Prince Albert J & I (NC) School

help as the notorious frontline explodes into violence again

December 5 2002
17-year-old bled to death after being stabbed in the leg following a row with two men, in Hampton Road, Aston.

January 2 2003
17-year-old Latisha Shakespear, from Nechells, and 18-year-old Charlene Ellis, from Lozells, were shot dead in a spray of bullets at a New Years Party at the Uniseven hairdressing salon on Birchfield Road, Aston.

November 15 2002
31-year-old man died from injuries sustained outside a hostel on Birchfield Road, Aston.

July 3 2002
33-year-old dad from Coleshill, Warwickshire found shot dead in his BMW parked outside Aston Hotel in Witton Road, Aston.

September 16 2002
52-year-old shopkeeper Balbir Kaur, mother-of-four, killed after being allegedly attacked with a machete as she worked at a supermarket on Birchfield Road.
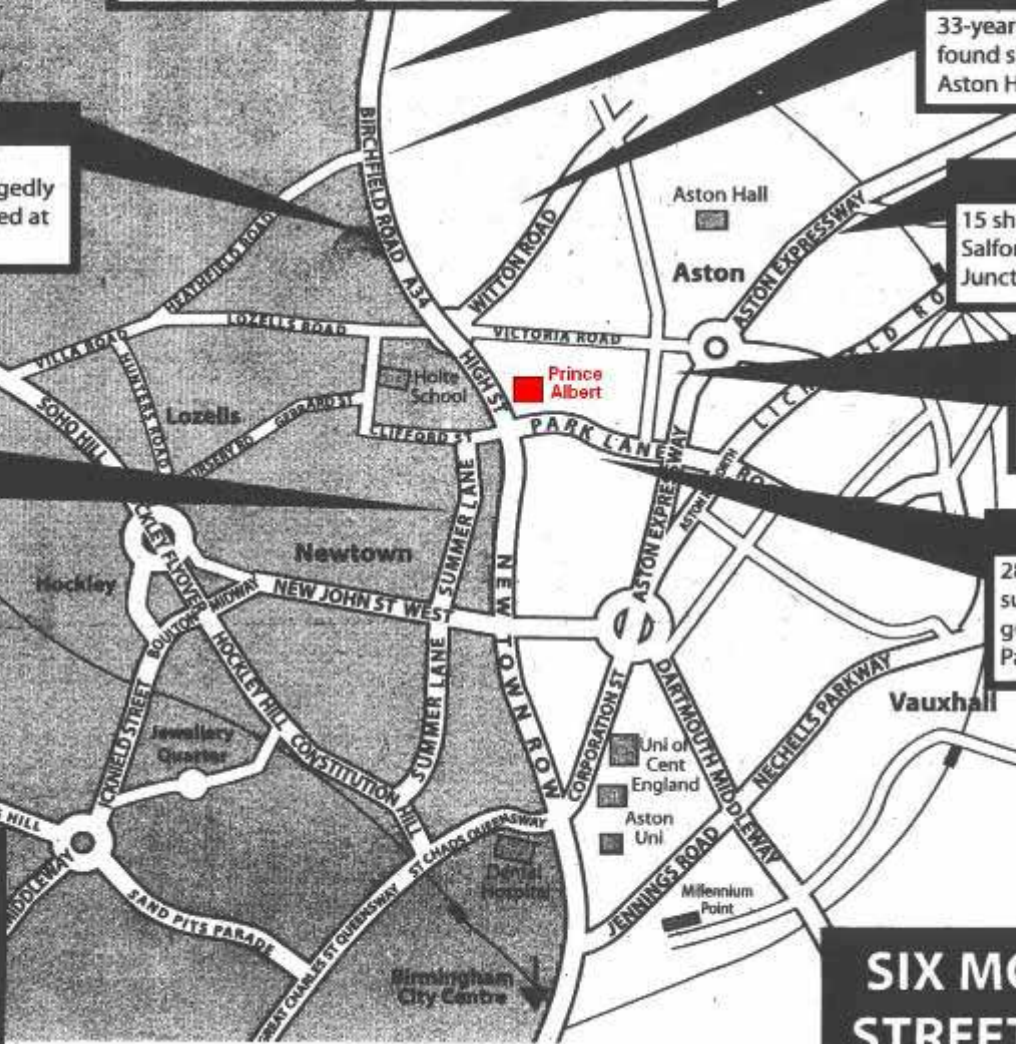
October 4 2002
15 shots fired at The Armada public house, Salford Circus, Aston, underneath Spaghetti Junction.

