



Banners Gate & Parklands Community & Neighbourhood Forum

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Councillor John Cooper,
Sutton Vesey Ward:

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There are many things going on behind the scenes in BCC; some of which will have a profound effect on our Town and its residents.

The most troubling, at present, for me is a proposal (I believe from the Green Party) to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph throughout the City Council area. Speaking for myself I am in favour of 20mph limit locally to schools, care homes, hospitals and known speeding spots. Surveys carried out on Monmouth Drive where the limit was reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph took the average recorded speed of vehicles down to 33 mph.

We are currently looking at this issue where it has been raised with us and considering measures that will benefit users going about their

business.

In a similar vein Anti-Social behaviour is showing its ugly head with youths entering our Town from adjoining wards in BCC outside the Town; causing havoc for residents and motorists showing utter disrespect for others. We are working with groups and authorities to find an effective solution of blunting this behaviour, which is not welcome in our Town.

There is still no sign of the BCC situation settling down resulting in a chaotic Council meeting that started earlier than usual and finished late. The only real achievement of the meeting was to recognise retiring members making them Aldermen of the City including the previous member for Vesey who retired at the end of the last session.

For our part we are delighted to welcome Town Councillor Husham Khan to our Conservative Team in Royal Sutton Coldfield.



Cllr Anja Pawson

City Councillor & Town Councillor for Sutton Vesey

Vice-Chair of Friends of Boldmere Spinney, Primary
School Teacher, School Governor, busy Mum of two

Our Action in the Community



Right: Councillors Anja Pawson, John Cooper and Husham Khan also reported the damaged noticeboard on King George V Playing Field and got it reinstated.



Left: Councillors Anja Pawson, John Cooper and Husham Khan reported the abandoned caravan by King George V Playing Field and got it removed.



Below: At the recent Town Council Amenities & Leisure committee, Cllr Anja Pawson requested a review of the Christmas lights scheme to look at the possibility of including the Banners Gate area in future years.



Above: Cllrs Anja Pawson and Husham Khan attended the Greenway after residents contacted them about a stolen motorbike in the bushes. Anja and Husham called the police who attended immediately, which resulted in the owner and the bike being reunited.



Email Anja via: anja.pawson@birmingham.gov.uk

Follow us on Fb: VeseyNews



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Tip truck returns Sat 10th October



Above and Left: Advance notice of the 'tip trucks' returning to Sutton Vesey on Saturday 10th October 2026 following our focused intervention.

They will be stationed at Banners Gate car park within Sutton Park from 8am till midday. Please see the next page for information on what you can and can't bring.

Email Anja: anja.pawson@birmingham.gov.uk

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Important Information

- Arrive by no later than 11:45 AM to ensure ample time for unloading.
- Waste must be personally brought to the MHWCs during operating hours.
- Friendly on-site staff will be available to assist, and no booking, ID, or fees are required.
- Items designated for recycling at a recycling centre will not be recycled if brought to the MHWCs; instead, they will be placed in a refuse truck.
- Waste left outside operating hours or in other locations will not be collected and may be treated as illegal dumping.
- Only waste brought directly to the truck during the specified hours can be cleared.
- Commercial waste is not accepted, and vans are banned from this service.
- If you are unable to attend, you can learn about free Household Recycling Centre (HRC) sites at www.birmingham.gov.uk/hrc.

BRING ANY OF THESE UNWANTED ITEMS TO THE VEHICLE:

✓ Household rubbish that can't be reused.



✓ Recycling: paper, glass, plastic, clothes cardboard and aluminium.



✓ Garden waste.



✓ Bigger items: toys, bikes, furniture, wood and household items.

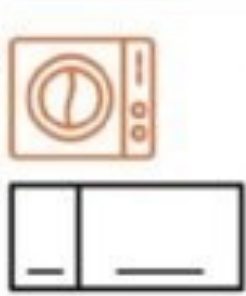


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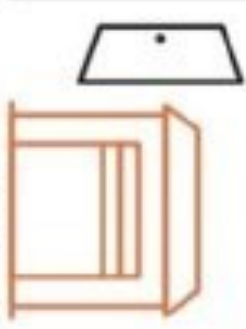
✗ Building or construction materials such as rubble, concrete, sand, tiles, slabs and full or part-full paint pots.



✗ White goods such as fridges and washing machines.



✗ Large items such as garage or patio doors.



✗ Hazardous materials like engine, cooling oil and gas containers or asbestos.



No commercial vehicles or commercial waste will be accepted. Crews reserve the right to refuse any items.

- Waste must be brought in person to the Mobile Household Recycling Centre (MHRC) during this time.
- Waste left elsewhere or outside of these times will NOT be collected and may be treated as **ILLEGAL DUMPING**.
- If you miss the MHRC this time, and you have items to dispose of, you can find out about our free HRC sites here: birmingham.gov.uk/hrc



From Alderman Pocock, Community Campaigner, Sutton Vesey

20MPH ROADS – THE REAL TRUTH

Shortly about my last piece in Gatepost about speeding traffic, there was a tide of media floating around suggesting the City Council was to impose a ‘blanket coverage’ of 20mph limits across the whole of the Birmingham area, including Sutton Coldfield.

This story was spun by ‘social media influencers’ in an attempt to whip up fears of a ‘woke war on motorists’ – but this is yet another piece of fake news aimed at stirring up yet another culture war. The reality is very different. The main through roads across the City are to remain 30mph. That includes Chester Road, Jockey Road, Monmouth Drive, Banners Gate Road, Sutton Oak Road, Bakers Lane etc. All these will stay as 30mph as they are now, and through traffic will not be unnecessarily delayed.

It’s the residential side roads that will go to a normal level of 20mph. This is where kids in the streets, older and infirm local residents need the protection of a safer speed. As the national road safety campaign charity says, “20 is Plenty” on a quiet residential road.

So forget the scare stories about the blanket 20mph. What’s being proposed is a balanced ‘mix and match’ with through-traffic flowing smoothly and the quiet residential roads better protected for the peace and safety of local residents.

SURPRISE ‘HONORARY ALDERMAN’ AWARD!

Having lost my City Council seat at last may’s elections I thought that was the end of my time with Birmingham City Council. Imagine my surprise therefore, to receive an invitation to the September Council meeting to be appointed as an ‘Honorary Alderman’ of the City Council! [see pic].

This is a role awarded for so-called ‘distinguished long-term service’ and I’m not sure I should actually qualify for this, having spent most of my time on the Council in basically, ‘back room’ activities outside the glare of publicity, and simple work with local residents. However, far be it for me to turn down the offer... It’s an honour to receive this recognition and it’s due entirely to the many local residents of Banners Gate and Sutton Vesey who gave me the role of Councillor in the first place. So, I owe my grateful thanks to you!

Hello Tony,

A few people have got together in order to try and establish a historic dance group ahead of the 500th anniversary of the 1528 Sutton Coldfield Charter. Please see the attachment. Anyone interested is asked to contact the email address on the attachment. I attach an image of costumed participants at a public demonstration.

I must emphasise that this is very much a "have a go" group and not a dance academy. There are no experts, just people trying to experience heritage through dance. The activity is fun, social and good moderate exercise. Costumes are not essential, but some folk will be making their own versions of period clothing - and some folk will take up the option of demonstrating period dance as they did recently at the Trinity Church Heritage Week event.

The people in the image are in Tudor dress to hark back to the reign of Henry VIII. Henry was at that time still married to Catherine, his first wife but estranged, and spent the court Christmas of 1528 with Anne Boleyn. Dancing to Tudor music and to known Tudor routines provides participants with authentic experience in a way that facts, figures and records fail to do.

This is not solely about Tudor re-enactment as there are five hundred years of heritage available. If we make a start on looking at this now we will have something valuable to contribute to whatever commemorations take place in 2028.

So come on folks, let's dance the past!

Regards

John Porter



New Group
starting
Sutton Coldfield
Historic Dance
Group.

Get involved, have fun,
keep active with dance
and costume.

paicej1@gmail.com

BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We are holding a tabletop sale at our community hall on 28th November 2026.

Time from 10.00am to 2.00pm

If you would like to have a table, cost £5, please contact 07964 213 229.

So far, we have Children's toys, beauty products, bric-a-brac, Military Veterans, craft store and book table.




