

Village Events – What a great day we had on 30th June at the AGV Fun day. People turned out in droves as the sun shone and temperatures reached the high-20's! The kids



loved the football tables and basketball games, Joe Morton sang live for us (pictured with our own Biddy Bear), and there was music, plenty of bargains on the stalls, Mad Dom entertaining the kids, free bouncy castle and facepainting and fun was had by all!

The next event will be the big one ... the **Christmas lights switch-on Saturday 24th November 2018!** If you want to get involved in any way, please give me a call on 07415 638878 or email agvbid@gmail.com I have also negotiated a great deal with a new supplier, so look out for the all new motifs on the lampposts come the end of November!



SAFE & SECURE – The report from our Senior Town Warden John, who we are delighted to see back after a much-needed holiday to Australia! states that shoplifting stats are on a par with the same time last year despite a few of our regular 'non-paying customers' currently detained at Her Majesty's pleasure!

We have had a number of complaints from traders and the community about the prolific begging that is becoming a nuisance (not only in AGV but across the wider Birmingham area and even nationally) and John is talking to PC Andy Collis about a longer-term strategy to try to combat this. Andy has backed up the fact that it is a citywide problem and West Midlands Police are working on a citywide approach to try to reduce the numbers.

Any issues or problems relating to security, radio **John** on **S-37** (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) or contact him on the dedicated security mobile **07539 296148**. Outside of these days radio **S-99** for PC Andy if he is on shift or dial 101 for Police assistance. Any other problems feel free to call me on **07415 638878**.

Snippets ...

- Our social media presence continues to grow with over 3,500 likes on Facebook and our Twitter followers now topping the 700 mark! Please remember this is a great opportunity for you to send me your offers, stories, photos etc to help promote yourselves as it reaches a lot of people! And it's FREE!
- If you are interested in becoming a BID board director and helping to shape the future of the BID and Acocks Green and you would like an Expression of Interest form to be considered, then please let email me as we still have a couple of vacancies
- It was with a heavy heart that we also said goodbye to the BID coordinator Dan O'Neill in June when he left for pastures new, and a full time role in Coventry. Dan had been with the BID since joining us for a year in 2012 as a young apprentice. He will be sadly missed and we wish him all the best for his future career
- We recently organised some free Food Hygiene training for one of the traders, as part of our training project. If anyone has any training requirements and you'd like me to source a free course for you, then drop me an email and I'll see what we can arrange

And finally ... Welcome to the Village to;

- Village Vintage
- Shake House
- Morgan & Wiseman Solicitors

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Summer 2018



Acocks Green Village BID

Well ... after the 'Beast from the East' we have had the hottest sunshine spell for years! Who'd have thought that after all that snow and rain earlier in the year, we'd be having problems keeping the plants alive due to the heat! Great British weather, you gotta love it!

'Clean & Green in Acocks Green!' – May saw the new planting return in the Village and how fantastic it all looks! We used a new supplier this year, Plantscape, who have done a fabulous job. The Village in Bloom team have also been busy planting up all 22 small planters on the roadside,



courtesy of the BID, and have been out every day watering these and the large tree planters during the hot spell using the water-wagon kindly donated by Jeffries Hardware (above). What dedication from our Bloom volunteers, which just goes to show, if you make the place look aesthetically pleasing, then people want to keep it looking good.

Bloom judging took place in July and we will get the results in September, which will hopefully see us retain our GOLD status for another year. Thanks goes to Fran Lee and the Bloom volunteers for all their hard work, and to my BID cleaning team for all they do year-round in keeping the place graffiti-free and as tidy as possible.

The BID team were also busy throughout May and June sanding and re-varnishing all the benches!



Acocks Green Village Business Awards



Announcing their imminent opening in the Village, Morrisons have also joined the Bloom cause and awarded the team all sorts of gardening goodies recently. They have also offered some free parking for the 'It's your Neighbourhood' awards to be hosted by Acocks Green on 27th September. Many thanks to new manager Ben and his team, for the gifts and for the support. We look forward to welcoming you to our Village.

During June, John and I came out with a trolley laden with free hanging baskets for the traders, these certainly added to the display and businesses are looking after them lovingly. If you didn't have a basket and would like one next time, then please drop me an email and we'll get you a bracket up in readiness for next Spring.

Acocks Green Village BID



Acocks Green Village Business Awards 2018! – What a successful voting process we had for the AGV BID business awards 2018! Hundreds of votes were cast by your customers which resulted in some very tight results at the end!

Winners and runners-up in each category are pictured here;

- ★ 'Best Customer Service' winner goes to Damien and the team at Holland & Barrett, who also won runner-up in 'Best Shop Window'
- ★ 'Best Beauty & Wellbeing' award goes to Aruba Beauty, with the runner-up certificate going to Pinky Nails. Well done ladies!
- ★ 'Best Eating Experience' went to Chris and the team at Banquet Café, with the runner-up being presented to Pasta Di Piazza
- ★ 'Best Night-time Experience' was once again awarded to the Inn on the Green (incorporating the Bottle Shed and Route 44) well done to Brendon, Ant, Joey and the team!

Runner-up went to Harry and his staff at Bombay Brasserie

- ★ 'Best Professional Services' award went to the guys at our very own Acocks Green Library, with the runner-up certificate going to Specsavers
- ★ Runner-up in 'Best Retail Outlet' went to the team at Wilko
- ★ And finally ... 'Best Shop Window' and 'Best Retail Outlet' was won by Jeffries Hardware, who also won runners-up in 'Best Customer Service'. As the winner of so many awards, Jeffries Hardware were awarded overall 'Business of the Year 2018'