

# WEDNESBURY TOWN NEWS



**Friar Park   Wednesbury North   Wednesbury South   Summer 2025**

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

## Safer 6 Launches in Wednesbury

The Safer 6 campaign ran in Wednesbury from 23 June to 29 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 vehicle, community litter picks, speedwatch initiatives, informational stalls, and a joint Police and Trading Standards operation targeting illegal vapes and cigarettes.



## CCTV Safety Boost for Wednesbury Town Centre and Friar Park



Government funding has supported the installation of new and upgraded CCTV cameras in Wednesbury. This follows feedback from local residents who have raised concerns about safety in the area. The improved infrastructure will increase the chances of identifying individuals involved in crime or anti-social behaviour, helping the police and council take appropriate action.

[To report anti-social behaviour to the council](#)

[To find out more about regeneration projects in Wednesbury](#)



'[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.](#)

# Significant Milestones Reached in £20.4m Wednesbury Levelling Up Partnership



Wednesbury is undergoing real transformation thanks to the Government funded £20.4 million Levelling Up Partnership, with upgrades including new seating, paving and lighting revitalising the town centre.

As part of the project, students from Wood Green Academy played a key role in shaping the town's future by helping to name the newly improved public space—Ethelfleda Square. Named after Queen Ethelfleda, who fortified Wednesbury in Anglo-Saxon times, the name honours strong leadership and celebrates the town's rich heritage. To mark the completion of the main phase of regeneration works, children from St John's Church of England Primary Academy joined a special planting event at the square.

For further details, please see our [Wednesbury Levelling Up Partnership](#) page

## 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](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/bins)



## Wednesbury Cricket Club Secures Funding for New Training Facility



Wednesbury Cricket Club, has been serving the residents of Wednesbury North and surrounding areas for around 150 years offering a vital sporting outlet through its cricket programmes. However, the lack of a dedicated training space had been a significant barrier to expanding coaching opportunities.

That is now set to change, as the club has successfully secured Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to contribute to the installation of a new three-lane fixed net training facility on site. This development will provide a safe and modern space for players to practise, whilst also supporting the club's growth.

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