National
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People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Boldmere / Wylde Green



Film screening and discussion
Highbury Theatre
Sheffield Road
B73 5HD
4th October 2026 4pm

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Film screenings and discussions:

Holy Trinity Parish Church
21 September 2026 7:30pm

Wylde Green URC
29 September 2026 2:30pm, 7:30pm

All Saints Church, Streetly
2 October 2026 7pm

Highbury Theatre Centre
4 October 2026 4pm



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**Highbury Theatre, Sheffield Road,
Sutton Coldfield, B73 5HD**

Friday, 2nd October 2026

7:30pm (doors open 7pm)

Tickets: £12

Suggested age: 16+

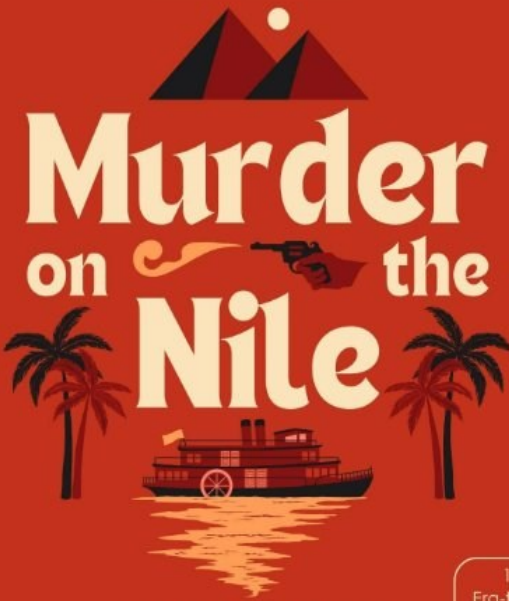
Tickets available via highburytheatre.co.uk

THRILLER

Highbury Players present

An amateur production by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd

Murder on the Nile



by Agatha Christie

A love to die for

14+

Era-typical racism

Mention of suicide

20 - 31 October 2026

7:30pm at Highbury Theatre, Sheffield Road, B73 5HD
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Banners Gate

Saturday December 5th
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on 07400894034

Table cost is £15
plus a gift for the raffle

WELCOME TO SUTTON ARTS THEATRE 2026-27 SEASON

2:22 A GHOST STORY

22 - 31 OCTOBER 2026

WRITTEN BY
DANNY ROBINS

DIRECTED BY
LOUISE HOLMES

An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Horn Books.
Originally produced by Runaway Entertainment, and first performed on
11 August 2021 at the Noel Coward Theatre, London.

2:22 A GHOST STORY

"There's something in our house. I hear it every night, at the same time."

Following seven West End seasons, a record-breaking UK and Ireland tour and productions across the globe, the stage phenomenon 2:22 A Ghost Story comes to Sutton Coldfield. Winner of Best New Play, this edge of your seat supernatural thriller is a brilliantly funny, adrenaline filled night where secrets are revealed and ghosts may, or may not appear.

Jenny believes her new home is haunted. Every night, at exactly 2:22am, she hears unsettling sounds echoing through the house. But her husband Sam dismisses her fears as imagination and exhaustion. During a dinner party with old friend Lauren and her new partner Ben, belief and scepticism collide as tensions rise and dark secrets begin to surface. As the night unfolds, something strange and frightening draws ever closer. Determined to uncover the truth, the four decide to stay awake until 2:22... and then they'll know.

Sharp, gripping and packed with twists, 2:22 A Ghost Story will leave audiences questioning everything, long after the lights go down.

DIRECTED BY: LOUISE HOLMES

SUITABLE FOR: **AGE 12+ SOME STRONG LANGUAGE**

Snow White AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
EMILY ARMSTRONG
& DEXTER WHITEHEAD

"The Fairest Panto of them All"

5-19 DECEMBER 2026

SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, which panto is the most magical of all?"

This festive season, Sutton Arts Theatre invites you into a world of laughter, magic and mayhem with the spectacular pantomime Snow White, a wickedly fun adventure for the whole family.

Join Snow White as she journeys through an enchanted forest filled with magic, mischief and music. Along the way, she'll meet unforgettable characters, face the schemes of the wicked Queen and discover that friendship, kindness and courage can conquer all.

Packed with dazzling dance numbers, spectacular songs, colourful costumes and heaps of hilarious jokes, this spellbinding pantomime promises festive fun for audiences of all ages.

So gather your friends and family and make memories together with a Christmas tradition full of boos, cheers and magical moments galore!

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY: **EMILY ARMSTRONG & DEXTER WHITEHEAD**

SUITABLE FOR: **AGE 3+ (NO BABES IN ARMS)**

SPECIAL EFFECTS INCLUDING: **FLASHING LIGHTS, SMOKE,
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Sutton Coldfield



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Mondays
1pm – 2pm

All welcome

Annual Concert



**St Columba's Church
Banners Gate Rd, Sutton Coldfield
B73 6TX**

An Evening of musical entertainment.

Music Director Steve Roche

Accompanist Chris Walk

Percussionist Clare Ray

Guest Artistes

Strings of Serenity

Saturday, 17th October 2026 at 7.00pm.

Tickets £15.00 including refreshments

Available from:

Meirion Bowen 07766 301677

Warren Woodcock 07305 971506

Francis Beirne 07502 021179

Hi Banners Gate Community Association,

I hope you're well.

My name's Alex - I'm a Casting Producer working at Avalon Television Limited, a multi-award-winning production company, producing *Taskmaster* and *Junior Taskmaster* (Channel 4), *Not Going Out* (BBC One), *Dogs Behaving Very Badly* (Channel 5), *The Chris & Rosie Ramsey Show* (BBC Two), as well as many more. Please see our website: www.avalonuk.com

We are looking for households (families, partial family units, house/flatmates) to take part in a new series for primetime Channel 4. The chosen households will take part together in an array of creative, fun and head-scratching games from the comfort of their own homes – in the hope of beating the other households to win a cash prize, as well as having a lot of fun as a household. The tasks will be set by Alex Horne of *Taskmaster* fame!

We are looking for households in your local area and I wondered if you could share the attached flyer within your network to help spread the word? More information, T&Cs and the application form can be found at www.avalontvcasting.com

Thanks so much,

Alex

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Banners Gate Community Coffee Club

A chance to relax, chat to like minded people, whilst having a cuppa, cake and biscuits all for a generous donation

**EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
10AM TO 12 PM**

Come and join our Community Coffee Club
Have a chat and make new friends

Take part in our free raffle

We cater for age groups of 60 years Plus

35 Reay Nadin Drive, Sutton Coldfield B736UR
Contact Karen and Gary
07833720015 - garyhall7@blueyonder.co.uk



Julia Roberts, from Age Connects West Midlands, (formally Age Concern), attended the Banners Gate Community Hall Coffee Morning on Tuesday 15th September, which meets on the third Tuesday every month.

Julia gave an interesting and informative talk to the residents on the help and advice available from Age Connects, which is also available from the Communita Cafe in Boldmere.

These are two of the pages from the handbook Julia brought to the meeting.



STAIRLIFTS

Would you like to find out more about stairlifts? Age Connects West Midlands is a stairlift demonstration centre. Book in today, to find out more!

Go through us to receive a 12% discount!

PERSONAL ALARMS

Age Connects West Midlands work with partners to offer a 24/7 personal alarm service, supporting your independence at home and on the go.

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Avoid rogue traders and scams
Local tradespeople and services you can contact with confidence

Call us on 0121 362 3650, email us hello@ageconnectswm.org.uk or view our directory online www.ageconnectswm.org.uk to find out about these services

SUTTON COLDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK SCHEME

Do you run a community activity, service or project that people living in Sutton Coldfield aged 50+ or adults with disabilities can benefit from?

WE CAN HELP!

We can offer a range of support around issues such as marketing, volunteering, governance and fundraising, and we have a micro and small grants scheme to commission activities.

- Promote existing activities
- Develop new activities
- Networking opportunities
- Build skills and capacity
- Improve accessibility
- Funding advice
- Digital inclusion

To find out more about how we can help, contact the NNS team on:

nns@ageconnectswm.org.uk
0121 362 3663

www.suttoncoldfieldnns.blogspot.com

age connects
west midlands.



SUTTON COLDFIELD
NEIGHBOURHOOD
NETWORK SCHEME



ADVICE SERVICE

Our Advice Service is here to help North Birmingham residents with practical advice and support on a wide range of issues.

