



# Sandwell News

In addition to the classic three symptoms, you can also book a COVID-19 'PCR' test if you have any of the following:

- ▶ **headaches**
- ▶ **aches and pains**
- ▶ **feeling very tired for no good reason**
- ▶ **sore throat**
- ▶ **runny nose**
- ▶ **sneezing**
- ▶ **tummy ache in children**

Don't leave it to chance,  
book your test today

[WWW.SANDWELL.GOV.UK/TESTSANDWELL](http://WWW.SANDWELL.GOV.UK/TESTSANDWELL)

## When to get tested for Covid-19

Are you feeling a bit unwell? Not sure why? 🤔😓😓

You should get a Covid-19 test as a precaution if you have the following symptoms:

- 🤕 headaches
- 😓 aches and pains
- 😓 feeling very tired for no good reason
- 😓 sore throat
- 👃 runny nose
- 🤧 sneezing
- 👨👧👦 tummy ache in children.

This is in addition to the main three symptoms - a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste.

Please - if you have any of these symptoms, book a PCR test. It could be Covid-19 and identifying if you have the virus will help stop it from spreading in Sandwell.

[Don't leave it to chance, get tested now.](#)

## International recognition for Brunswick Park

Sandwell Council Leader Councillor Rajbir Singh this week visited Brunswick Park in Wednesbury to mark the park being given international recognition as an arboretum.

Councillor Singh said: "Achieving registered status is a great acknowledgement of all the hard work put in by staff and volunteers alike."

[Read more about the visit and Brunswick Park's new status as an arboretum.](#)





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## Update on bin collections

We apologise if there have been delays to bin collections in your area this week. A number of properties may have received their collection later than usual.

Our waste collection service provider Serco has had extra crews working on a daily basis, plus regular crews working

beyond normal shift times. Extra teams have also been working into the evenings to help reduce the number of missed bin collections.

If the bins in your road aren't emptied today, please leave them out and crews will get to them as soon as possible. Teams will be working tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday to clear bins that haven't been emptied.

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## Had your jab yet?

🤔 Still need your first or second Covid-19 jab?

📍 Plenty of chances to grab yours at one of our pop-up locations over the next ten days.

💪 Protect yourself and others. No appointment necessary, just turn up.

[More details on pop-up vaccine clinics](#)

[More details on vaccination centres](#)

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## Sandwell Pop Up Vaccination Clinics

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	SMETHWICK JAMIA MASJID	3PM - 6PM
SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	HEALTH FUTURES UTC	9AM - 3PM
SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER	SMETHWICK GURDWARA	10AM - 4PM
MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER	CRADLEY HEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE	10AM - 4PM
WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER	ROUNDS GREEN LIBRARY	10AM - 4PM
FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER	THE HAWTHORNS	10AM - 6PM
SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	THE HAWTHORNS	10AM - 6PM
SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER	SMETHWICK GURDWARA	10AM - 4PM

[WWW.HEALTHYSANDWELL.CO.UK/CLINICS](http://WWW.HEALTHYSANDWELL.CO.UK/CLINICS)





## Fancy some free live music this weekend?

🎵 Join [Sandwell Museums & Arts Service](#) this Sunday (12 September) as the Steve King Big Band perform live at Haden Hill House in Cradley Heath from 2pm. Bring a chair and picnic if you like.



📅 Make a day of it and celebrate [Heritage Open Days](#) with us. Visit Haden Old Hall and Haden Hill House between 11.30am-4.30pm to see some fantastic photos of the park and discover 400 years of Haden History.

👉 Wait, there's more! Visitors can also enjoy a fantastic exhibition in the Old Hall put together by [Cradley Heath Creative](#) showing lockdown arts and crafts undertaken by local people.

🆓 All free, no need to book. See you there!

[And you can find even more on our Discover Sandwell website.](#)

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## 🏁 On your marks, get set...APPLY!

📢 The main ticket ballot for [Birmingham 2022](#) is now open! Be there to witness history being made.

Find out all you need to know on the [Birmingham 2022 tickets webpage.](#)



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## What is exploitation?

💔 Child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation are tough things to talk about, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't.

⚠️ These types of abuse can stem from gang involvement and sometimes simply mixing in the wrong crowds.

📅 Hear from a lived experience discussing these topics in an online seminar on Tuesday 14 September at 2pm. Via Zoom.

💬 The more 'in the know' parents and guardians are, the better they can spot the signs and support their children to keep them safe.

📅 [Register your interest to receive the meeting invitation.](#)



# What is EXPLOITATION?

EXPLOITATION is when somebody GROOMS, COERCES or FORCES an individual to do something they do not want to do for their own gain.

It can take different forms such as:

- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- MODERN SLAVERY
- CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION
- CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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EXPLOITATION AND MODERN SLAVERY #VOICE4THEVOICELESS



## Long Covid can affect anyone - protect yourself

🙄🙄 Long Covid can affect anyone regardless of their age or fitness.

⚠️ Our very own local hero and marathon runner [Blind Dave Heeley](#) has described how Long Covid left him feeling like his batteries had been ripped out.

👉 Don't risk Long Covid clobbering you.

❤️ Protect yourself and others - please get both doses of the vaccine.



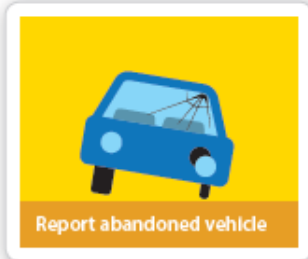
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**It really clobbered me. It was like someone had ripped my batteries out.**

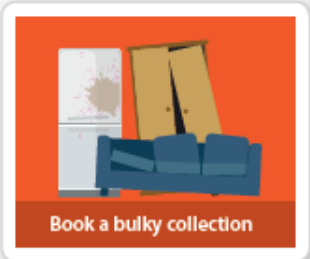
**I urge everyone in Sandwell - however fit or however old you are - follow the government guidelines to stay safe, get vaccinated**

***"Blind Dave" Heeley OBE***

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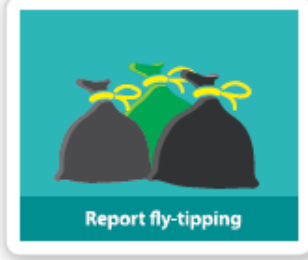
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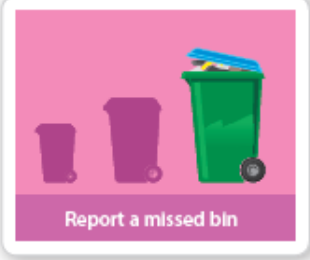
Book a bulky collection



When is my bin day?



Report fly-tipping



Report a missed bin



Report a street light

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