



Sandwell News



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NHS

Help keep
them safe

WASH HANDS ◀
COVER FACE ◀
MAKE SPACE ◀

Covid-19 - help protect others

We still have very high rates of infection in Sandwell with around 300 new cases each week. So please remember, COVID-19 is a potentially fatal illness, so everyone must do what they can to avoid becoming infected and passing on the virus to others.

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

But remember - the other illnesses haven't gone away

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.

Get in touch with the NHS here





Safer 6 Week 2 - Exploitation Awareness

During this Safer 6 week, we wanted to [remind all residents to remain vigilant of fraudsters who are exploiting fears about COVID-19](#). We have had reports of scammers are preying on members of the public, particularly older and vulnerable people who are isolated from family and friends.

If you are worried that you or a loved one might the target of scammers, there are plenty of organisations who can help:


Report suspected scams to Action Fraud at the [Action Fraud website](#) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Check if something is a scam at the [Citizens Advice website](#) and search 'scams'.

Free online training to help prevent becoming a victim at the [Friends Against Scams website](#).

Contact our trading standards team by calling 03454 04 05 06 or go online to the [Sandwell Council trading standards webpage](#)

Thanks for following the rules

 [Thank you to all the families who are following the rules](#) and supporting our schools in Sandwell.



Schools are working very hard and following advice from the government, public health and the council to make sure children are kept safe in school.

With all the challenges, it's easy to forget how important school is to children.

Here are some really heart-warming comments from Sandwell primary school children about how going to school has made them feel. ❤️😊

And thanks for the 'angel' sculpture

[We want to thank Black Country sculptor Luke Perry for the Wings and Scrubs sculpture](#) that has honoured NHS and care workers, now the temporary installation has come to an end.



The four-metre tall sculpture of a winged medical worker, made from steel and other metals in Luke's Cradley Heath factory during the spring lockdown, had stood in Lightwoods Park in Bearwood since May.

Big Community
Switch

Are you getting the best deal on your energy bills?

We've teamed up with iChoosr for the Big Community

Switch, making it easy for you to switch your energy supplier. Last year, switchers in Sandwell saved an average of £229.

[Go to our Energy Switch webpage](#) and sign up before 6 October.



Littering is rubbish

If you visit our parks, remember to put all your rubbish in the bins provided. If the bins are full or there are none available please take your litter home with you. ☐☐☐

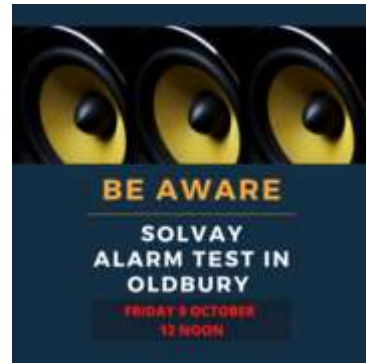
Littering says a lot about you and we want everyone to enjoy our parks and green spaces. So stop with the rubbish excuses and help us keep Sandwell tidy. ☐☐☐

Just a quick heads-up

Solvay Oldbury will be testing their alarm next 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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