WHAT WE OFFER



WELFARE RIGHTS

Help with benefit checks and applications including Blue Badges and Attendance Allowance.



HOUSING ADVICE

Support with housing advice and support including understanding tenancy information and housing options.



EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Guidance on job searching, CVs, interviews and accessing training.



COST OF LIVING ADVICE

Help with budgeting, managing bills, energy costs and accessing financial help.



SIGNPOSTING & REFERRALS

Connecting you to other services that can help.



Helping people make a positive change!

OPEN TO NORTH BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS

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FRIENDLY ADVISORS

Our experienced and approachable advisors take the time to listen and find the right support for you.



HOME VISITS AVAILABLE

If you find it difficult to get out, we can arrange a home visit at a time that suits you.



IN YOUR COMMUNITY

We are available at various locations across North Birmingham to make it easier for you to access the support you need.



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EMAIL US

advice@ourplacesupport.org

The Art of Craft

Join us to enjoy workshops using textiles stitch, clay and paper craft to promote wellness and creativity.

Communittea Cafe, 78 Boldmere Road,
Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TJ

Time: Mondays 2-4pm

21st September, 5th & 19th October,
9th & 23rd November, 7th December

No experience needed, for people 50+

For more info and to book a free place:

Please contact Sally at
soothingstitches@btinternet.com 07808 988945
Diane at Communittea Cafe:
d.mccarron@ageconnectswm.org.uk



Communittea cafe

communittea cafe What's On October 2026

Opening Times

Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 4.15pm

Call us on 0121 362 3650

For bookings, call us on 0121 630 2462
communittea@ageconnectswm.org.uk



Communittea Cafe is owned and managed by
Age Connects West Midlands

Monday

Carers Hub drop-in: 9.30am until 12pm - weekly
Our advisors can provide information and advice today. Pop in and have a chat, no appointment necessary.

Warm Welcome: 9.30am until 12pm - weekly
Come and join us in our cosy cafe!

Knit and Natter: 10am until 12pm - weekly
Join our team of knitters and enjoy some great company along with a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake.

Soothing Stitches: 2pm - 4pm - 5th and 19th Only
Enjoy workshops using textiles stitch, clay and paper craft to promote wellness and creativity. See booking details on the back.

Tuesday

Allotment Group: 10am until 12pm - weekly
Talk all things gardening with the Communittea Allotment group, you will find us at the allotment if the weather is nice.

Dementia Carers drop-in: 10am until 12pm - weekly
Drop in advice and information for unpaid dementia carers.

Stroke Support Group: 10am - 13th and 27th Only
Bring together friends and families who have experienced the impact of stroke through our supportive group.

Warm Welcome: 10am until 12pm - weekly
Come and join us in our cosy cafe!

Friends For Life Veterans Group: 12pm until 3pm - weekly
Our group aims to bring together all ex service personnel to make new friends.

Spitfire Advice and Support Drop-In: 1pm until 3pm - weekly
Spitfire Advice and Support is offering housing advice through a weekly surgery.

Wednesday

Community Police drop-in: 11am until 12pm - 14th and 28th Only
Come along to meet and chat to a Police officer

Advice Cafe: 11am until 1pm - weekly
From benefits advice to saving energy at home. No need to book, just drop in.

Friendship Group: 11am until 1pm - weekly
Come down for a chat and a cuppa - everyone welcome!

North Star for the MIND drop-in: 2pm - Weekly

North Star Navigation Service is offering information, advice and guidance about local mental health services and support pathways. Drop in or make an appointment on 0121 262 3555 or email NorthStar@Birminghammind.org

Thursday

Social Worker drop-in: 10am until 1pm - weekly
Come along to meet and chat to a social worker - ask us anything

Parkinson's UK: 10am until 12pm - 1st and 15th Only
A group welcoming those with Parkinson's and their families and carers.

Knit and Natter: 2pm until 3:30pm - weekly
Join our team of knitters and enjoy some great company along with a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake.

Craft and Knit Group: 10am until 12pm - weekly
Come along to our new craft group, previously held at the Sutton Library. Don't forget to get yourself a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake.

AWOC Support Group: 10am - 11.30pm - 22nd Only
Are you growing older without children nearby - or without children at all? Our Ageing Without Children group offers a warm, welcoming space to share experiences, build friendships and support one another.

Friday

Art Group: 10am until 11.30pm - weekly - Waiting list to join
A friendly art group working with various mediums from charcoal and acrylic paints to lino printing. We create artwork in a relaxed positive environment. Contact Angie for availability 07789 408956 or email angie@therecoveryfoundation.org.uk

Advice Cafe: 11am until 1pm - weekly
One of our friendly Advice and Information team will be on hand to help with your queries - from benefits advice to saving energy at home. No need to book, just drop in.

Chatty Cafe: 2pm until 4pm - weekly
Come down for a chat and a cuppa - everyone welcome!

Saturday

Legal Services Drop In: 10am until 12pm - 5th October Only
Drop in to speak to our legal partner Jane from Wills Made Clear if you need advice on a will, lasting power of attorney or trusts!

MILITARY VETERANS CLUB

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT
BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY HALL
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20TH AUGUST**



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Older adults Day care in Sutton Coldfield

Our Day Centres are all about enriching the lives of older adults — we're dedicated to meeting the individual care and support needs of our citizens while providing a friendly, engaging space where they can truly feel part of a community.

Every day, we aim to create a positive, stimulating environment that promotes wellbeing, independence, and connection.

We're proud to provide welcoming, well-established Day Centres for individuals aged 50 and over, located in Mere Green and Boldmere.

With over 14 years of experience, our team is passionate about supporting older adults to live fulfilling lives through personalised care, engaging activities, and meaningful social connections.

Our daily rate is £45.50, which includes a light breakfast, a freshly prepared two-course lunch, and regular refreshments throughout the day.

Each day is shaped by the citizens themselves — with activities chosen to reflect their interests and abilities — ensuring everyone can participate in something that brings them joy and purpose.

We understand that joining a new setting can be a big step, so we warmly offer a free trial session. You're welcome to attend with a family member or carer to get a real feel for what we do and to see whether it's the right fit for your loved one.

Additionally, as a day centre service we are extending our current offers as we understand the demand and need in more flexibility for both the cared-for and unpaid carers involved. I have put some more information regarding this below:

- **Flexi Days** – For those who find set days difficult, there will now be an option to book more flexible attendance to better suit individual needs.
- **Rest n Refresh Sessions** – New 2.5-hour sessions that can be booked the evening before or on the morning of attendance.

These shorter visits are perfect for carers who need time for appointments, shopping, or a short break. Cost: £25 (optional lunch £6 and pudding £1.50).

- **Pay as You Go** – We are aware that citizens and their families may be hesitant to commit to contracts straight away. To support this, we are offering a pay-as-you-go option for up to 4 weeks, giving people time to decide whether regular attendance is right for them.

Please find our current venues and days of operation below:

Days	Venue	Location
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	The Laurels	Grange Lane, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield, B75 5JX
Wednesday	Sutton Rose	ST Michaels Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5FU



St Columba's Hall Hire

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for further details.



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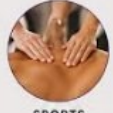
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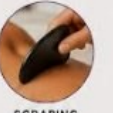
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Did you know that the service comes into the heart of our community?

It currently operates **every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday between 10.00 – 11.00 parked** outside Sutton Park Academy on Coppice View Road, B73 6UE.

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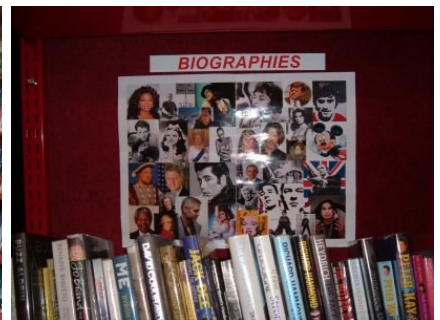
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Sutton Coldfield Repair Cafe



This Repair Cafe is a free community meeting event where skilled volunteer fixers will help repair various items, give advice, skill share or you can just come along for a cuppa and a chat. The event is to bring people together to reduce waste and help the environment.

The Repair Cafe is held at Wylde Green United Reformed Church 72 Britwell Road, Boldmere, B73 5SW on the **Second Saturday of each month** between 10:00am to 1:00pm, last repairs at 12:30

See Facebook for more details (Search "Sutton Coldfield Repair Cafe").

