



Sandwell News

Please follow coronavirus (Covid-19) advice

We have been alerted to a significant rise in the number of people testing positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) in Smethwick.

We're issuing an urgent warning to people to act now to combat this.



CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT › CONTROL THE VIRUS › SAVE LIVES

People everywhere must follow the rules – keep your distance from others. Wear a face covering when on public transport or when shopping to reduce the spread of the virus and wash your hands regularly.

And if you have symptoms, you must get tested and you and everyone in your household must self-isolate.

How to pay your **Council Tax** while council buildings are closed

Pay online at:
www.sandwell.gov.uk/paybills

or pay by Direct Debit or standing order



OR...

Pay by cash at the Post Office

Or pay over the phone:

0300 456 0514



 Sandwell
Metropolitan Borough Council

We're drawing up ambitious plans to regenerate three town areas in Sandwell



TOWNS FUND up to **£25 MILLION**

Bidding for up to £25 million each for Rowley Regis, Smethwick and West Bromwich

Rowley Regis, Smethwick and West Bromwich were selected to bid for grants of up to £25 million from the Government's [Towns Fund scheme](#) and we are now working up comprehensive bids to secure some of the money available.

Sign for free Action Counters Terrorism eLearning

Terrorist attacks, while rare, are devastating. Some simple things can be done to help prevent and lessen their impact.



Many of these are covered in the [free ACT eLearning package](#) which is now available to any company, organisation or individual who wants to improve their awareness.

You can complete the learning at home or at work. No previous knowledge is needed.

Blind and partially sighted people in Sandwell need your help



Sandwell Visually Impaired, is calling for your help to make masks for their members. This will form part of an exciting new project to enable blind and partially sighted people to regain their confidence and start to get out and about.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the SVI office on 0121 525 4810 or email info@sandwellvisuallyimpaired.org.uk



Parents and carers - fill in this survey

Sustrans, the walking and cycling charity, and Sandwell Council are interested in identifying how children and their parents/guardians travel to and from school so we can improve safety and sustainability around transport.

The deadline is midnight this Sunday 19 July. Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a

bike worth up to £400 including accessories (helmet and lock).

[Take part in the survey.](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY IN HOW WE TACKLE HATE CRIME IN SANDWELL

ONLINE FOCUS GROUPS FOR SANDWELL RESIDENTS

We want to hear your experiences as we work to tackle and eradicate hate crime. Have your say on the support victims need and how our response can be improved. Join one of our online focus groups between Tuesday 28 July and Friday 31 July.

Sign up by emailing Community_SafetyTeam@sandwell.gov.uk

More details at www.sandwell.gov.uk/hatecrimerefocusgroups

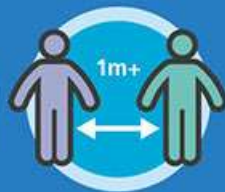
Protect your NHS by staying 2m apart.



If you really can't stay 2m apart, remember...



Wash hands



1m+



Wear a face mask



Screens



Limit time in close contact

