

Have Your Say

Your Ward Support Officer, Tina Willetts, has been working closely with your elected Members, the Community, local residents and council officers, to find out what you want and how we can help. If you need information about local funding for your community group contact Tina on 0121 464 5393 or you can e mail on tina_willetts@birmingham.gov.uk

If you want to 'Have Your Say' about where you live come to the local Bartley Green Ward committee. Committee meetings are held regularly and the venue alternates between Bartley Green Technology College, Adams Hill and St Francis Church and Community Centre, Woodgate Valley. For dates of future meetings contact www.birmingham.gov.uk - ward information - or contact your local Bartley Green Library, Jiggins Lane 0121 464 4473.

If you are unable to make it to the Ward Committee and have something you wish to raise complete the tear-off slip below.

Tell us your concerns

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Action in Bartley Green

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Bartley Green Ward Local Action Plan
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A message from your local councillors

Bartley Green Ward is a great place to live and we are trying to make it even better for you, the people who live here. But we recognise that there is still much to do if we want to live in a safe, clean and pleasant neighbourhood.

This is the second publication of this Local Action Plan and it is designed to tell you what has been happening in the Bartley Green Ward, what we would like to do in the future and to ask you what you would like. It sets out how we, along with other agencies, will be working to deliver the things that matter most to you and your families.

Bartley Green Ward Development Plan was revised in 2005 after consultation with residents of Bartley Green Ward through:

- ▶ Contact at local councillors' advice bureaux
- ▶ Councillors' street walkabouts
- ▶ Consultation with young people at Bartley Green Youth Conference
- ▶ Comments at Ward Committees
- ▶ Comments at Ward Advisory Board.

Since the first issue of Action in Bartley Green was published in Spring 2004, your ward councillors have used the allocated Neighbourhood Renewal and Community Chest funding to continue to tackle many pressing issues in the Bartley Green Ward and have made substantial improvements, some of which are detailed in this second issue of the Local Action Plan.

Your councillors work very closely with the active Ward Advisory Group who meet every other month.



Councillor Bruce Lines (Chairman); Councillor Vivienne Barton; Councillor John Lines

This group represents residents from all parts of Bartley Green Ward and includes representatives from local businesses, the Health Service, local Police and Fire Service, local Churches, schools and community and residents' groups.



Bartley Green Ward Advisory Board

During the next 2 years (2006/08), Bartley Green Ward will receive further Neighbourhood Renewal Funding and will look to make further improvements in the following areas:

- ▶ Improving Housing conditions
- ▶ Improving the Environment
- ▶ Providing more facilities for Children and young People
- ▶ Improvements in community safety
- ▶ Improvements to roads and street lighting
- ▶ Working with the community
- ▶ Improving employment and training opportunities
- ▶ Improving quality of life for all residents of Bartley Green Ward.

There is an active Housing Liaison Board



Bartley Green Housing Liaison Board

working in Bartley Green Ward which consists of council tenants and leaseholders who meet each month at Bartley Green Neighbourhood Office, Monmouth Road; new members are always welcome and should contact Jenny Carter, Customer Involvement Officer on **0121 303 5359**.

Working with the community

Our library in Bartley Green Ward is one of our most treasured possessions and in September 2005 the whole community was able to benefit during the centenary celebrations which were supported by Community Chest funding.



Bartley Green Library Centenary Celebrations

Woodgate and The Valley History Society have benefited from funding to buy new display boards; the Society meets at St Francis Church & Community Centre, Woodgate Valley.

Bartley Green Ward War memorial has benefited from Neighbourhood Renewal and Community Chest funding. The memorial has been sympathetically restored and renovated and an additional paving area has also been funded to ensure as many as possible of the local community are able to take part in the memorial service to remember our fallen servicemen from Bartley Green and Woodgate.



War Memorial Service - 13 November 2005 with young people from Bartley Green Technology College



Councillor John Lines and Territorial Army Soldier

We are looking after our elder members of the community as the both Bartley Green Friendship Club and St Michael's Pensioners Club have received funding for community activities. This has helped develop social events for the clubs and has helped to improve club members' quality of life.



St Michael's Pensioners Club with Councillor Vivienne Barton

A new Home-Start organisation was launched in the Ward in January 2006. Home-Start volunteers support families through difficult times offering friendship, support and practical help to families with at least one child under 5 years of age. Home-Start received a community chest grant to help buy training equipment for volunteers; these volunteers can now give support to Bartley Green Ward families in need. If you wish to make enquiries about becoming a volunteer or need support please ring Wendy Bourne,

Scheme Co-ordinator on **0121 427 8111**.



Home-Start launch: Councillor John Lines; Wendy Bourne and Councillor Vivienne Barton

There has also been welcome Community Chest funding support for the Special Needs Awareness Group (SNAG) who support families whose children have autism. SNAG meets at Middlemore Family Centre, Stevens Avenue. Contact Di Jeynes **0121 683 9420**.

The Crazy Kids (KK) Club has benefited from Community Chest financial support and have been able to buy much needed equipment for children with special needs who attend the out of school and holiday group at St Francis Church and Community Centre, Woodgate Valley.

Bartley Green Ward has continued to support the mentoring of Domestic Violence victims.

Contact Judy Morgan **0121 626 4127**.

There has also been continued support for the Handy Person Scheme which offers assistance to the elderly and vulnerable with minor adaptations, minor repairs and domestic tasks.

Contact Gayle Kelly **0121 459 7670**.