Next events:-

11th October at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

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13th December at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIGHTBULB

■ **1802:** English chemist Sir Humphry Davy induced a current in the four-inch gap between two strips of charcoal, creating the first arc lamp

■ **1840:** English scientist Warren de la Rue devised a prototype lightbulb by placing a coil of platinum inside a glass tube and pumping out the air to create a vacuum. When he passed a current through the metal it glowed

■ **1854:** American-German watchmaker Heinrich Gobel used a carbonised strip of bamboo inside a glass bulb. But the light didn't glow for long and he failed to get a patent

■ **1878:** Englishman Sir Joseph Wilson Swan used a cotton filament to create a light that worked for more than 13 hours

■ **1879:** Thomas Edison patented a similar bulb in America. A year later he had created the first commercial bulb that used a bamboo filament to last more than 1,200 hours

■ **Early 1900s:** The cotton and bamboo were replaced with tungsten before the First World War

■ **1934:** Two filaments were intertwined to create a longer-lasting bulb and brighter light

...AND ON A BRIGHTER NOTE

How many psychiatrists does it take to change a lightbulb?

Only one, but the lightbulb must want to change

How many gas fitters does it take to change a lightbulb?

Three. One to turn up the day before when you're out, one to change the switch and one to bring along the wrong kind of bulb

How many police officers does it take to change a lightbulb?

Twenty. One to change the bulb and 19 to do the paperwork

How many men does it take to change a lightbulb?

Just one, but you have to nag him for a month first

How many Marxists does it take to change a lightbulb?

None. The lightbulb contains the seeds of its own revolution

How many mystery writers does it take to change a lightbulb?

Two. One to screw it almost all the way in and the other to give it a surprising twist at the end

How many MPs does it take to change a lightbulb?

Twenty-one. One to change it and 20 to go on a fact-finding tour of the Seychelles to learn more about how it's done

How many paranoids does it take to change a lightbulb?

WHO WANTS TO KNOW?



Boldmere Falcons FC, established in 1974, have just set up a new Walking Football group in Boldmere for anyone affected by any type of cancer, be it prostate, leukaemia, bone, breast, bowel, skin or any other form of cancer.

Everyone is welcome, gents and ladies, whether you have been diagnosed, undergoing treatment, are under surveillance, in recovery, in remission or supporting someone who is.

The weekly sessions are free to attend every Tuesday and started on 16th June 2026 at 12.30 to 2.30pm at Boldmere Sports & Social Club, B73 5HQ. They have had a great response so far from the local community and still have places available for new players or if you wish to go along to see what is going on please feel free to call in one Tuesday at 12.30pm.

Hour1 starts with a gentle set of warm up exercises, followed by a warmup game and then a game of Walking Football all supervised and run by our on-site Cancer Rehab Exercise Practitioner Mark aided by volunteers from Boldmere Falcons. You do everything at your own pace. You don't need to have played football before and very quickly you soon start to enjoy the camaraderie that quickly develops between everyone.

Hour2 is then held in their clubhouse for tea, coffee, a beer and a chat for general discussion, World Cup especially at the moment, or if you have a health question for Mark he will be there for you. The other group members are also happy to share experiences to help you where they can if you need advice.

They have been supported by Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and Sutton Coldfield Group Practice and they are very grateful to them for their funding help, so it is a real Team Sutton effort!! Further support has been given in many different ways from Birmingham County FA, Sutton Coldfield Prostate Cancer Support Group, Prostate Cancer UK, Blood Cancer UK, Macmillan Cancer Support and Good Hope Hospital and many more.

For more information please contact Richard Cotterill on 07840 059348 or email ckbwfc@gmail.com or alternatively please scan either of the two QR codes to register or for more information.





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FREE Walking Football Sessions for those affected by Cancer

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GENTLE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: Our session starts with a low-level warm-up, then physical activity to get moving at a comfortable pace.

WHAT IS WALKING FOOTBALL?: Experience an introduction to walking football - a fun, non competitive way to enjoy the sport at a slower pace, whilst still keeping active on our 3G AstroTurf mini soccer pitch.

SOCIAL HUB: After 1 hour gentle session, relax with tea, coffee and conversation in our friendly social hub in our clubhouse

ON-SITE SUPPORT: We have a dedicated cancer rehabilitation exercise practitioner available throughout the session to support you



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Cartoons from Chris.

When you're cooking & the recipe says "chill in the fridge for one hour"

Thank you Chris W



Really Bad Analogies Written by High School Students

1. Her eyes were like two brown circles with big black dots in the center.
2. He was as tall as a 6'3" tree.
3. Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.
4. From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.
5. John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
6. She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.
7. The ballerina rose gracefully en pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.
8. He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame. Maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.
9. Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
10. She grew on him like she was a colony of E. coli and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.
11. The revelation that his marriage of 30 years had disintegrated because of his wife's infidelity came as a rude shock, like a surcharge at a formerly surcharge-free ATM.
12. The lamp just sat there, like an inanimate object.

Here's your quiz, in two parts

1. Which club did Will Carling play for?
2. The Pituitary gland controls the production of what in the body?
3. Who was called the Father of Medicine?
4. Which ancient wall crosses England from Wallsend to Solway?
5. Which musical instrument is a national emblem of Ireland?
6. In which city was the 2005 World Athletics Championship held?
- In the Bible, which King tried to get the baby Jesus put to death?
8. Speaker's Corner is on the corner of what?
9. What name is given to an organism which is both male and female?
10. Sir Alfred Munnings is famous for painting which animals?
1. STASHING is an anagram of which famous battle?
12. Which soap features the unlikely named character, Mercedes McQueen?

1. In which country is Aceh province, scene of the 2004 tsunami?
2. What nationality cop did Sean Connery play in 'The Untouchables'?
3. What name is a combination of 'Instant Camera' and 'Telegram'?
4. Which animal isle is in the River Thames?
5. What is the Eiffel Tower made from?
6. One of the UK's few native evergreens, what is the common name of heder helix?
7. What type of bars joins places of equal atmospheric pressure on a chart?
8. What is Finnish Formula 1 driver Kimi Raikkonen's nickname?
9. Who was the wife of Ferdinand Marcos at the time of his death?
10. Yamoussoukro is the capital city of which African country?
11. Ingvar Kamprad founded which retail chain?
12. Which Canadians speak Inuktitut?

Answers

1. HARLEQUINS 2. HORMONES 3. HIPPOCRATES 4. HADRIAN'S WALL 5. HARP 6. HELSINKI 7. HEROD 8. HYDE PARK 9. HERMAPHRODITE 10. HORSES 11. HASTINGS 12. HOLLYOAKS.
1. INDONESIA 2. IRISH 3. INSTAGRAM 4. ISLE OF DOGS 5. IRON 6. IVY 7. ISOBARS 8. ICEMAN 9. IMELDA MARCOS 10. IVORY COAST 11. IRELAND 12. INUIT (ESKIMOS)

Are you a good guesser?
What are these objects. Answers on the bottom of next page.

This oddly shaped chrome item with what appear to be a set of rubber handles.



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This small, bullet-shaped metal cylinder:



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1. "It's a [handle for a 2-litre bottle](#) to make pouring easier."
2. "This is an [anti-static gun](#) for blowing dust off lenses and negatives."
3. "Fake bullet from a belt; I bought [this one](#) from Hot Topic sometime in 2006-2007 when I was a teenager."

Answers from last page

Things you may not know in Wales

With one of the longest names of any place in the United Kingdom the Welsh village of

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch is



unmistakable, which is exactly what the people who named the community wanted.

The tiny village on the isle of Anglesey is now known as Llanfairpwll (or Llanfair PG for short) has existed in some form or another since the Neolithic Era, but it did not gain its unique name until the 1880s. The

island community was originally known simply as "Llanfairpwll," but thanks to an enterprising local tailor with an ear for the absurd, the name was extended to its current length in order to make the village an attraction.

The name, which is printed on the village's absurdly long train station sign translates from the Welsh as, "**St. Mary's Church in the hollow of white hazel near a rapid whirlpool and the Church of St. Tysilio near the red cave.**" However, even in translation, very few people outside of the long-suffering tourist agents in the village consider the significance of the name.

While the name l

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch is a mouthful, it is no longer the longest place name in the world as the tailor who came up with it had intended.

