

BARTLEY GREEN WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES

WARD: Bartley Green	DATE: Thursday 7 th March 2024
VENUE: Bartley Green School, 103 Adams Hill, Birmingham, B32 3QJ	START/FINISH TIMES: 7:00 pm – 8:05 pm
COUNCILLOR/S: Bruce Lines & Kerry Brewer	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 5
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: James Allison – Neighbourhood Action Coordinator, Preety Sohpal – Community Governance Manager	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Evie-Rae Turner – Public Health BCC, Lauren Webster – Public Health BCC, Ben Murphy – Public Health BCC, Lauren Schofield & Keturah Coyle – Neighbourhood Police Team

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Green Bartley Green 2. A Inclusive Bartley Green 3. A Safe Bartley Green

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome, Introductions & Notice of Recording Councillor Lines & Councillor Brewer welcomed residents for attending and advised that members of the press/public may be present, could record and take photographs of the meeting. 2. Neighbourhood Police Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PACT meetings will be starting again soon – Date TBC. Head over the West Midlands Police website where you can complete a survey on what you want from the Neighbourhood Policing Team • There was a recent incident where someone was attacked in their car however there has been no further information released on this yet. The victims are reported to be okay and the investigation is ongoing. • Vehicle crime is down from this time year by 28%. Last year there were 249 reports of vehicle crime, this year there have been 200 reports. Knife

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crime is also down by 75% however there has been an increase in Youth violence of 44%. There is an overall decrease of crime in the ward.

- 15 officers have been recruited who are targeting those driving illegally on off roads bikes on public roads and in parks. The officers urged residents to report all incidents of off-road bikers to the police either online or by calling 101.
- The neighbourhood police team are looking to acquire a speed gun with the hopes of setting up a neighbourhood speedwatch team where residents/groups can volunteer to be trained up on the use of the speed gun.

3. Public Health Team – Raising awareness on the MMR vaccines

The Public Health team introduced themselves to all present and explained they were here to raise awareness around the recent outbreak of measles and the importance of the MMR vaccines. There are series of pop up clinics across the city where you can take your children to be vaccinated.

Evie and Lauren from Public Health to deliver awareness raising in relation to the increase in measles infection. Never too late to catch up on measles immunisations. Adults can catch up with two jabs a month apart. Immunisation is the most effective prevention for this infection. Biggest infection group is in children under 10. If you believe that you may not be up to date with your injections, then please contact your GP to confirm this and arrange an appointment for your injection as necessary. There is a type of injection which does not contain pork, so please ask for this when making the arrangement.

Please see appendices one for more information on this.

4. Local News and Updates from your Local Ward Councillors

The Councillors addressed the difficult financial position the council is currently in. A 10% increase to Council Tax will be implemented this year and then a further 10% Council Tax increase will be implemented the following year. There will be reduction in front line services, a reduction in library services and some community centres. The Councillors assured residents that they will do everything they can keep community centres open in the ward.

A positive story from the ward – the new football pitches are going ahead at Shenley Academy and they are making progress. The Councillors will have more to update on this at the next ward forum meeting.

Appendices One

Think Measles



Measles is **highly infectious** and can lead to complications, especially in **vulnerable, immunocompromised or pregnant people**.

Being in the same room as someone with measles for **more than 15 minutes** is a significant exposure.

Measles symptoms can include:

- High fever
- Sore, red, watery eyes
- Coughing and/or runny nose
- Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth
- A red-brown blotchy rash, which appears after several days.



Think Measles



- 1 If measles symptoms are suspected, patients should **isolate and not attend any setting in person**, including A&E and GPs.
- 2 Patients should **call their GP practice** who will screen and triage over the phone, or make arrangements for treatment.
- 3 Any spaces where someone with suspected measles was should be **thoroughly cleaned** before being used.
- 4 If anyone is **unsure of their immunity status**, they should speak to their GP practice.
- 5 **Anyone of any age can get a catch up MMR vaccine** for free via their GP practice.



Key messages for all

MMR immunisation provides **best protection against measles**

MMR immunisation that **does not contain pork, Priorix**, is available at all GP surgeries

Contact your GP surgery to catch up with MMR immunisation **at any age**

Anyone with suspected measles should not attend a healthcare setting without **calling ahead first**

Non-immunised close contacts of a measles case may be advised not to come to in-person settings for a number of days

