



# Sandwell News



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already vaccinated**

EVERY VACCINATION  
GIVES US

**HOPE**

## Self-isolation saves lives

Covid-19 remains a serious health risk and self-isolation can save lives.

It is important that everyone protects themselves and others by self-isolating immediately:

- if you register a positive test result
- if you have Covid-19 symptoms
- if someone in your household has Covid-19 and you are not fully vaccinated and over the age of 18 years and six months
- if you have been told to self-isolate by Test and Trace following contact with someone who tested positive.

Individuals do not have to self-isolate as a contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 if they are under 18 and 6 months or if they are fully vaccinated. [When to self-isolate guidance can be found on the Government website.](#)

If you are a contact of a positive case, you do need to [get a PCR test](#)

## Sandwell Residents' Panel

We want to listen to Sandwell residents and for them to get involved when the council makes decisions.

As the council looks to the future, and the many challenges it faces, we want residents to help us decide which direction to take and how we can all shape the future of Sandwell. You can help influence council decision making and have a say on public services.

We set up the Sandwell Residents' Panel to help us have these conversations. [Find out more about the Sandwell Residents' Panel and how to sign up](#)



The graphic is a teal-colored banner for the Sandwell Residents' Panel. On the left, there is a circular portrait of Councillor Rajbir Singh, with the text 'Councillor Rajbir Singh, Leader of Sandwell Council' next to it. Below the portrait is a small dark box with the text 'INVITES YOU TO JOIN'. The main title 'SANDWELL RESIDENTS' PANEL' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, it says 'Tell us your views and help shape our plans for Sandwell.' On the right side, there are three stacked purple buttons with white text: 'Your Area', 'Your Voice', and 'Your Services'. The Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, there are small illustrations of people walking and cycling. At the very bottom, a line of text reads 'Find out more and sign up at [www.sandwell.gov.uk/residentspanel](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/residentspanel)'.

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## Safer 6 is back for 2021!

[Our annual autumn Safer 6 campaign](#) gets under way on Monday 27 September, promoting a wide range of safety, crime prevention and healthy living advice for people of all ages.

The six-week campaign, now in its 12th year, has a special online focus this year, with activities also being planned across Sandwell's six towns including speed awareness, walkabouts, litter picks and skip days. We will also be launching the resident consultation for Sandwell's new Community Safety strategy.

Safer 6 runs from 27 September to 7 November 2021.

The campaign is led by Sandwell Council for the Safer Sandwell Partnership, which brings together the council, Sandwell Police, West Midlands Fire Service and many other partner organisations.

[More information on our Safer 6 webpage](#)

# SAFER 6

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Promoting safety, crime prevention  
and healthy living advice online  
and across Sandwell's six towns.

Week 1 (27 September-3 October): Substance misuse

Week 2 (4-10 October): Under 25 violence and county lines

Week 3 (11-17 October): Hate crime

Week 4 (18-24 October): Exploitation

Week 5 (25-31 October): Anti-social behaviour and crime

Week 6 (1-7 November): Violence against women and girls

For more information, and for details of town activities, visit  
[www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6) or follow #Safer6 on Twitter.



WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE



west midlands  
office of the police  
and crime commissioner



## Request repairs online through MySandwell

If you're one of our tenants, did you know you can now request repairs through MySandwell?

It's really easy. [Just create an account and you can report a repair](#) - like a broken radiator - 24/7 from your phone, tablet or computer.

Once you've requested your repair, you can choose an appointment time to suit you, all without having to pick up the phone to call.



A poster titled "Fly-tipping wall of shame" with a wooden background. It features six small photographs of fly-tipped rubbish, each with a caption: "Whitehall Road, Tipton", "Chatwin Street, Smethwick", "Barrack Street, West Bromwich", "The Uplands, Smethwick", "Izons Road, West Bromwich", and "Providence Street, Tipton". Below the photos, it asks "Can you help us catch people who dump rubbish?" and provides the website "Go to www.sandwell.gov.uk/wallofshame". At the bottom is the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council logo.

## Launch of fly-tipping wall of shame

😡 We're fed up with fly-tipping and we know you are too.

👍 So we've created a [Wall of Shame](#) where we'll be sharing details of fly-tipping incidents.

⚠️ If you dump rubbish, not only could you be fined or prosecuted, but images of the waste you illegally dumped are going to be shown for all of the world to see on our website and social media pages. They might even feature in the local newspaper.

👍 If you know who dumped any of this rubbish, please email [Enviro\\_Enforcement@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:Enviro_Enforcement@sandwell.gov.uk) with details.



**GEN22** / **UNITED BY 2022 LEGACY CHARITY**

# GEN22 & UNITED BY 2022 LAUNCH

BASKETBALL COURT PAINTED BY YOUR COMMUNITY

**VICTORIA PARK, SMETHWICK, B66 3QB**  
**2 OCTOBER 2021 | 10AM-2PM**

Gen22 is a Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games social action project which provides an opportunity for a thousand young people (16-24) to gain employability boosting opportunities.

United By 2022 Legacy Charity is the official legacy charity for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

- ▶ Meet the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games mascot Perry
- ▶ Try Commonwealth Games sports
  - Basketball
  - Squash
  - Table Tennis

## Covid-19 symptoms to look out for

As well as the usual cough, high temperature or loss/change in sense of taste or smell, [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.

Please - if you feel unwell, get a 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.

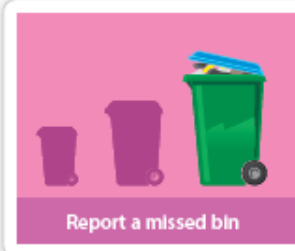
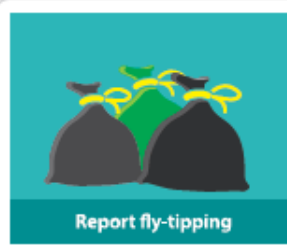
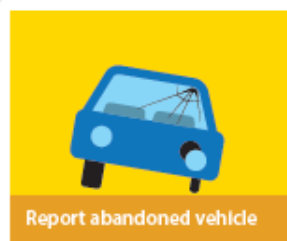
In addition to the classic three symptoms, you can also book a COVID-19 'PCR' test if you have any of the following:

- ▶ **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

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