The longest official place name in the world is

Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu, an 85-letter hill in New Zealand meaning In Māori, it translates to *"the summit where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, the slider, climber of mountains, the land-swallower who travelled about, played his nose flute to his loved one"* recognized by the [Guinness World Records](#)



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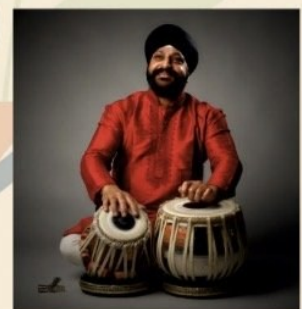


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The hub will provide an integrated set of secondary, community and primary care services (e.g. respiratory, diabetes, podiatry, dietetics, chronic kidney disease, frailty, musculoskeletal services).

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NHS

While construction work is going on ...

Maintaining clinical service delivery as close to Sutton Cottage as possible is a priority, particularly when NHS services are under severe pressure.

To achieve this, we've temporarily moved some of our adult clinics into Portakabins behind Sutton Cottage, in Duke Street.

We will continue to do all we can to minimise disruption around the site. We have rented 19 spaces in South Parade car park for staff to use, to help relieve some of the pressure on parking in Duke Street.

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A disability leisure centre in North Birmingham



We deliver activities at our friendly and secure centre as well as providing tickets for day trips etc. Our centre has two gardens, indoor play space, a sensory room, youth den and a gaming room as well as a changing table and hoist.

Mondays:

Gaming Club 4-6pm
(Monthly, dates advertised online)



Tuesdays:

Home Ed Group 12-2pm
Lego Club 4-6pm



Thursdays:

Pre-School Lil Club 9.30-11am
Disabled Adult Social Session 1-3pm



Fridays:

Story time Home Ed Group 1-3pm
Youth Club (11+) 5-6.45pm (email for waitlist)



Monthly Parent Carer Breakfast Meetups and Coffee Mornings

During the school holidays we run stay and play sessions with different activities which are bookable through our website.



SQUARE PEG Activities

WHERE SQUARE PEGS FIT IN

Registered Charity Number 1185040

www.squarepegactivities.org

info@squarepegactivities.org

Square Peg Activities Limited,
37-39 Gate Lane, B73 5TR

**Thursdays
1-3PM**



SOCIAL SESSION FOR DISABLED ADULTS & CARERS

Activities

- **Chill out den**
- **Laptop area**
- **Air hockey**
- **Hot drinks**
- **Outdoor space**
- **Sensory room**

A safe environment for disabled adults to meet new people and have fun. Session activities are individualised by attendees.

£3 suggested donation

To book please email:

info@squarepegactivities.org



**SQUARE PEG
Activities**

Where square pegs fit in

**37-39 Gate Lane, Boldmere,
Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TR**

Regular activities include:

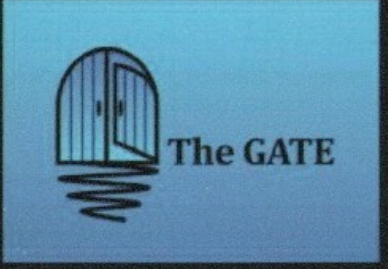
- Pool
- Table Tennis
- Scalextric
- Darts
- PS5
- Get Creative
- Chill & Chat
- Coffee Bar

The GATE

Youth Club

Fridays 7.30-9pm term time starts
7th March 2025
Ages 11-16

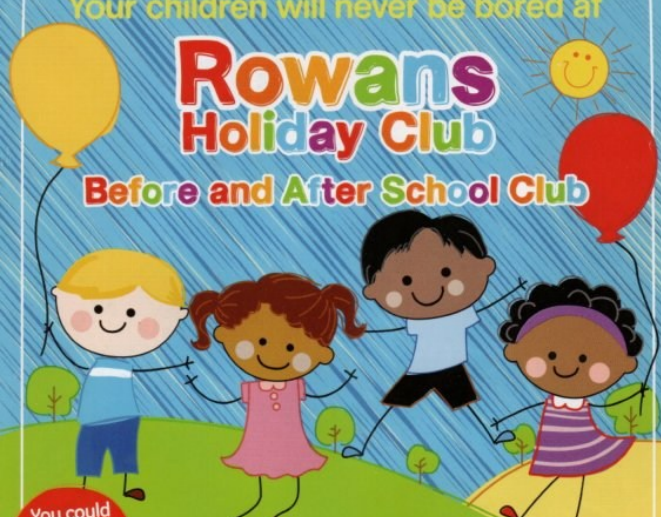
Banners Gate Community Church
 Westwood Road
 Email: bannersgatechurch@gmail.com



Your children will never be bored at

Rowans Holiday Club

Before and After School Club



You could claim up to 70% on tax credit
TSC's apply

Open Monday-Friday during school holidays from 7.30am-6pm
 (Price includes 3 meals a day, snack and drinks)

We also run exciting day trips and outings including

- Conkers activity centre • trips to the seaside
- Sutton park for picnics • Empire cinema
- All staff are qualified, experienced and DBS checked
- Rowans Holiday Club is Ofsted approved for your peace of mind

For more information visit www.rowans-nursery.com
 email rowansnursery@live.co.uk
 telephone Becky Jones or Amy Ganley on 0121 354 4120

Rowans Before and After School Club operates from St Columba Church Hall, Banners Gate Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 6TX (Opposite the Banners Gate entrance to Sutton Park)

Ofsted
strong standards improving lives

"Children are happy and well settled with a flexible routine to pursue their own interests, the environment is bright, welcoming and friendly."

Banners Gate Community Hall

SOUL YOGA



Schedule

Monday
 6pm Yin
 7.30pm Hatha

Tuesday
 6am Rise & Shine

Thursday
 9.30am Hatha

Sunday (1st of month)
 7.30pm Mellow & Yoga Nidra

07963 044364

Friends First

Safe local spaces to make new friends

- ✓ Looking to get out more and meet like-minded people?
- ✓ Feeling bored and not sure how to fill your time?
- ✓ Does it feel like you don't talk to people a lot?

Our Friends First Community Groups are a great way to get out and socialise with other people.



Not feeling confident enough to go out and meet new people?

We can support you to start to build your confidence and social network:

- ✓ Finding local activities that match your interests.
- ✓ Support from a friendly volunteer; from telephone calls to accompanying you to groups and even just going for a walk around your neighbourhood.



If you would like to find out more about our groups for yourself or someone you know, please get in touch:

Call on 0121 362 3650 or email at info@ageconcernbirmingham.org.uk

AGEconcern
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Birmingham
City Council

Under the new Friends First Project, Age Concern Birmingham are now able to offer their Befriending Service across Birmingham city.

On an assessed basis, our Community Reconnectors can provide up to 10 weeks support to individuals who may be isolated/vulnerable or feeling unconfident about accessing/ engaging in the wider community. This project also offers new social experiences/encourages new friendships through our tailored support. Further support is also offered through our new friendship groups situated in Sutton Coldfield and across the city.

Please contact 0121 362 3650 for more information if:

*You are feeling isolated, or would welcome the chance to meet new people in your community.

*Maybe you already run a coffee morning/community group and would like to work with us to widen your reach.

*You would like to increase your social opportunities.



*Sunday Mornings
at St Columba's*

Rev Becky invites you to a warm and welcoming service at 10am

The service lasts about an hour with tea, coffee and a chat in the hall afterwards. All are welcome: everything is explained as we go along and is on a big screen at the front. Come exactly as you are - full of questions, full of faith, full of doubts or completely empty and in need of an hour of peace.

You are welcome.



Slimming World
taste the freedom

FREE membership
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eat out and lose weight!

St Columbas Church hall
Banners Gate Road
Wednesdays 7pm
☎ Karen 07759170289
Or just come along!

Follow us @SlimmingWorldUK
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Slimming World
tasting hearts, changing lives

St Columba's Church Hall

Hall letting for St Columba's Church.

Weekday lettings are available for the large Church Hall which includes a well equipped kitchen.

Entrance to the hall is step free and is suitable for wheel chair access throughout the premises.

