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# Sandwell News

## Please stay safe this Bank Holiday weekend

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



## Stay Covid-19 alert this weekend

We want everyone to have a safe and fun Bank Holiday weekend. [We have some reminders on what you can do.](#)

One way to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 is by collecting rapid tests from a pharmacy near you and help to break the chain of transmission.

It's quick, convenient and you can use these twice a week at home.

These tests are for people without symptoms, If you do have symptoms you need to book a PCR test.

**NHS**  
Test and Trace

**Free rapid Covid-19 tests for people without symptoms**

Now available at pharmacies.  
Collect yours today.

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

[Find a test at your nearest pharmacy.](#)



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## New Leader, Cabinet, Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Councillor Rajbir Singh is the new Leader of Sandwell Council – [read more about his priorities as Leader.](#)

He was formally confirmed as Council Leader at the annual meeting of the council on Tuesday (25 May).

Councillor Singh leads a Cabinet of eight councillors as follows:

Strong and Resilient Communities - Cllr Maria Crompton (Deputy Leader)

Best Start in Life - Cllr Karen Simms

Connected and Accessible Sandwell - Cllr Jackie Taylor

Finance, Council Sustainability and Transformation - Cllr Wasim Ali

Governance and Democracy - Cllr Danny Millard

Living and Ageing Well - Cllr Suzanne Hartwell

Quality Homes and Thriving Neighbourhoods - Cllr Zahoor Ahmed

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## Strong and Inclusive Economy - Cllr Iqbal Padda



[The new Mayor of Sandwell](#) is Councillor Mushtaq Hussain. His main consort will be his son, Mr Amar Mushtaq; family friend Mr Ijaz Ahmed will also act as consort.

[Councillor Richard Jones is the new Deputy Mayor of Sandwell](#). His consort is his partner Councillor Richard McVittie.

At the ceremony this week, votes of thanks were passed to the outgoing mayor and deputy, former councillor Dr Ann Jaron and Councillor Suzanne Hartwell, who had both served two years in their respective roles as there was no ceremony last year due to Covid-19.




The [new Mayoral team will be raising money for St John Ambulance](#).



### **Great news - the past in back!**

Sandwell Museums are re-opening for visitors to look around the grounds and houses.

 Bromwich Hall and Haden Hill

House are now open to welcome visitors. Oak House and Wednesbury Museum will be holding

open days in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on [Sandwell Museums & Arts Service Facebook page](#) for details.

 Pre-booking is advised to prevent disappointment and help us manage numbers.

[Find out more about our fantastic museums.](#)

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## No changes to bin collections on Bank Holiday Monday

Please put your bins out as normal on Monday (31 May) and for the rest of the week

If you're getting in the garden, use your green lid bin for your green waste. [Find out your next bin day.](#)

If you're planning a trip to the tip, [remember you need to book a slot beforehand](#). You can now book last minute visits if available.



# Household Recycling Centre (HRC)

## What can I take to the centre?

 garden waste	 aerosols	 foil	 food tins & drink cans	 scrap metal	 used engine oil	 tyres	 car batteries
 mixed textiles & clothes	 books	 telephone directories	 cardboard	 newspapers & magazines	 mixed glass bottles & jars	 flat glass	 tvs & monitors
 small appliances	 electrical	 fridges & freezers	 large appliances	 batteries	 fluorescent tubes	 mixed light bulbs	 telecoms & computers
 hard plastics	 plastic bottles	 household plastic packaging	 cartons	 furniture	 mattresses	 carpet	 cooking oil
 soil	 hardcore & rubble	 wood & timber	 plasterboard	 upvc frames	 paint	 asbestos	 gas bottles

\* There are limits to the quantities you can bring to the site.  
Please check online at [www.sandwell.gov.uk/tip](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/tip)

## Say it in pictures! 📷

The Black Country and West Birmingham CCG want to know 'What Health and Wellbeing Means to You' and [we want you to show us in a photo](#) 📷



#HealthyBCWB



Black Country and  
West Birmingham  
Clinical Commissioning Group

## What does health and wellbeing mean to you?

Send in your pictures and let us know,  
it could be:

- Your community group
- Your family and friends
- Local landmarks

The winner will have their picture displayed  
at the new CCG HQ and will also be  
featured in future promotional material.

Report abandoned vehicle

Book a bulky collection

CALENDAR

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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)

