

Walsall

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The residents of Short Heath have a very distinct identity in their own area. They have immense pride and admiration for Short Heath, including using Short Heath amenities, churches and schools. The Short Heath community has created its own identity over many centuries and the infrastructure in Short Heath has now moulded itself around that identity. Due to this, over several decades, the Short Heath community have a distinct identity which is separate to that of Willenhall town, the North of Willenhall and New Invention.

The strength of feeling about the Short Heath community being separate to the rest of Willenhall stems back to the 1800s when the residents of Willenhall petitioned to be separate from Willenhall. As a result, Short Heath established its own Urban Sanitary District which ultimately became the Short Heath Urban District Council in 1894 and its village hall is still in existence, now a part of the Short Heath Royal British Legion. Short Heath was formed as a mining village. The separate identity of Short Heath that was created in the 1800s has continued and is still thriving today.

The Short Heath community is formed of the Summer Hayes estate, Woodlands estate, Lodge Farm, Ashmore Lake, Manor Farm and Lucknow. The community is served by the Short Heath Lest We Forget CIC who are the pride of Short Heath. The community also has its own community groups including, but not limited to, the Short Heath Townswomen Guild, Short Heath Singers Choir and even has the Short Heath Brownies and Scouts. Holy Trinity Church sits in the heart of Short Heath and has been the Parish Church of Short Heath since 1855.

Short Heath has its own landmarks. Rough Wood and Bentley Haye Nature Reserves which is the home of some of the oldest oak trees in the Borough and is Green Flag accredited. The Cenotaph is the most loved landmark in Short Heath with it being one of the largest remembrance

parades in the Borough. Short Heath is also home to some beautiful canals and there is always a lovely view from the infamous Lane Head bridge.

The Short Heath community has built and expanded in its own vicinity. The infrastructure in Short Heath is build around the Short Heath identity. Short Heath has some well attended schools under the Short Heath Foundation. The medical clinics are named after Short Heath including Short Heath Dental Practice and the Short Heath Clinic. The community has its own shopping precincts including the Brackendale Shops, Lucknow Shops, Woodlands Centre and High Road, better known as Lane Head, which acts as Short Heath's high street. Short Heath has very popular pubs including The Homestead, The United Kingdom, The Swan, Short Heath Liberal Club and The Whimsey. Short Heath attends two local churches including Holy Trinity Church and the Short Heath Methodist Church. Residents also enjoy their own green and open spaces including Rough Wood Nature Reserve, Bentley Haye Nature Reserve and Five Fields.

Short Heath has its own natural boundary lines which creates its own area lines. Knights Bridge separates Short Heath from the New Invention community, Field Fields and Brindley's Farm separates Short Heath from Willenhall Town Centre and the M6 separates Short Heath from Reedswood and Bloxwich.

Due to the above, it is evident that Short Heath has its own distinct identity which dates back to the 1800s. The Short Heath community is served by its own schools, shops, churches and green spaces. Short Heath is separated from its neighbouring area through natural boundary lines. With its own historical landmarks, history and community, Short Heath is proud of its distinct identity.

Attached Documents:

None attached