Male, Female and disabled toilet facilities

All enquiries to Alison via email please.

st.columbahall@yahoo.com



Coffee Morning

every Friday 10:00 -12:00
St Columba's Church Hall
Banners Gate
(Sutton Park Corner)

Not on Friday 29th December

All welcome for Coffee, Tea, friendly chat, warm space

Church open for anyone who wants a peaceful moment or quiet chat

Classes at St Columba's Church

Monday	Brownies	6 o'clock
Tuesday	Brownies	6 o'clock
Thursday	Rainbows	
Friday	Coffee Morning, see above	
Sunday	Morning Worship	10 o'clock



Hope Food North Birmingham are currently looking for a new base in/around Sutton Coldfield. We need it to store food and prepare food bags. We would need access in the day and evening Monday to Friday. We run 3 food banks weekly in Erdington, Falcon Lodge and Mere Green. If anyone has any premises with vehicle access that they would think would suit us, please get in touch. Thank you.

T: 07869 822502 E: info@hopefood.org.uk

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK PLEASE MAKE A DONATION USING [THIS LINK](https://www.justgiving.com/hopefoodnb):

<https://www.justgiving.com/hopefoodnb>

Hope Food – North Birmingham. A charitable incorporated organisation registered in England. Charity registration number 1195019. Registered office 407 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 5XH

Church@4

a relaxed time for adults and children together

Second Sunday of the month St Columba's Church Hall
from 4pm for about 45 mins

Make things, play games, eat pizza and wonder about God
through activities for adults and children to enjoy together



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St Columba's Banners Gate



stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk



All are welcome - there is no charge for anything.

"Keeping your body active & healthy is the most important thing you can do for yourself. Both physically & mentally, especially as we get older"



At New Oscott Village Gym, we believe that age is just a number, and everyone deserves a fitness haven tailored to their unique needs. Our gym is not just a place to exercise; it's a community where friendly faces encourage and support you.

Tailored Programs for Every Level: Our expert trainer understands the diverse needs of older individuals. We offer personalized fitness programs catering to various fitness levels, ensuring everyone feels comfortable and supported on their wellness journey.

Flexible Membership Options: We understand that everyone has different schedules, preferences, and budgets, so you can choose from our flexible membership options. To make fitness fit seamlessly into your lifestyle, we are open 7 days a week.

Caring and Knowledgeable Staff: We are committed to providing personalized attention and support. Whether you're a fitness enthusiast or just starting, our Fitness Instructor is here to guide you every step of the way.

New Oscott Village Gym

Fosseway Drive, Chester Road, New Oscott, B23 5LD



Contact us for prices
and more information:

Jackie.Taylor@extracare.org.uk



ExtraCare
Charitable Trust



COFFEE MORNING

ARE YOU 50+ AND LOOKING TO SOCIALISE?
JOIN OUR COFFEE MORNING WITH THE COMMUNITY
NAVIGATOR AND EXPLORE LOCAL
SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES!

CONTACT RANJAN HOATH FOR MORE INFORMATION

DATES

8TH AND 22ND JANUARY
5TH AND 19TH FEBRUARY
5TH AND 19TH MARCH
2ND, 16TH AND 30TH APRIL
14TH AND 28TH MAY
11TH AND 25TH JUNE

10AM-12PM

VENUE: OUR PLACE COMMUNITY HUB
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B72 1RN
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MEN WALKING AND TALKING
Est. 2021

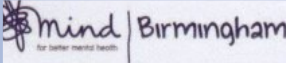
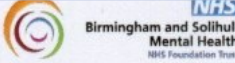


SUTTON COLDFIELD GROUP
MEETING POINT - SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN HALL ENTRANCE
WEDNESDAY'S @7:00PM

**GIVING MEN A SAFE SPACE TO OPEN UP ABOUT THEIR
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER.**

- ✓ **NO NEED TO BOOK AND NO FEE**
- ✓ **NON JUDGEMENTAL, PEER SUPPORT**
- ✓ **PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH**
- ✓ **WEEKLY GROUPS LOCATED AROUND THE COUNTRY**
- ✓ **ONLINE PEER SUPPORT GROUP AVAILABLE**

MENWALKINGANDTALKING.CO.UK

‘Talking Space’

Are You Having a Difficult Time ? We can help with ...

Low Mood Struggling to Cope

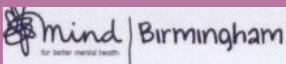
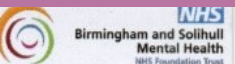
Mental Health Crisis Suicidal Thoughts

Just drop in between 6pm - 11pm (Over 18 only)
Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

In Partnership with

Beechcroft Centre
Rear of 501 Slade Road, Erdington, B23 7JG

Forward Thinking Birmingham 

‘Talking Space’

Are You Having a Difficult Time ? We can help with ...

Low Mood Struggling to Cope

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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

In Partnership with

Handsworth Hub
9 Park Avenue, Hockley, Birmingham B18 5NE

Forward Thinking Birmingham 

 **Sing Me Sunshine is my lovely singing group for all!**

Join me and spend a carefree afternoon of singing, laughter and chat in Sutton Coldfield.



Tuesdays 2 - 3pm | **Thursdays 2 - 3pm**

St Columba's Church hall | **All Saints' Church Centre**
Banners Gate Road/ | **Belwell Lane, Four Oaks,**
Chester Road North | **Sutton Coldfield B74 4TR**
Sutton Coldfield B73 6TX

£5
PER PERSON

If you are looking to do something new, feeling a bit lonely or living with health issues, I'd love you to come along and let Sing Me Sunshine brighten your day.
Make new friends, feel positive and have some fun!
Come on your own, bring a friend, family member or caregiver.

For more information, please contact Helen on
07981 957061 or email helenwilliamsmusic@gmail.com

New Oscott Village **SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER!**

*Special offer for Banners Gate
forum subscribers*

*Get 7 months for the price of 6
or
14 months for the price of 12
Monthly memberships
also available*

Come and have a look around

START TRAINING TODAY



Why Choose Us?

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0121 377 5000

Jackie.Taylor@extracare.org.uk

New Oscott Village, Fosseway Drive, Chester Road, B23 5LD

**SUTTON
COLDFIELD
UNITED
REFORMED
CHURCH**

Sharing the love of God through Worship and Friendship

All Welcome

GROWING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER



CAFÉ OASIS

Our community
café open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday 10.30am
– 2.00pm



So many Activities and Services for you!

- Parish Nurse onsite 3 days per week
- SCURC 'Keep Moving' exercise class
- Badminton
- Occupational Therapy Drop In
- Adult Social Care Drop In
- Diabetes Advice and Support
- Stroke Club
- Boardgames and Wellbeing group
- (Starting in March 2024)
- Indoor Bowling for over 75s
- Meals on Wheels delivery
- Many, many more!

FOOD4U FOODBANK

Every Tuesday from 10.30am, a warm
welcome with free tea and coffee and
lots of advice and support from our
partner organisations
food4u@scurc.org.uk

Telephone or email us at:

0121 355 1217

cafe.oasis@scurc.org.uk

Find out more by visiting us:

Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church, 1 Brassington Avenue, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6AA

Or at our website: www.scurc.org.uk

JOIN THE MEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING GROUP

Fourth Tuesday in the Month **7pm - 9pm**



Safe Space
Welcome "Safe Space" to meet, chat & discuss

Regular Meetings
Meeting regularly to discuss enhancing wellbeing

Men Networking
Networking personally & professionally

Guest Speakers
Specialist Guest Speakers

Physical Activities
Engaging in a variety of fun physical activities

No costs to attend

"Men's Health Is Their Wealth"

Visit our website

Highcroft Community Centre, 485 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham, West Midlands, B23 7JG

07493 397272
info@menshealth-wellbeing.co.uk
www.menshealth-wellbeing.co.uk

Birmingham City Council

Sutton Social

Join us for a chance to socialise with other visually impaired adults!

£2 per session

Every Tuesday
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church
1 Brassington Avenue
Sutton Coldfield
B73 6AA

If you'd like to know more, please contact
Hayley Phillips on **0121 281 5811**
or **0121 393 4849**

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The United Reformed Church

Carers Support Group

SUTTON COLDFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

WE MEET 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY EVERY MONTH 10.30-12.30

2 Course Hot Meal £2

Free Massages

All Welcome

1 Brassington Avenue, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6AA
cafe.oasis@scurc.org.uk



Free monthly activity sessions for people aged 75 and over



Please register in advance by calling 0800 716 543

Activity: Boccia/Indoor bowl
Starting: Monday 11th March
Date: Every second Monday of the month
Time: 10:30am - 12pm
Venue: Oasis United reformed church hub
1 Brassington Avenue Sutton Coldfield B73 6AA

Bringing generations together

Reengage

Re-engage is a registered charity in England and Wales (1146149) and in Scotland (SC039377)
visit www.reengage.org.uk for more information

Please Bring Donations to:

**Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church
Food Bank
1 Brassington Avenue, B73 6AA**



**Urgent!
Food Donations Needed!
Now!**

Our Food Supplies are running out but people still need our help. We urgently need food, especially, all tins; soup, baked beans, tuna; breakfast cereals; long life milk; tea; rice and pasta.



