



# Sandwell News

From **October 2021**, you'll need a **collect code** when you pick up your rapid Covid-19 tests from pharmacies




You can get this code:


Online at [gov.uk/get-collect-code](https://www.gov.uk/get-collect-code)


Or by calling **119**

## Covid-19 - how to collect rapid tests

 From Monday (4 October), there is a new way to collect rapid Covid-19 tests from your local pharmacy.

Rapid tests are for people without symptoms of Covid-19. About 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others.

 You will need to [register online for a code](#) before picking up test kits or get one by calling 119. You can then take your code to the pharmacy and take your test kits away.

 Anyone over the age of 16 can collect a maximum of two boxes.

## Fly-tipping wall of shame: £400 fine issued

⚠️ A woman has been fined £400 after she paid an unlicensed waste carrier to dispose of rubbish – who then dumped it near Black Patch Park in Smethwick.

😞 Don't appear on our [fly-tipping wall of shame](#) – and avoid a £400 fine – by disposing of your rubbish responsibly.

👉 Anyone paying someone to dispose of waste must ensure they use a reputable business with a waste carriers licence. If you fail to make sure your rubbish is disposed of legally, you could be fined.

[Find out more about the fly-tipping wall of shame.](#)

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# Fly-tipping wall of shame

FINED £400

Rubbish dumped in Perrott Street, Smethwick, after a householder paid someone who was unlicensed to take it away.

Can you help us  
catch people who  
dump rubbish?



Go to [www.sandwell.gov.uk/wallofshame](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/wallofshame)

## Save time, do it online with MySandwell

📱 Lots of people are using our online services.

If you would like to 'do it online to save time 🕒', but need a little help getting set up, [then come and see us at the Council House in Oldbury one of the days next week.](#)



Pop into reception where our officers will be able to help you get sorted with a [MySandwell account](#) and show you how to do the basics 🙌

✓ You can do so many things with a MySandwell account. View your council tax, benefits, business rates or housing balances, make payments, request services, report problems and track any enquiries you put into the council.

🙌 We have reps from housing, benefits and repairs to help with your common enquiries and show you how you can do things online. Come and see us:

**14** Monday 4 October, 10am-2pm - meet staff from housing and benefits

**14** Tuesday 5 October, 10am-2pm - meet staff from the benefits team

**14** Wednesday 6 October, 10am-2pm - meet staff from housing

**14** Thursday 7 October, 10am-2pm - meet staff from repairs and benefits

**14** Friday 8 October, 10am-2pm - meet staff from repairs, housing and benefits

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## Have your say now!

The draft Black Country Plan sets out where and when new development will happen.

It's really important you have your say before the consultation closes on Monday 11 October.

[Find out more about the consultation and take part.](#)

# Black Country | **Plan**

Planning for the future of the Black Country

**Have your say!**

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## **Need to apply for a school place for September 2022? Apply online now**

The closing date for secondary school applications is Sunday 31 October 2021.

The closing date for applications for reception or children starting junior school is Saturday 15 January 2022.

[To apply and for more information on school admissions](#)

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**NEED TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022?**

The closing date for secondary school applications is **31 October 2021**

The closing date for applications for reception or children starting a new junior school is **15 January 2022**

Go to: [www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Apply online now! It's easy and secure



**Substance Misuse Awareness Week**

There's lots of free advice and support for people in Sandwell about alcohol and drugs.

Our [Safer 6 campaign team](#) has been raising awareness this week of [substance misuse and the support that's available](#).

For young people, our DECCA (Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice) team has the excellent [Our Guide To website](#), which includes the new [DECCA Awareness Club](#).

For adults, the team at [Cranstoun Sandwell](#) (0121 553 1333) provides a range of free and confidential advice and support to adults in Sandwell who would like to talk about alcohol or drugs.

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Report abandoned vehicle

Book a bulky collection

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When is my bin day?

Report fly-tipping

Report a missed bin

Report a street light

[my.sandwell.gov.uk](http://my.sandwell.gov.uk)

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Metropolitan Borough Council

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