October 3 2002
Elderly woman in her 80s, found dead, allegedly murdered, in her flat on Frankfort Street, Newtown.

December 5 2002
33-year-old Nechells man shot at point blank range as he walked down Upper Sutton Street, Aston.

September 2 2002
28-year-old Aston man had emergency surgery at City Hospital after masked gunmen opened fire on his car parked in Parliament Street, Aston.

October 10 2002
Two men shot in a duel involving two cars speeding along Dudley Road, Winson Green. One hour later a passenger is shot several times in the chest, in Slade Road, Erdington.

BURGER BAR BOYS TERRITORY

JOHNSON CREW TERRITORY

SIX MONTHS ON THE STREETS OF VIOLENCE

Map labels: Aston Hall, Aston, Birchfield Road A34, Witton Road, Victoria Road, Lozells Road, Heathfield Road, Soho Road, Villa Road, Soho Hill, Gerrard St, Holte School, Prince Albert, Park Lane, High St, Clifford St, Lozells, Aston Expressway, Litchfield Rd, Newtown, Hockley, Summer Lane, New John St West, New Town Row, Aston Express, Aston Road, Vauxhall, Nechells Parkway, Dartmouth Middleway, Hockley Flyover, Hockley Hill, Constitution, Boulton Midway, Icknield Street, Jewellery Quarter, The Summer Lane, Corporation St, Uni of Cent England, Aston Uni, Dudley Road, Spring Hill, Middleway, Sand Pits Parade, Great Charles St Queensway, St Chads Queensway, Dental Hospital, Jennings Road, Millennium Point, Birmingham City Centre

Aston
Computers in the Home

A question

In 2004 our research showed that one family in ten had a computer with internet access in their home

Question

If we introduce more ICT into the community how will it impact on the community? How will it impact on learning and teaching?

Project partners

- Aston Pride
- DfES
- E-Learning Foundation
- Service Birmingham
- Birmingham City Council
- Companies involved. Gaia and Tempus
- The schools involved (Prince Albert, Mansfield Green, Aston Tower, Manor Park and Aston Manor)
- UCE -

Project participants

- The year 3 children in four primary schools (270 families)
- The year 4 children in two of the primary schools (150 families)
- The year 7 pupils in Aston Manor School (150 families) and maybe year 9 and 10
- Total about 650 families

Stages of the project

1. Installation and support
2. Engaging parents/carers
3. Home learning
4. Home and the School

1. Installation and support

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A great technical support team consisting of a Help Line. 2 ICT Support Officer, 4 Technical support.

Superb teacher and management support from PA

Project Manager.

2. Engaging parents/carers

- The basic features of a computer
- How you access programs
- How you access the Internet
- Shopping on the Internet
- Downloading Music
- What you cannot do   …………………..

The parents speak

- Parent 1 🔊
- Parent 2 🔊
- Parent 3 🔊

The Parents Speak

Aston Pride Community ICT Project

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Content of this session

- Has Aston Pride Community ICT Project been successful?

- What lessons have been learned about running similar community ICT projects and making them successful?

Computers in homes were used widely

- By January 2007, 125 computers had been successfully installed into homes

- 56 mothers were using the computers (in some cases supporting English language access and practise)

- 88 fathers were using the computers (in some cases supporting work needs)

- 945 people in total were using the computers (a leverage factor of 7.6 people per computer

- 226 people were using the computers to support their work

Homework practice shifted

- Pupils saw the work as things they wanted to do, rather than as pieces of homework
- Pupils tended to work on other things additionally, enhancing their width of experience and knowledge
- Pupils told teachers when they could not access the homework
- More homework was returned
- Some parents sat regularly with their children and wrote comments about their homework
- 278 parental responses were written across 3 classes in total over a one term period