Love cooking? Enjoy hosting?

Want to meet new people?

Join our volunteer team and help us provide hearty, cooked meals and great conversation to people in your community.

Volunteer with FoodCycle!



02077 292 775 | foodcycle.org.uk/volunteer/

We save food that is headed for the bin and turn it into tasty, vegetarian meals for anyone who might be feeling hungry or lonely.



“Everyone is very friendly and I’ve met loads of new people. I love the flexibility that FoodCycle offers. There’s no regular commitment, so it fits around my schedule.”

Whether you want to **collect food** from local shops, get **creative in the kitchen**, or provide a warm **welcome to our guests** - we’ve got the volunteering role for you!

Scan me to find your nearest location and sign up!



Connect with your community
Meet like-minded people
Gain new skills

We are an equal opportunity organisation and welcome volunteers with diverse abilities.

[Foodcycle.org.uk/volunteer/](https://foodcycle.org.uk/volunteer/)
Registered Charity Number 1134423

Location
Falcon Lodge Chapel, 265 Reddicap Heath Road, B75 7ES

When
Monday

Time
1:00 pm

Contact
falconlodge@foodcycle.org.uk

Family Friendly
Yes

Accessibility - Disabled Toilet
Yes

Accessibility - Disabled Parking
Yes

Accessibility - Flat
Yes



Are you interested in Art?

The SCSA was set up over 70 years ago with the primary aim to promote and encourage art in Sutton Coldfield. We hold regular meetings from demonstrations and practical art sessions, to sketching days out in the summer, as well as exhibitions twice a year.

We are always delighted to welcome new artists of all abilities, from beginners to the more experienced and if you are interested in joining us, more information can be found on our website:

www.suttoncoldfieldsocietyofartists.co.uk

www.suttoncoldfieldsocietyofartists.co.uk

 [suttoncoldfieldsocietyartists](https://www.instagram.com/suttoncoldfieldsocietyartists)



If you are of a different bent, you may be interested in the two links below, sent in by John S.

<http://messybeast.com/dragonqueen/real-haynes.htm>

Also, I'm going to assume you've heard this but just in case:

<https://www.airliners.net/forum/viewtopic.php?t=1113747>

Make New Friends Learn New Skills ☕

the
Seasons
Art Class

COME AND
WARM UP
WITH US!



THIS IS THE
**ART
CLASS**

YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

- FUN, EASY, STEP-BY-STEP
- Develop impressive new skills in a warm and friendly atmosphere
- 3 hour sessions, morning or afternoon, for 3½ months
- Learn how to make Art you can give as gifts or sell at craft fairs
- Get Arty and make The Seasons your favourite day of the week!



NEW
COURSE
CONTACT US
TODAY

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO IMPROVERS
WILL LOVE THIS COURSE!



"The comprehensive introduction to a wide range of techniques means everyone can find their medium"
Gerry, Burford Branch



"I recommend the Seasons Art Classes to all my friends!"
Mr. Kazim, Woodford



"Art class is my favourite part of the week."
Sue, Maidenhead



STRICTLY LIMITED PLACES
CALL NOW

0330 122 6145
Sutton Coldfield Cricket
& Hockey Club, B75 7RS

SIP 'N PAINT

Enjoy a free creative painting session with unlimited tea, coffee, and some delicious cakes and biscuits.



Location:
St James Church Centre
59 Mere Green Road
B75 5BW

Every Thursday Morning
At 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

This will be an event held at
the above location every
Thursdays at the same time.




Walfinch
REDEFINING HOME CARE



Sutton Coldfield Photography Club



The friendly club

All visitors and new members welcome at any level of experience.

We have a varied programme of talks, competitions and activities.



We meet on Friday evenings
from September to April at:
South Parade Methodist Centre
Sutton Coldfield B72 1RB



Contact us at
mail@suttonphoto.club

Find us at
www.suttonphoto.club
or scan the Flowcode here

Photos above are by Catherine Nicholls, Steve West, John Cresswell & Malcolm Imhoff

Just in case you missed it, see page 10 for a competition.

Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets

Volunteers needed!

"I have been in cadets for 20 years, everything from a cadet to a volunteer. All the opportunities and life lessons I have gained from being a member of Sutton Coldfield have really helped me in my career. I now enjoy passing on what I have learnt to the new generation of cadets."

Sea Cadet
Adult
Volunteer,
aged 30



Gain new skills and
qualifications.



Develop leadership and
teamwork abilities.



Make a positive impact
on young lives.



admin@suttoncoldfieldseacadets.com



www.sea-cadets.org/suttoncoldfield

Volunteers Needed!



Are you looking to expand your CV, gain experience working with disabled people or just do some good? If so then volunteering with us could be just what you need. All our users, mostly children are disabled or the sibling of a disabled child. Our activities are all play based.



WHAT WE DO :

- We'll provide a DBS check if you don't have one already.
- Safeguarding training provided
- Autism Awareness training provided

SESSIONS:
DAY TIME AND AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS IN TERM TIME AND
ALSO DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Please email a bit about
yourself to:

tyler@squarepegactivities.org

37-39 Gate Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TR



Tyler Shaw (She / Her)

Delivery and Outreach Coordinator

Square Peg Activities is a leisure space for children and adults with disabilities and their families in the West Midlands and surrounding areas.

 tyler@squarepegactivities.org

 0121 824 0508
07782 171 954

 37-39 Gate Lane, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TR

 www.squarepegactivities.org

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<https://birmingham.connecttosupport.org/>



BSWA

UPDATES AT WOMEN'S AID CHARITY SHOP BOLDMERE

Hello

Sutton Coldfield Community!

As the vibrant energy of spring fills the air, we're excited to share a few updates from the BSWA charity shop, nestled in the heart of Boldmere. As usual our dedicated team of volunteers keep the shop bustling with activity, offering an extensive selection of quality items and clothing, with fantastic bargains awaiting discovery. We're proud to be part of the vibrant charity community in Boldmere, with our shop offering an extensive selection of women's and men's clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys and more. Whether you're searching for unique treasures or everyday essentials, you'll find it at our lovely shop.

So what's new?

Earlier in the year we hosted a delightful 'Coffee and Cake Volunteer Morning', where we welcomed guests to learn about our volunteering opportunities while indulging in some delicious treats!

Our Easter celebrations were a great success, with a lucky raffle winner taking home fantastic prizes, including gifts handknitted by BSWA volunteers, as well as a huge chocolate egg! A big thank you to everyone who participated and supported our Easter raffle.

We are also delighted to announce that we are now open on Sundays, even more opportunity for you to shop for a cause!

Supporting Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid, we're dedicated to tackling domestic abuse and empowering survivors in our community. With every purchase and donation, you're contributing to this important cause. Pop in and say hello, and look out for our upcoming events and sale

Women's Aid in Birmingham
Standing together to live free from violence, abuse and



Are you a woman passionate about making a difference in your community? Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the world of charity work, we welcome you to join us. Pop in or reach out to volunteering@bswaid.org to learn more about our volunteering roles. Whether you're donating, volunteering or shopping, your contribution makes a meaningful impact.



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Motability



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OVER £100

LEAP - The Energy and Money Saving Service

**FREE
FOR LOCAL
RESIDENTS**

We are offering local residents a completely **FREE OF CHARGE** service called **LEAP** (Local Energy Advice Partnership). **LEAP** can reduce your energy usage and keep you warm and cosy.

HOW IT WORKS:

If you are eligible, we will book you an appointment with one of our friendly, qualified advisers. LEAP can:

Check your energy bills to ensure you are not paying too much for your energy

Provide FREE, simple energy saving measures which can save the average household £30 on their energy bills a year.

Give you day-to-day energy efficiency hints and tips and ensure your heating system is set up to keep you warm and save money.

