

**Place Manager:** Cynthia Morrison

**Ward:** Acocks Green

There is a track record of positive partnership working already going on in the Ward, which has achieved some real and lasting benefits for the area. However, there is still much that needs to be done in order to continue to build the best possible sustainable improvements for the Ward and its people as it relates to the 'Safer Cleaner Greener' theme.

I have been working to further develop those links and relationships with our key partner agencies, including our residents, ward members, the police and the local business community and listening to their issues and concerns; and to improve the co-ordination between these key agencies utilising their resources and taking joint actions where necessary.

I see this as key to strengthening partnership working and making the most of the Ward's resources.

The following issues/concerns have been identified:

1. *Quad Bikes* – There are issues around Gospel Lane with Quad Bikes being driven in a defined hotspot area; I am working closely with the police and the local residents gathering intelligence to identify youths involved;
2. *Anti-social and neighbour nuisance behaviours* – this is a joint initiative with the police where we are looking at using the new Anti-Social Behaviour Powers to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour offenders.
3. *Rear Accessways* – - A number of access ways, garage sites and drying areas across the ward have been identified and cleared of overgrowth and rubbish by the District Neighbourhood Caretakers, trainees and Environmental Crew.
4. *Small Grants Fund* – the East Birmingham Local Community Safety Partnership has been allocated a Small Grants budget of £45k; I will be seeking to work with Community organisations and other relevant partners to develop bids around the partnerships priorities as it relates to the ward i.e. community safety in the ward.
  - a. *Youth diversion* – The East Birmingham Local Community Safety Partnership has allocated £3k funding to address youth related anti-social behaviour in Acocks Green. I have met with Fitcap who are developing youth diversion type projects to run through the summer and half terms holidays, targeting the younger youths.
5. We are exploring the development of *community watch scheme* in response to residents concern.

