



Sandwell News




Looking for some Easter fun?


There's lots happening at Sandwell Valley over the Easter weekend and the rest of the school holidays.


 [More details and book tickets for Easter at the Valley and New Life at the Farm.](#)

And...next week we have arts and crafts at our museums

 Our friends Sandwell Museums & Arts Service have some really egg-citing SEND and autism-friendly events to tell you about.

 Come along to Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery for Easter trails, quizzes and crafts on Tuesday 19 April 11am-3pm and Wednesday 20 April 11am-3pm

 It's free to enter, but there may be a small charge for some crafts. No booking required.

 These events are designed for young people with learning disabilities and autism and their families. More events will be announced soon, keep an eye out.

No changes to bin collections this Easter Bank Holiday

There are no changes to bin collection days in Sandwell over the Easter Bank Holiday. Please continue to leave your bins out on your normal collection day.

[To find out when your bin collection day is visit the website](#)

There are no changes to your bin collections over the Easter bank holiday weekend



Please put your bins out for collection on your normal day



The £150 Council Tax Energy Rebate is coming



Find out what you need to do next

www.sandwell.gov.uk/energybillsrebate

£150 payments of the Council Tax Energy Rebate are now being made to households in Bands A to D who pay Council Tax by Direct Debit.

👉 If you pay Council Tax by Direct Debit, you don't need to do anything (as long as you were signed up to pay that way by 7 April 2022). **We expect it may take several weeks to make all of these payments.**

👉 If you live in a Band A to D property and you DON'T pay Council Tax by Direct Debit - including if you get Council Tax Reduction - **you now need to apply for the rebate.** These payments will start being made from next month (May).

🔍 Search Sandwell Energy Bills Rebate online or [go to our website to apply for the rebate and for more information.](#)



Get help and support as the cost of living rises

We're determined to do everything we can at a local level to support people as the cost of living rises. [On our website](#) you will find links to useful information, advice and support from the council and other organisations.


Got 5? Are you registered to vote?

[If you're not already registered to vote](#) - or if you've moved house or changed your name since you last voted - make sure you're registered by 11.59pm today (Thursday 14 April) to vote in these elections.


📧 [If you would like to vote by post](#), you have until 5pm on Tuesday 19 April to apply for a postal vote.



Booking a prom car?

 We know that young people are keen to travel in style to their prom. Parents and carers may be tempted to find a good deal from adverts they see online, like Facebook Marketplace.

 [Travel safely, check out our FAQs before you book.](#)

 Unlicensed drivers or vehicles could put your children and their friends at risk. The driver may not have had a criminal record check, or the vehicle might not be roadworthy.





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