>Seek additional funding for new bins.</p> | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | <p>Councillor, BCC (Environmental/ Waste team) Shop keepers, Community groups, to assess the current numbers of bins in the area.</p> | <p>BCC to provide stats</p> <p>Secure funding for additional new bins, explore Community Infrastructure Levy</p> | Sept 2024 | |

Further information relating to action 2c

- Redirected youth energy from graffiti to productive avenues, such as designing, murals that will enhance the ward.
- Partnered with Smithfield -Development to integrate social value support for the community.
- Emphasised the importance of community pride and involvement in street cleansing efforts
- Engaged young people in valuing their community through meaningful activities and initiatives
- Focussed on enhancing the positive artistic flair of youth while discouraging graffiti vandalism.
- Contributed to improving street cleanliness and reducing graffiti in Highgate ward.

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A Safer Bordesley & Highgate

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| Priority 2: | To make Bordesley & Highgate a safer place to live. |
| Why has this been chosen as a priority? | Increasing levels of ASB, and crime rates has been attributed to underreporting of incidents, coupled with a notable rise in car thefts, road traffic incidents. Pedestrians (children and older people) are more vulnerable to road accidents due to reckless motorists. |
| Who will own this priority? | Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, Community and Faith Groups, Residents, Leaseholders, Planning Directorate, Developers, Businesses, and other Relevant External Partners |
| Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with? | Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, Community and Faith Groups, Residents, Leaseholders, Planning Directorate, Developers, Businesses, and other Relevant External Partners |
| What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition? | Bordesley & Highgate will be a safer place to live and work with crime and ASB. Bordesley & Highgate will have less car thefts, road traffic and less crime. |

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| 1 | Greater community partnership working with the Police. | Improved engagement | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |
| 2 | Campaign for more CCTV to make people feel safer | Stats recorded by Police and BCC community Safety Team | Will be challenging and need to engage partner organisations | Unlikely. Unless external funding identified for ongoing on cost for maintenance and monitoring. | TBC |

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| 3 | Safer travel for pedestrians (children and vulnerable people). | BCC stats | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |
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| 1a | Enabling regular community updates from our local neighbourhood police team | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, West Midlands Police | No | Ongoing | |
| 1b | Promotion and creation of Neighbourhood Business Support Group Street Watches and setting up of more | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, Community and Faith Groups, West Midlands Police, Residents | Possibly | Ongoing | |
| 2a | Campaign for more CCTV to make people feel safer | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate especially Bradford Street and Cheapside | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police | Use of BCC resources where appropriate and external where available. | Ongoing | |
| 3a | Prevent street cruising through street injunctions: - Reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police | Need to engage partner orgs – will require funding | Ongoing | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fit traffic light cameras - Fit average speed cameras. - Fit bumps | | | | | |
| 3b | <p>Use Environment Transport and Neighbourhoods Fund:</p> <p>Pedestrianisation of a section of Upper Highgate Street through the installation of two modal filters.</p> <p>Closure of Upper Conybere Street</p> | <p>Between Conybere Street and Emily Street, maintaining access to properties</p> <p>At junction with A4540 Middleway.</p> | Councillor and Highways, Birmingham City Council | | End of April 2026 | |
| 3c | Campaign for use of HS2 road safety funds in Bordesley & Highgate | Bordesley & Highgate. | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, HS2 | TBC | May 2024 | |
| 3d | Current audit of schools signed up for Mode-shift STARS | All schools in Bordesley & Highgate | Councillor, BCC – Community Safety Team. Schools/ Academies. | Use of BCC resources where appropriate and external where available | May 2024- 25 | |
| 3e | Campaign for Controlled Parking | Within 1km of Inner Ring Road | TBC | Use of BCC resources where appropriate and | Ongoing | |

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| | Zones near Clean Air Zone | | | external where available | | |
| 3f | Campaign for Match Day Parking Permits | Bordesley & Highgate areas impacted by matchdays | Councillor, Birmingham City Football Club | Use of BCC resources where appropriate and external where available | May 2026 | |

