



Sandwell News


Please stay safe in our parks and green spaces

Please continue to follow the rules and help stop the spread of Covid-19



Stay Covid-19 safe as Sandwell unlocks



 More places have opened with customers allowed indoors this week. This includes hospitality venues such as restaurants and pubs.

It is still safer to meet people outdoors. This is because Covid-19 spreads much more easily indoors.

However, you can meet up indoors with friends and family you do not live with, either:

6 – in a group of up to 6 people from any number of households (children of all ages count towards the limit of 6); or

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 – in a group of any size from up to two households (each household can include an existing support bubble, if eligible).

✗ If a business isn't following Covid-19 rules, they're not looking after your health.

😞 If you're worried about a shop, pub or restaurant not operating safely – don't go there.

⚠️ If you feel uncomfortable, take yourself and your custom elsewhere.



Are you 34? You can now get the Covid-19 jab

[Join the millions already vaccinated.](#)

🗣️ If you're aged 34 or over, or if you turn 34 before 1 July 2021, you can now [book](#)

[your Covid-19 vaccine.](#)

❤️ And if you're eligible but haven't taken up the offer of your jab yet, please do.

✅ It's the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and others from Covid-19.

Ready for a big volunteering update?

Applications to volunteer at Birmingham 2022 will open on Tuesday 1 June 2021.

Volunteers, to be known as the #CommonwealthCollective, will be the heart and soul of the Games. Let's make history together!

Register your interest on the [Birmingham 2022 website.](#)





Doesn't Lightwoods House look amazing?

On Monday this week, we [marked International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#) with a beautiful display at Lightwoods House. We also proudly flew the rainbow flag at Sandwell

Council House.

According to a YouGov poll, four in five anti-LGBT hate crimes and incidents go unreported, particularly amongst younger people.

We stand together with Sandwell Police against any form of hate crime towards our staff, residents and communities. When you report hate crime, you become part of the movement to stop it.

If you or anyone you know has experienced a hate crime, [you can report it in lots of ways](#).



⊘ Off-road motorbikes being used illegally can cause a real nuisance

With Sandwell Police, [we will continue to target off-road motorbikes where people are causing anti-social behaviour](#) and putting themselves and others at risk.

People riding motorbikes illegally face arrest and having their bikes seized.

Riding motorbikes in public open spaces, or without a private land owner's permission, can result in prosecution.

[You can report motorbike nuisance](#) to [Crimestoppers](#) anonymously, the police or the council.

Have your say...

We want your views on the public spaces protection order, also known as the PSPO, in West Bromwich town centre.

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PERSISTENT AND NUISANCE BEGGING


NUISANCE PARKING


Have your say before 16 July 2021 on our plans to renew the PSPO

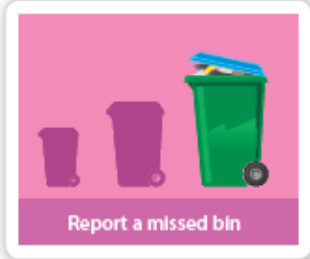
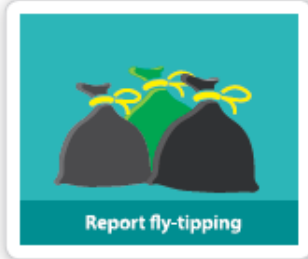
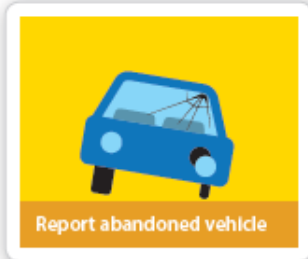
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 For three years, West Bromwich town centre has been covered by a public spaces protection order (PSPO) that gives the police and authorised council officers powers to hand out on-the-spot £100 fines for harassment, threats of violence, verbal abuse and begging, as well as parking on pavements.

 Now it's time to review the order, and we want your views as we [look to renew the PSPO](#).

 Have your say in our online consultation before 16 July 2021. [Tell us what you think](#).





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