

OLDBURY TOWN NEWS



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Summer 2025

Welcome to your first edition of the Oldbury neighbourhoods e-newsletter. Bringing you the latest local news, updates, and information from all of the wards in Oldbury.

Safer 6 Launches in Oldbury

The Safer 6 campaign ran in Oldbury from 9 June to 15 June 2025.

The week held activities focused on addressing concerns, providing information, and promoting services that are available year-round to help people in Sandwell stay safe and healthy.

Activities included a Serco waste collection initiative, community litter picks, speedwatch operations, information stalls, and a joint Police and Trading Standards programs targeting illegal vapes and cigarettes.



Improved Security Brings Peace of Mind to Maple Rise Residents



A recent burglary in the Maple Rise area, where offenders gained entry to an elderly resident's home by breaking the rear door glass, raised concerns about community safety. Several homes in the area back onto an isolated car park that was previously accessible to the public.

In response, the Housing Services Team took action, using funding from the "In Your Neighbourhood Budget" to install fencing and secure the rear of these properties. Since the improvements were made, residents have reported feeling much safer, and the area has seen a noticeable reduction in burglaries.



'[Making It Sandwell](#)' is a short campaign film featuring young people from across Sandwell, with a spoken word poem from Casey Bailey who, as well as living and teaching in the region for several years, used stories from young people to write about what making it in Sandwell is all about. [You can watch the campaign film and hear from each young person featured about their stories so far.](#)

Brandhall Community Hub Expands Support for Families in Need



Brandhall Community Hub's "Teens 2 Toddlers" project, launched in May 2022, offers free pre-loved children's clothing to local families.

Thanks to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, the project has recently improved its storage and display facilities by adding shelving, clothes rails, boxes, mannequins, heaters, and signage. These enhancements have transformed the space from makeshift storage into a more dignified, shop-like environment. The new setup makes it easier for families to browse items in a warm, organised, and welcoming setting.

IMPORTANT changes to bin collections

Sandwell Council is proposing changes to waste and recycling services following guidance issued by the Government on how waste and recycling should be collected.

From summer 2025, your refuse and recycling will change to alternate weekly collections (AWC).

Other household bin collections are unaffected. Food collections remain weekly and garden waste fortnightly on a subscription basis.

Find out more at www.sandwell.gov.uk/bins



Making the Walk to School Safer

Local residents and Councillors raised concerns following the 2021 incident involving a child on Perry Hill Road.

Sandwell Council's Highways Team has taken decisive action by installing a brand-new pedestrian crossing.

This vital improvement marks a significant step forward in our ongoing commitment to creating safer neighbourhoods and ensuring that children can walk to school with greater safety and peace of mind.

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