A Greener Bordesley & Highgate

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| Priority 3: | To make Bordesley & Highgate a greener place to live |
| Why has this been chosen as a priority? | We are one of the top 8 areas of most needed of environmental justice according to Birmingham City Council City of Nature plan, and want to t play our part |
| Who will own this priority? | Everyone |
| Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with? | Relevant External Stakeholders, Birmingham City Council, Parks, Community and Faith groups, Businesses, Birmingham Trees for Life, Birmingham Open Spaces Forum and Residents, litter picking group, Friends of Bradford Street, |
| What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition? | We will have reintroduced the annual Bordesley & Highgate in Bloom, improved our parks and green spacers, planted more trees and improved biodiversity |

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| 1 | Implement the City of Nature Plan for Bordesley & Highgate Ward working with all stakeholders. | Bordesley & Highgate parks meeting or getting close to Birmingham Fair Parks Standard. | Yes | Use of BCC resources and external stakeholders, support partnerships. | May 2026 |

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| 2 | Improve our existing biodiversity | Use biodiversity markers. Engage with residents, groups and universities where appropriate | Yes | Yes | May 2026 |
| 3 | Introduce more options to recycle in Housing Service Tower Blocks | Greater recycling in Bordesley & Highgate - BBC stats | Yes | Yes, work in City Council Park | May 2026 |

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| 1a | Improve usage of our parks and green spaces. | Bordesley & Highgate Parks Kingston Hill, Hope Park. | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, BOSF, Community and Faith Groups, Businesses, Residents, Relevant External Partners, Birmingham Trees for Life | Use of BCC resources where appropriate and external where available. | 2022-2026 | |
| 1b | Creation and promotion of Friends of Parks Kingston Hill. Hope Park. | Bordesley & Highgate Parks | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, BOSF, Community and Faith Groups, Businesses, Residents | No | May 2026 | |

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| 1c | Repaint the Urban Cricket fence. Restore the play gym equipment which is broken. Fit outdoor gymnasium equipment to replicate the equipment recently fitted in Small Heath Park | Bordesley & Highgate Parks | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, | TBC | TBC | |
| 2a | Check our trees canopy across Bordesley & Highgate for healthy biodiversity | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC | |
| 3a | Campaign with residents to introduce community recycling facilities where none currently exist | Bordesley & Highgate Housing | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, Residents | TBC | Ongoing | |

A Healthier and Better Connected Bordesley & Highgate

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| Priority 4: | A Bordesley & Highgate that has more opportunities to be active, better connected, and to breathe cleaner air (transportation) |
| Why has this been chosen as a priority? | High levels of air pollution with Bordesley & Highgate, and the desire to get more people active, especially our young people |

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| Who will own this priority? | Everyone |
| Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with? | Relevant External Stakeholders, Birmingham City Council, Community and Faith groups, Businesses, Birmingham Trees for Life, Birmingham Open Spaces Forum and Residents |
| What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition? | More opportunities being taken up by residents who now better know their neighbours, with cleaner air |

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| 1 | Improve and create opportunities for residents of Bordesley and Highgate be healthier and active. | Activities provided for residents and uptake of these. | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |
| 2 | Transportation in Roads and Buses | Continually review and improve provision of bus services throughout the ward. Have better connection. Improve the design of bike lanes. | TBC | Yes | TBC |
| 3 | Work with external partners and stakeholder to generate additional funding | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| 4 | Encourage community engagement | Number of community events and attendees | Yes | Yes | April 2026 |

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| 1a | Create Daily Mile route across/introduce into Bordesley & Highgate Parks | Parks e.g. Kingston & Hope | BCC -Parks services (City of Nature), Public Health, BOSF, LWM | Yes | TBC | |
| 1b | Reach out to external stakeholders for support (social Value) | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate, Digbeth Smithfield Development | Councillor, Birmingham City Council, Legacy WM | Scheme active | August 2023-Ongoing | |
| 3a | Use grants to encourage residents to be more active | Whole of Bordesley & Highgate | Local Community and Faith Groups, and External Partners, Councillor, Birmingham City Council. | Local Grants and crowdfunding | Ongoing | |
| 4 | Showcase the culture rich diversity of local area and 'Ready Steady Fun – Connecting Communities' | TBC | TBC | TBC | May 2024 | |