

## Erdington area guide

Postcode district: B24

### Location

The Erdington district lies within or includes part of the following towns, counties, localities, electoral wards and stations: Birches Green, Birmingham, Erdington, Nechells, Stockland Green, Tyburn.

Erdington also includes Pype Hayes. This was formerly a working class area of Council houses built between World War I and World War II. These houses had to be demolished due to problems with the concrete used in their construction. Pype Hayes is now an area with modern houses, some are owner occupied, others belong to Housing associations. One tower block, Sorrel House, was retained and refurbished.



### History:

Erdington had its own manor house, Erdington Hall, which was protected on three sides by a double moat on the fourth by the River Tame. It had developed from a small fortified homestead constructed by an Anglo-Saxon named Eardwulf in the area of Bromford.<sup>[1]</sup> Demolished in the 17th century, it stood on a hill at the junction of what is now Wheelwright Road and Tyburn Road.



(20,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of meadows and woodland. It was valued at 30 shillings and was one mile (1.6 km) in length and half a mile in breadth.

The Black Death plague affected Erdington severely as indicated by the 14th century local records. Henry de Pipe, owner of the Manor of Pipe (now Pype Hayes Hall), suffered the loss of all but one child and his wife. Henry married another woman, Maud, who was the daughter of George de Castello of Castle Bromwich. However, after soon discovering that she was pregnant with a child conceived with another man, he died.



As the English Civil War erupted, Erdington was expanding rapidly through the purchase of land for agricultural purposes. In 1643, Birmingham was plundered by the Royalists. After his victory in Birmingham, Prince Rupert passed through Erdington and Sutton Coldfield with his troops on their way to Lichfield.

### Present day

One of the most well-known features in the area is Spaghetti Junction, situated on the southern edge of the district and on the border of Aston and Gravelly Hill. As well as being a road interchange, two railway lines, three canals, and two rivers also converge on that location. Britain's longest bridge, Bromford Viaduct starts here, carrying the M6 to Junction 5, Castle Bromwich. It has long been a historic crossing point in Birmingham, with the incorporation of Salford Bridge, which was first mentioned in a deed in 1490, although a bridge is believed to have been at this location since 1290.



Nearby is Fort Dunlop, former home of Dunlop Rubber, a relic of Erdington's industrial past. At its peak, it employed 10,000 people but its industrial usage has declined since with Dunlop maintaining only a small presence in the area. The main building was redeveloped from 2005 to 2006 into office and retail space by Urban Splash. The area surrounding Fort Dunlop is used by logistics companies and also features showrooms operated by several car manufacturers, including Birmingham's only Lamborghini dealership.



**Amenities**

Fort Dunlop lends its name to the nearby "The Fort Shopping Centre". This hosts many different ranges of shops such as Costa Coffee, Marks & Spencers, Next and many more.

On the High Street is Erdington Parish Church, and nearby on Sutton Road is The Abbey Church. The Parish Church was severely damaged by fire on the morning of 4 October 2007. Nearby, on Mason Road, is Erdington Swimming Baths which were constructed by the Birmingham Baths Committee, this is a complex including Saunas and a fitness centre as well as a swimming pool, Erdington Library, Opened in 1907 as a Carnegie library, is a public library operated by Birmingham City Council. It is the meeting place of the Erdington Historical Society on the second Monday of every month.



Josiah Mason Campus, a campus forming Birmingham Metropolitan College, was formerly a further education college by the name of Josiah Mason College that merged with Sutton Coldfield College in 2006.

To the north of Erdington, within the area of Pype Hayes on the border with Walmley, is Pype Hayes Park and Pype Hayes Hall, the former home of the Bagot family. A smaller park in the area is Sorrel Park.

The Old Green Man on Bromford Lane (now known as the Lad in the Lane) is one of the oldest public houses in Birmingham.

There is a well established network of bus routes through Erdington with connections to Birmingham city centre and Sutton Coldfield, the majority of which are operated by National Express West Midlands.

There are three railway stations on the Cross-City Line serving Erdington; Erdington railway station, Chester Road station, and Gravelly Hill station.



**Erdington average current values**

	B24	B	National
1 Bedroom properties	£82,500	£91,500	£159,800
2 Bedroom properties	£105,400	£119,700	£166,600
3 Bedroom properties	£135,800	£145,500	£191,000
4 Bedroom properties	£198,800	£285,100	£346,200

5+ Bedroom properties	£215,700	£408,600	£587,500
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### Erdington housing stock

	B24	B	National
Total Detached	1,353	123,158	6,385,270
% Detached	10.72%	15.33%	23.06%
Semi-Detached	5,421	282,393	7,894,233
% Semi-Detached	42.96%	35.16%	28.51%
Terrace	4,214	289,538	8,657,852
% Terrace	33.40%	36.05%	31.27%
Flat	1,631	108,043	4,750,051
% Flat	12.93%	13.45%	17.16%

### Home ownership

	B24	B	National
Owner Occupied	7,355	471,993	14,911,858
% Owner Occupied	63.61%	58.77%	66.19%
Socially Rented	2,511	170,127	4,155,391
% Socially Rented	21.72%	21.18%	18.44%

House prices last updated September 2013. Housing stock notes: The data above illustrates the relative proportions of the differing types of property. Based on information collected in the 2001 census, the percentages provide an indication of how common particular types of housing are within the postcode district. It is important to note that as homes are demolished and built these percentages will fluctuate accordingly.