



Sandwell News



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Please do all you can to avoid Covid-19

We still have very high rates of infection in Sandwell with around 300 new cases each week.

So please remember, wash your hands, wear a face covering and make space. Please follow the government restrictions in Sandwell to keep you and your loved ones safe.

✗ You must not meet with people you do not live with in your home or garden.

→ Do not visit people you do not live with in their home or garden – inside or outside Sandwell.

↔ Stay two metres away from ANYONE you don't live with and wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



And if you need to self-isolate

You MUST stay inside your home until you're no longer at risk of passing the virus on.

That means:

- no trips to the shops
- no walks or exercising in the park
- no meeting up with friends



Could you be a Community Champion?

Stand up against Domestic Abuse

Deliver awareness training

Join our Volunteer team

Get involved with fundraising

Attend specialist training

Safer 6 - Domestic Abuse Awareness Week

Sandwell's Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership is taking part in [Safer 6: Domestic Abuse Week \(5 - 11 October\)](#) as part of the six-week Safer Sandwell Partnership campaign.

Partnership organisations continue to operate, providing safety advice and emotional support to those at risk.

The Partnership is once again [sharing Tina's Story](#) which Tina's sister made to help other families.

Black Country Women's Aid is putting on Community Champions Training during Safer 6 Domestic Abuse Week. There are two dates and a total of 30 spaces available on Wednesday (7 October) and Thursday (8 October). [To find more about the training visit the Eventbrite website](#) or visit the [Black Country Women's Aid website](#)



The NHS can deal with more than COVID-19

The NHS is still there to help you. You can still contact your doctor, [111 online](#) or call 111 for help.

It's really important you seek help with all medical conditions as soon as you notice an issue.

If you need medical attention, please don't delay. Hospital appointments, diagnostic tests and surgical procedures are being carried out safely and if you need to stay in hospital, you will be well cared for. Your local NHS organisations have thorough safety procedures in place to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus, so please attend your appointment.

[Get in touch with the NHS](#)



Customer Service Week 2020

During the week, we are celebrating the importance of customer service and the people who serve and support residents on a daily basis, particularly during the coronavirus pandemic.

Sandwell local staff will be supporting tenants to sign up online for a MySandwell account. The council's My Sandwell portal gives residents the chance to self-serve online for many services, including report a pothole, book a bulky collection and report a missed bin collection. [You can register for My Sandwell portal](#)



October is Black History Month

Our friends in Sandwell Museums and Arts Service are doing lots online to celebrate the Black community in

Sandwell and across the UK.

There will be lots of stories online so follow [Sandwell Museums on Facebook](#) or [visit the museums webpage](#).

Meet Herma whose story and fantastic stylish photos were collected by [our colleagues at the Living Memory Project](#).

[More information on Black History Month](#)

Marking special dates over autumn and winter

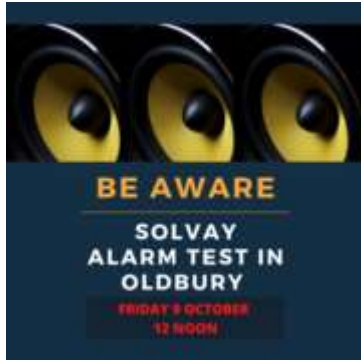
We wanted to let you know that our town centres will be lit up with Christmas lights and Remembrance Sunday will also be marked in Sandwell, despite the Covid-19 pandemic.



We can confirm that although Christmas light switch-ons and Bonfire Night events will not be able to go ahead, the council will do everything possible to celebrate events and mark important dates without large public gatherings.

More information about online and virtual events [can be found on our Discover Sandwell website](#)

Do you live or work in Oldbury?



Solvay Oldbury will be testing their alarm this Friday (9 October) at 12noon.

The alarm is a very loud siren that will sound for about a minute. It will be heard from at least a kilometre away.

No need to panic - it's just a test. Please share and make others aware.

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