



Linda Henry



Linda Henry (born 1st January 1963) is an English actress, best known for her role as Yvonne Atkins in the ITV television drama *“Bad Girls”* and now for her role as Shirley Carter in the BBC's *“EastEnders”*.

Henry was brought up in Peckham, London. She spent some time with the 'Old Vic Youth Theatre', and at sixteen was in the same acting group as Rowan Atkinson at Edinburgh. At seventeen she went to the Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art.

Linda appeared in the *“Comic Strip Presents ‘the yob’”* as Jackie in 1988. As well as her role in *“Bad Girls”* she is also remembered for her role as Sandra in the film *“Beautiful Thing”*, and has appeared in the British television programmes *“The Bill”*, *“Birds of a Feather”*, *“Touching Evil”*, *“Cracker”*, *“A Touch of Frost”*, and *“Trial and Retribution”*. She also appeared in *“EastEnders”* as Lorraine Salter, the prostitute mother of the teenage tearaway Mandy (Nicola Stapleton).

On 8 September 2006 it was announced Linda would be returning to *“EastEnders”* in a different role, this time playing Shirley Carter, mother to Carly and Deano and ex-wife of Kevin. Shirley arrived in Walford in December 2006. Linda took part in the 2008 Children in Need appeal where she sang alongside other *“EastEnders”* cast members. She is close friends with co-star Cheryl Fergison. She also took part in a 2008 *“EastEnders”* edition of *“The Weakest Link”* and appears in the 2010 spin-off series *“EastEnders: E20”*.