



# Partnerships - how we are working together to make you feel safer



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## Hello and welcome to our newsletter

Here in Sandwell we are working with partner agencies to ensure that the borough remains a safe place to live, work and visit. This newsletter showcases just a few of the positive partnership activities taking place in Sandwell.

For more information, please visit our websites:

[www.sandwellpolice.org.uk](http://www.sandwellpolice.org.uk)  
[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)

## Community Payback

Community Payback can be given to offenders as part of a 'community sentence'. Offenders carry out up to 300 hours of unpaid work, which not only benefits the community but also means the offenders pay back the community for their crimes.

Projects can include removing graffiti, picking up litter, refurbishing community centres, clearing

undergrowth from paths and other public areas or working on environmental projects.

Offenders must wear bright orange high-visibility jackets marked 'Community Payback' while they're working, so you can see they're paying back for their crimes.

**Come and meet us**  
Web: [www.west-midlands.police.uk](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk)  
Tel: 0345 113 5000  
to find out more about meetings with police and partners

To nominate a project speak to your neighbourhood team or phone: 0121 248 2688 or visit the website [www.swmprobation.gov.uk](http://www.swmprobation.gov.uk)



## Recent examples in Sandwell include:

- Repainting of vandalised St Mary's Church in Wednesbury
- Clearance of alleyways across the Park Estate, Tipton
- Environmental work in Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich
- Landscaping work at St John's Church, Oldbury
- Interior redecoration of Warley Rugby Club
- Removal of fly-tipping and rubbish from Regis Heath Road, Rowley Regis

## Community Resolutions

Community resolutions put the needs of victims first, as they are asked what outcome they would like to see. This could often be a simple apology from the offender, the offer of compensation or the promise to clear up any damage caused.

In Wednesbury, a 14-year old boy was caught by officers after causing criminal damage to a property. Under a community resolution, the offender – who had no previous convictions – apologised face-to-face to the property owner, and his parents also agreed he should help distribute crime prevention advice leaflets to other households in the area.

## Partnership work reducing crime

Officers in Oldbury have been working with local partners to reduce crime levels across the town.

Partnership work in the area includes co-ordinated patrols with Sandwell Council wardens across the Bristnall neighbourhood and officers in Oldbury working alongside shops at the retail park as part of 'Retail Watch'.

Officers also attend fortnightly 'town tasking' meetings with numerous partnership agencies including Sandwell Council and Sandwell Homes. At these meetings, local concerns are raised regarding crime and anti-social behaviour, and the relevant agencies work together to tackle these issues as quickly and effectively as possible.



## Tackling ASB on the buses

Police officers in West Bromwich have been working closely with bus companies in the area to tackle anti-social behaviour and criminality along local routes.

Officers have worked alongside revenue inspectors to ensure all bus users are behaving in the correct manner and have paid the appropriate fares.

Over 150 people have been removed from buses in West Bromwich due to ASB in recent months, and a number of arrests have also been made for criminal offences. Our officers will continue operations on public transport in the area ensuring a safer journey for law-abiding passengers.

## Working together to beat ASB

Officers and partner agencies are working hard to reduce anti-social behaviour across the borough and ensure that anyone responsible for ASB is dealt with correctly.

A number of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) have been entered into across Sandwell this year. These are issued in conjunction with Sandwell Council's ASB team and suggest that perpetrators follow a number of pre-agreed conditions. If these conditions are broken by council tenants, they may face eviction from their homes.

Sandwell officers have also secured a number of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) against people across the borough. These are used for more serious

forms of ASB and people who breach ASBO conditions face prosecution and possible jail. Officers in Wednesbury recently issued two ASBOs to local residents.

Extra funding has also been used in Sandwell to target ASB, with extra patrols being carried out to focus on hotspots and areas of local concern across the borough.

We are committed to reducing ASB in Sandwell and urge local residents to report it as soon as possible – call the Sandwell Council ASB hotline on 0845 359 7500, text SANDWELL ASB plus your message to 60003 or email [contact@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:contact@sandwell.gov.uk)



Officers in Sandwell patrolling the streets.



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# Creating Stronger Safer Neighbourhoods in Sandwell

## Useful Contacts



**West Midlands Police**  
0345 113 5000  
www.west-midlands.police.uk

**Crimestoppers**  
0800 555 111  
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

**Victim Support**  
0845 303 0900  
www.victimsupport.org.uk

**Sandwell Council**  
0845 358 2200  
www.sandwell.gov.uk

**West Midlands Fire Service**  
0845 5000 900  
www.wmfs.net

**Anti-Social Behaviour Actionline**  
0845 605 2222

**National Domestic Violence Helpline**  
0808 2000 247

**Sandwell ASB Hotline**  
0845 359 7500

### MyNeighbourhood

You can view the most recent crime patterns and anti-social behaviour (ASB) information for your neighbourhood on this interactive site. It also provides useful links to police and partnership agencies at: [www.myneighbourhood.info](http://www.myneighbourhood.info)

## Directgov

Public services all in one place

### Find out what's happening with your police

All police forces in England and Wales have a responsibility to work closely with you and to keep you safe. Find out what you have a right to expect from them, how to get in touch with them, and more: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

**In an emergency always dial 999**

# West Midlands Police Authority

We make your voice heard in policing

The Authority has nine councillor and eight independent members. We set the strategic direction of the police – including the budget – monitor performance and hold the Chief Constable to account. We use what you tell us to make policing better.



We recently ran a 'Listening Campaign' to hear people's views on policing. Police Authority Chairman Derek Webley spoke to people across the West Midlands. You can find out what people said at [www.wmpa-listeningcampaign.co.uk](http://www.wmpa-listeningcampaign.co.uk)

An effective police authority responds to the public we serve – the issues you face and problems that need fixing. Our website not only tells you what we do, but includes a 'Tell us your views' page. Use this to get your point across: [www.west-midlands-pa.gov.uk](http://www.west-midlands-pa.gov.uk) You can also contact us by phone on 0121 626 5143.

Working for you to ensure your police service can effectively meet your needs

## Crime figures for your area

Latest crime figures for Sandwell policing area show:



### TRUST & CONFIDENCE

The number of people who agree that police and partners are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime that matters within their area.

81.13%

It is measured by our Feeling the Difference annual survey of 21,000 people across the West Midlands. The target is 85%.



### DOMESTIC BURGLARY

2007-08	2,138
2009-10	1,815



### VEHICLE CRIME

2007-08	3,739
2009-10	2,716



### ROBBERY

2007-08	804
2009-10	723

HMIC* Inspections of West Midlands Police	2009-10
Local crime and policing	Fair
Protection from serious harm	Excellent
Confidence and satisfaction	Fair

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