

WEST BROMWICH TOWN NEWS



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Summer 2025

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

Safer 6 Launches in West Bromwich

The Safer 6 campaign ran in West Bromwich from 7 July to 13 July 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.



Garage Site Transformed After Resident Concerns



In 2021, residents of Dora Road raised concerns about an unsecured garage site that had become a hotspot for anti-social behaviour (ASB). The area, overgrown and littered with an abandoned digger and trailer, was attracting late-night gatherings and raising safety issues.

In 2024, this was raised in the Ward Partnership Meeting. A multi-department action plan was developed with Housing, Grounds Maintenance and Environmental Protection Officers. Alongside allocating the plot to a local resident, a Section 41 notice was issued and the site was cleared, turning the space into a clean, safe, and secure area for the local elderly resident.

To learn more about anti-social behaviour or to report an incident, please visit: www.sandwell.gov.uk/community-safety/report-anti-social-behaviour



'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.](#)

VISAMO: A Safe Space for Friendship and Wellbeing



Established in 2000, VISAMO is a voluntary-led organisation that has grown into a vibrant community of around 150 members who meet weekly. The group provides a safe, welcoming space for older adults to connect, build friendships, and combat isolation.

Recently, VISAMO shared their vision to expand their sessions with more team-based activities and gentle exercise sessions. Thanks to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, they've been able to turn this vision into reality by purchasing musical instruments, games, and resistance bands.

These new resources have made a meaningful impact. Members are now enjoying more opportunities to socialise, stay active, and improve mobility.

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.

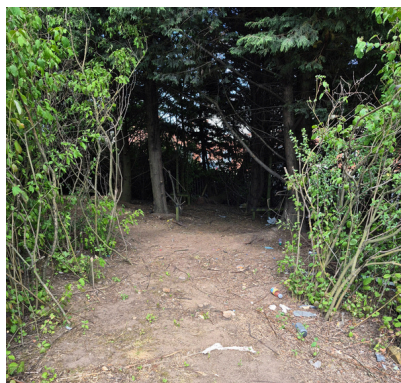
From summer 2025, your refuse and recycling will change to alternate weekly collections (AWC).

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



Working Together for a Safer Community



Residents raised concerns about rough sleepers occupying a woodland area behind their estate and using gaps in the fencing to access the street, where they engaged in anti-social behaviour, leaving residents feeling unsafe.

In response, multiple agencies including the Neighbourhood Services Team, Housing Solutions team, ASB and Serco, worked together to liaise with residents to identify times for the outreach team to visit weekly and offer support to those rough sleeping. Deployable Cameras were installed to monitor the area, and residents were kept informed throughout. Grounds Maintenance opened up the site to increase visibility and allow Serco to carry out a full clean-up and Local Area Budget funding secured new fencing to block access from the woodland.

This has created a safer, cleaner space, with the site now vacated, litter removed, fencing repaired, and residents feeling more secure.

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