

New Oscott & Kingstanding area guide

Postcode district: B73 5 & B44

Location

The New Oscott & Kingstanding district lies within or includes part of the following towns, counties, localities, electoral wards and stations: Birmingham, Erdington, Great Barr, Kingstanding, Maney, New Oscott, Oscott, Perry Barr, Sutton Coldfield, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton New Hall, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Vesey & Wylde Green.

History:

Kingstanding was largely rural until the 1928, when large-scale residential development commenced in the area. The first of the estates was completed in 1934. It was during the 1930s and 1940s that most of the current housing was built. Most of the houses in Kingstanding were built as council houses with the majority being located in the north of the area. At the time, it was the largest council housing development in Europe, containing some 6,700 properties on its completion.

In 1935, an Odeon cinema, was opened in Kingstanding. On June 6, 1964, Kingstanding Library opened. It had an area of 1,000 sq ft (93 m²) and was identified as being liable to mining subsidence.

Present day

The only pub in New Oscott is The Beggars Bush. The area near The Beggars Bush used to be home to a traffic island which was removed and a new double traffic light system was put into place. The area also hosts the Princess Alice Retail Park and adjacent Tesco Extra superstore.



Princess Alice Retail Park was once the site of a large and well known children's home going back to the late 19th century. When the site was sold for redevelopment in the 1980s the home was demolished leaving Brampton Hall which is now a Community Centre serving the local area. Brampton Hall offers a range of classes and interest groups to the community and is a popular venue for parties and children's birthday parties.



Sutton Coldfield is bypassed to the north by the M6 Toll which alleviates some of the congestion. New Oscott and Four Oaks are regarded as the most affluent areas of Sutton Coldfield.

Amenities

The main shopping centre is still known locally as the Gracechurch Shopping Centre despite changing its name in 2008 to The Mall after being bought by The Mall Company. This is where you will find a number of leading high street stores with House of Fraser, BHS, Marks & Spencer and Laura Ashley being the main anchors.



Most of the restaurants can be found around the Birmingham and Lichfield Road 's area, offering everything from pub grub and American diner-types to European, Oriental and Asian cuisine. When Friday comes and you are looking to have a swift half at lunchtime, then stay in the Birmingham Road area which is where most of the bars and pubs can be found.

Sutton Coldfield may not have as many attractions as some of its neighbours, but it does have Sutton Park , one of the largest urban parks in Europe and the largest outside London . The park is a nature reserve and designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Whereas New Hall Valley Country Park completes Sutton's perfect places to go when you need to wind-down after a long week at work.

Kingstanding houses a covered drinking water reservoir, Perry Barr Reservoir, on the site of the former Perry Barr Farm.

New Oscott & Kingstanding average current values

	B44	B73 5	B	National
1 Bedroom properties	£70,900	£110,800	£91,500	£159,800
2 Bedroom properties	£101,300	£148,200	£119,700	£166,600
3 Bedroom properties	£108,700	£223,600	£145,500	£191,000
4 Bedroom properties	£136,000	£316,300	£285,100	£346,200
5+ Bedroom properties	£143,300	£389,500	£408,600	£587,500

New Oscott & Kingstanding housing stock

	B44	B73 5	B	National
Total Detached	344	2,777	123,158	6,385,270
% Detached	2.17%	27.43%	15.33%	23.06%
Semi-Detached	9,658	3,775	282,393	7,894,233
% Semi-Detached	60.98%	37.29%	35.16%	28.51%
Terrace	5,195	1,956	289,538	8,657,852
% Terrace	32.80%	19.32%	36.05%	31.27%
Flat	641	1,617	108,043	4,750,051
% Flat	4.05%	16.97%	13.45%	17.16%

Home ownership

	B44	B73 5	B	National
Owner Occupied	9,796	7,629	471,993	14,911,858
% Owner Occupied	64.22%	82.52%	58.77%	66.19%
Socially Rented	3,984	720	170,127	4,155,391
% Socially Rented	26.12%	7.79%	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.