Attainment outcomes have shifted

- From 2003 to 2006, for all eight primary schools, percentages of level 4 scores and above in end of Key Stage 2 SATs shifted
- English attainments shifted positively
- Mathematics attainments remained at the same level
- Science attainments shifted negatively
- This was not the pattern in all schools
- In 5 out of 8 schools, the differences between level 4 attainments in core subjects in 2003 and 2006 matched with investments in and uses of ICT as observed
- There were positive shifts in all core subjects in the school where ICT investment was highest
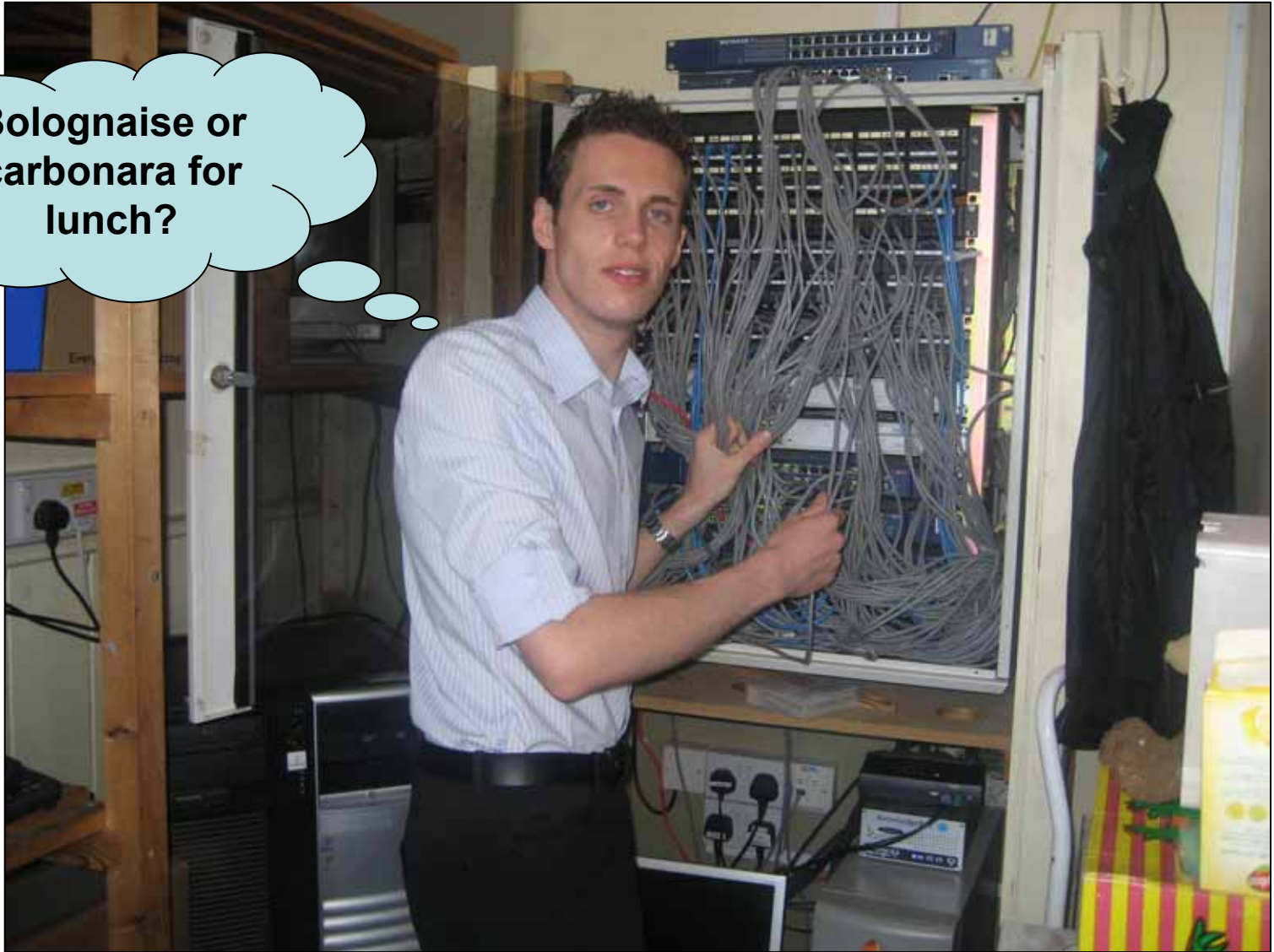
ICT and community

- Computers in homes were welcomed by many parents
- Forms of ICT matched community and social dynamics

Conclusion

- The ICT Community Project in Aston Pride is building learning partnerships between parents and families, pupils, teachers and agencies; its successes easily justify its extension

It's all part of being an ICT Superhero!