Traffic Island in Bartley Green Ward

Ward councillors and the Ward Advisory Board have worked closely with the City Council Parks Department and they are to be congratulated for the wonderful flower beds that were evident throughout the Ward last summer. In addition, the planting of new trees can be seen all over our Ward after years of diminishing numbers due to vandalism and decay.



Traffic Island in Bartley Green Ward

Keeping Fit in Bartley Green Ward

Neighbourhood Renewal Funds have helped the people of Bartley Green Ward to Keep Fit!

Funding has been allocated to 4 local football teams - Bartley Green Blades, Angels FC, Bartley Green Falcons and the Rea Valley Colts. We have also funded Judo and Karate projects in the ward.



Rea Valley Colts



Bartley Green Blades - Junior Group

Children in all 8 primary schools in Bartley Green Ward can now play golf in school. All schools have been given Tri-golf equipment and 4 schools (Woodgate Primary School; St Peter's Catholic Primary; St Michael's C.E. J&I School; Kitwell Primary School) have their own golf courses, which have been developed, in their own school grounds.



Councillor Bruce Lines with Bartley Green Blades



Tri-Golf opening event at Woodgate Primary School with Councillor Bruce Lines and Councillor Vivienne Barton

The funding secured has also contributed to training school staff in Tri-golf and schools have benefited from a number of 6 week golf courses ensuring all children have a chance to be Bartley Green's own Tiger Woods!

A former pupil of Woodgate Primary School, Fliss Johnson, became the English Ladies Amateur Golf Champion in May 2005 and won the BBC Midlands Sports Woman of the Year Award so the sky's the limit!

Bartley Green Ward has funded a local karate club, which meets at Shenley Court Leisure Centre and a Judo development project involving all of our primary schools.



Judo Club at Woodgate School



Councillor Bruce Lines with Judo Club



Karate Club at Shenley Court Leisure Centre

Bartley Green Ward has also funded Spring and Summer water sports and after school activities for young people in the Ward; these projects give young people something constructive to do and rewards those who behave well.



Water sport activities

A health and fitness programme has also been funded through Bartley Green Leisure Centre and it is hoped this will link with GPs to work in partnership to help people improve their health and quality of life.



Councillor Bruce Lines with members of Bartley Green Leisure Centre

There is also a 'Fishing is Fun' project that has been funded in Bartley Green Ward; this will involve schools and community groups and will develop fishing as a past time for young people but will also teach them about the environment they live in.

Bartley Green Ward scouts and brownies have benefited from funding for a new scout hut roof and the brownies now have funding to ensure all brownies can take part in a residential whatever their personal circumstances.



109th Birmingham 1st Scouts Group with Councillor Bruce Lines

Children and young people living in Bartley Green Ward have benefitted from a number of new play developments:

- Multi-user games area and a play area for younger children on Long Nuke Road
- A new play area at Senneleys Park
- A multi-user games area and Youth Shelter on the Balmoral Road, Kitwell Estate
- A play area for younger children at Romsley Road
- Multi-user games area and children's play area on 'Spider', Middle Hill Rise, Woodgate Valley.



Councillor Bruce Lines with local children enjoying the new play facilities

Bartley Green Ward has been working closely with all the local primary schools: examples of projects funded are school security projects at St Peters Catholic Primary and Kitwell Primary, environment projects at Woodcock Hill Primary and Shenley Fields Nursery, ICT development and furnishing a community meeting room at Paganel Primary school, a bird hide development project at Ley Hill Primary and a 'Books for Schools'- parent involvement project at St Michaels Primary.

Bartley Green Technology College has also received funding to develop a multi use sports pitch - this is an example of partnership working with the school who have match funded this project.



Councillor Bruce Lines with pupils and parents in ICT Suite at Paganel Primary



Parents and their children working together at Paganel Primary

Bartley Green Ward has also contributed towards funding for the Edgbaston constituency Youth Parliament to enable young people to have a say in local issues that concern them.

Your local Councillors are very aware that there is always more that can be done for the young people of Bartley Green Ward but we feel we have made great improvements to young people's lives and these projects are helping to make Bartley Green Ward a healthier place to live.

Making Bartley Green Ward a safer place to live

Everybody is worried about crime in the area and your Councillors have been working hard to help make Bartley Green Ward a safer place to live.

Neighbourhood Renewal Funding has been used to install new security lighting to the homes of some of our most vulnerable residents on Wolverley Road and Dettonford Road.



Councillor Vivienne Barton with local residents on Bangham Pit Estate

The residents are delighted with the improvement this has made to their personal security. Residents on Bangham Pit estate have seen new secure front doors to their homes, improved street lighting, additional security lighting to council homes and problematic alleyways are to be closed off to prevent antisocial behaviour. There have been further improvements in street lighting including Nailers Close, Kirkwall Road, and Adams Hill.

Your local councillors always work closely with the local police and have allocated funding towards a number of projects.

These include:

- a police support vehicle to take witnesses to court safely and for use in undercover operations to target offenders
- a crime reduction and safety vehicle which can carry out surveillance and video criminal activity and a mobile police station which is able to move location to where need is greatest.



Councillor Bruce Lines, Councillor Vivienne Barton and Councillor John Lines with local residents of Bangham Pit Estate with security front door

Your local councillors will continue to work closely with your new Police Inspector, Harvinder Khatkar, to help to make Bartley Green Ward a safer place to live and work.



Inspector Khatkar with Councillor Bruce Lines



Councillor Vivienne Barton, Councillor Bruce Lines and Councillor John Lines with the new Bartley Green police team