

Austin Village Conservation Area Guided Walk

**Wednesday 20th August 2025 10.30am – Noon**

**Cost £6, no refreshments included**

**Led by Hazel Griffiths, a resident of the village and local guide**

Meet 10.30 am at Northfield Conservative Club Car Park, Mill Walk, B31 4HL. Cars may be parked for free in the Club Car Park. There are trains from New Street Station to Longbridge with a short walk to the Club. Please note that there will be no facilities for toilets or drinks during this walk. You can get a drink before or after at the nearby Longbridge Shopping Centre, where there are excellent cafés in MCS and Sainsbury’s.

The Austin Car Factory was founded in 1905 by Herbert Austin. By 1908 there were 1,000 workers, all needing to be housed. So, Austin imported 200 prefabricated red cedarwood bungalows from Michigan, USA. They were erected with 25 conventional brick built semi detached houses at intervals to create firebreaks. Today the village is a designated Conservation Area, with the support of the Austin Village Preservation Society.

This walk is planned to elaborate an aspect of the development of transport in our region and ties in with our Transport themed Day School at The Birmingham C Midland Institute on Saturday 1st November. **There will be a maximum of 25 places.**

*Please return your booking form to Gill Sockett, 5 Birdlip Grove, B32 1ER email* [*gill.sockett@victorian-society-bham.org.uk*](mailto:gill.sockett@victorian-society-bham.org.uk) *Tel: 0121 208 2865* ***by Wednesday August 13th.* Bookings may also be made by Bank Transfer or via Eventbrite. But please still notify Gill that you have made a booking.**

See our separate refund document for details of our refunds policy. If you would like confirmation of your booking send an s.a.e. or request email confirmation.

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Please reserve places @ £6 per person

Name(s): Address: Contact Phone/email: (Mobile no. if possible)

I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **The Victorian Society, Birmingham Group**

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I am paying by Bank Transfer Sort Code 30-92-99, a/c 00167544 or via Eventbrite. Please mark your transferred payment Austin Village Walk.