



**AGM**

## Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

### Date for your diary - 25th September 2021

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Due to Covid restrictions we have been unable to host our annual AGM.

As we are now coming out of lockdown and starting to resume some sort of normality we have now set a date for our 2021 AGM.

You will start to receive your 1st mailing from the 6th August. It is very important that you read the documents enclosed and return relevant paperwork.

The date is now set and the venue will be confirmed in your 1st mailing.

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

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### Do You Live in a High Rise or Low Rise??

SMBC are starting to review the 25+ designated blocks and they will be sending a consultation notice to all residents that currently live in High or Low Rise blocks. From the 23rd July you should start to receive the notice in the post which requires your feedback.

All feedback that is received from residents will be presented to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board on the 2nd September.

The feedback will also be delivered to Town Board Meetings and are happy to attend a SCIPS general meeting to give residents feedback.

**Our Number**  
**0121 544 1230**



## The Big Spring Clean - Litter watch

The Big Spring Clean is one of Sandwell's most popular community campaigns, and Litter Watch play an instrumental role in coordinating the campaign and the volunteers alongside Sandwell Council and Serco.

The multi-award winning campaign takes place across the borough's six towns and is inspired and led by the borough's residents.

Hundreds of locations have benefited from The Big Spring Clean thanks to the commitment of thousands of volunteers in recent years.

Events can be focussed around any of the following:

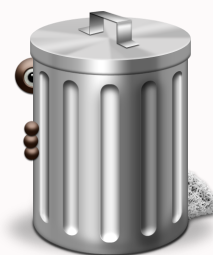
- Litter picking
- Graffiti removal



How do I get involved?

Phone: 0121 557 6970

Email: [bigspringclean@tiptonlitterwatch.org](mailto:bigspringclean@tiptonlitterwatch.org)



## Holiday activities and food

**Let's make this summer the best yet!**

Sandwell are teaming up with the Department for Education to bring you the Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

Bring your friends and get involved in some exciting activities including:

- Food activities – cook together, learn new skills and understand how food is grown
- Get creative with dance, art, scrap poetry and more
- Enjoy outdoors by exploring mountain bike trails, wellbeing walks and kayaking
- PE and Sports including football and lots more

To register simply scan the QR code below to take you to the Holiday Activities and Food website

#HAF2021

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME**





Get in touch with the Family Information Service

Email us @  
[family\\_information@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:family_information@sandwell.gov.uk)

- Call us: 0121 569 4914



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## LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

### New guidance from the 19th July 2021

- You do not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with. There are also no limits on the number of people you can meet.
- However, in order to minimise risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with, and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.
- You should meet outdoors where possible and let fresh air into homes or other enclosed spaces.
- The Government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can. However, the Government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer.
- The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.
- There are no longer limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, civil partnerships, funerals and other life events (including receptions and celebrations). There is no requirement for table service at life events, or restrictions on singing or dancing. You should follow guidance for [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) to reduce risk and protect yourself and others.
- There are no longer restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. COVID-19 has not gone away, so it's important to remember the actions you can take to keep yourself and others safe. Everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.



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## SCIPS OFFICE UPDATE

SCIPS staff have been working from home during the pandemic, we have achieved a lot during this time as we have been following the need of the community. We are all looking forward to getting back into the office and working along side each other again. We are still contactable on: 0121 544 1230 or by email on: [Enquiries@scips.org.uk](mailto:Enquiries@scips.org.uk), we do also add information to our website and our facebook page on a weekly basis so keep a look out for things happening in your area and any funding opportunity.



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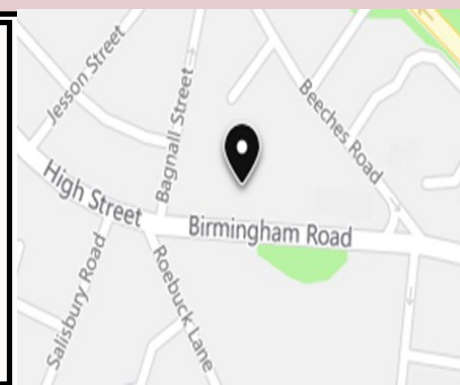
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