Arrange a FREE telephone advice service to help with benefits, debt and other money problems.

Refer you for further funded energy efficiency improvements, such as insulation and efficient heating systems.

Call us now on 0800 060 7567*

(Freephone) to book your appointment, or apply online:

www.applyforleap.org.uk

f LeapService *8:45am-5:30pm Monday to Friday

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for the LEAP service if one of the below apply. If you:

- have a low income
- receive tax credits
- receive Housing Benefit
- receive an income or disability related benefit



LOVE TO PLAY ROLE PLAY SESSION ALL AGES WELCOME



**ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH
BANNERS GATE
WEDNESDAYS
(TERM TIME ONLY)
10.15AM-11.30AM**

**£6.50 PER CHILD
INCLUDES SNACK & DRINK**

**CONTACT BECKY- 07940547492
BECKY@LOVEFORBABIES.CO.UK
LOVEFORBABIES**





Spitfire Advice and Support Services

At

Falcon Lodge Community Hub

Every other Monday

From Monday 13th November 2023

10 onwards

Please contact Lorraine on: 0121 747 5932 or 07939—320—363.

We can help with Benefits, Debts, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support and Benefit Tribunal Representation



REFLEXOLOGY FOOT MASSAGE

"We are living in uncomfortable, crazy times"

*The most productive thing you can do is
"RELAX"*

Switch off for a while - Feel good and reconnect

Benefits include:

- Improved sleep
- Elevated energy levels
- Immune system boost
- Decreased tension
- Deep relaxation
- Improved circulation



Be kind to yourself
or someone you love

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Surgeon, Arborist, Landscaper

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duncan.mooney@yahoo.co.uk



Trees are alive



Phone Scams

Do you know that nearly a third of all fraud is committed over the telephone?

Criminals are experts at impersonating people or organisations (like banks, the tax office or even the police).

They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. **Stop and think.** It could protect you and your money.

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud here: [Action Fraud](#)

For more information please click on the link below or see the attached Phone Scams Booklet

[45788196-0bc9-42a4-87cc-371f2710914e.pdf](#)
([neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](#))

Attachments

[Phone Scams Booklet - Final.pdf](#)



Message Sent By

Stefanie Sadler

(West Midlands Police, Engagement & Consultation Officer, Birmingham Partnerships)



**West
Midlands
POLICE**

Action on ASB - Have your say on antisocial behaviour in your community

We're launching a new survey in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to capture your thoughts and concerns about antisocial behaviour in your community.

We've developed a plan to reduce antisocial behaviour for 2026 onwards, and your views are central to helping this plan continue to grow and work effectively for our communities.

The survey will give you the opportunity to share your experiences and ideas to help ensure the plan reflects the needs of our community, and how well police are delivering a service for you.

Antisocial behaviour can have a real impact on how safe people feel where they live. By taking part in the survey, you can help West Midlands Police identify what matters most in your area and where action should be focused.

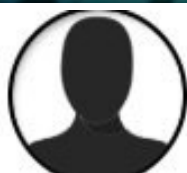
The survey will be open throughout February, and

Feedback from the survey will directly inform the approach taken by West Midlands Police and partners to reduce and prevent antisocial behaviour moving forward.

To have your say, complete the survey before 28 February:



[Please click here to complete the survey](#)



Message Sent By

West Midlands Police, Corporate Communications



Protect yourself from courier fraud

Criminals are targeting people by posing as police officers and banks to steal life savings and we need your help to stop them.

Courier fraud relies entirely on fear and urgency. A caller will claim to be a police officer or a bank official and tell you that your account is at risk or that your identity has been stolen. They might ask for your bank card PIN, tell you to withdraw or transfer large sums of money, or even pressure you into buying luxury items like gold, jewellery, or high-end electronics.

They often claim this is part of a secret investigation to catch a corrupt bank employee. Once you have the money or goods, they send a courier to your door to collect them.

It is important to remember that the police or your bank will never ask for your PIN, tell you to withdraw or transfer money, or send someone to your home to collect money or valuables. They will also never ask you to move your savings into a so-called safe account.

If you receive a call like this, the best thing you can do is hang up immediately.

If you have already been targeted by this scam, please know that this is not your fault. These fraudsters are professional manipulators who are trained to deceive.

Support is available for you and reporting the incident is the most effective way to help us catch those responsible. If a courier is on the way or already at your door, call 999 immediately as this is a crime in progress.

Please share this warning with your loved ones and keep a close eye on elderly family members or neighbours who may be more vulnerable to these tactics.

[Watch](#) how fraudsters operate: Stay wise, don't compromise.



Message Sent By

Georgia Patterson

(West Midlands Police, Communications Officer, West Midlands)

SUTTON PARK GRANGE
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SUTTON COLDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK SCHEME

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Please sign up to the mailing list by emailing **nns@ageconcernbirmingham.org.uk** to receive updates on newly supported projects, asset news and training opportunities.

To discover everything you need to know about the Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme as a whole, you can also read our **NNS Handbook** at
<https://www.calameo.com/read/00067546760ea7e9396a0>

What's On at Streetly Community Library Autumn 2025

1st Wednesday of each month 11-12 Adult Reading Group

2nd Wednesday of each month 10.30-12 Poetry Group

3rd Tuesday of each month 11-12 Crime Club Reading Group

3rd Wednesday of each month 10-12 Knit, Stitch and Chat

Every Wednesday 10-12 Knit, Stitch & Chat Extra—*drop in with your current project or just enjoy some company*

Every Friday during term time 10.30-11 Story & Rhyme Time

Every Friday 10-11.30 Reading Friends Social Group—*join us for a cuppa and a chat*

Every Saturday 1-3 Board Games Afternoon—*something for all, drop in and play*

3rd Saturday of each month 9.30-11.30 and other Saturdays 11-1 Local Councillors' Surgery—*no appointment needed*

3rd Tuesday of each month 2-4 Resilient Communities Advice Surgery for Voluntary & Community Organisations - *no appointment needed*

CV and job search help from Walsall Works - *various dates available, please ask at the counter to book an appointment*

Tuesdays 30th September, 14th & 28th October 9.30-1 Citizens' Advice Bus on Library Car Park—*no appointment needed*

Tuesdays 30th September, 14th & 28th October 10-12 Chess Club for Adults

Saturdays 18th October, 1st, 15th & 29th November 2.30-3 Saturday Story Time

Saturday 27th September 10-12 Mental Health drop-in—*no appointment needed*

Saturday 27th September 11-12.30 Lego Fun

Saturday 18th October 10-12 Mental Health Drop-in - *no appointment needed*

Saturday 25th October 11-12.30 Lego Fun

Saturday 8th November 10.30-11.20 & 11.30-12.20 Story Tent Workshops for children aged 3-7—*free event, online booking essential*

Blackwood Road, Streetly, B74 3PL 01922 654864 streetlylibrary@walsall.gov.uk

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Employability and Digital Skills Programme

We provide an effective programme of support offering specialist advice to help you find a job and develop useful career skills, taking place at our centres in Aston and Kingstanding.

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Are you unemployed and looking for work?
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- Employability skills workshops
- Job search support
- CVs, cover letters & job applications
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- Computer skills & internet search techniques
- Resources & ongoing support

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**Birmingham Settlement
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Birmingham,
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DROP-IN TO KINGSTANDING LIBRARY FOR HELP AND ADVICE



OPEN ALTERNATE TUESDAYS
(from 18 April 2023)
10.15AM – 12.30PM



If you need help and support with any issues, such as benefits, housing, debt, isolation, etc., a Community Network Support Officer will be available to provide information and signposting.

If your family is struggling financially and you would like some help with a food parcel, this can also be arranged.

OR CONTACT ELIZABETH: 07597 012 598

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Wednesday 11am - 1pm



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- Take part in activities at the 610 Community Centre

Borrow items, share ideas, skills and more at your local Share Shack - for free!



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See next page

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ONLINE FORMS:

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information; contact Aisha or Anika on;
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Birmingham
City Council



HelpinBrum

Find Help In Brum Are you concerned about the rise in cost of living?

Find some helpful contact details for advice and support.

Birmingham City Council and partners are working to support and offer guidance to our residents during the cost of living crisis in the UK.

We want to support as many of our residents as possible across key areas which are outlined in this leaflet.

Warm Welcome:

We are working with the local community and a partnership of voluntary and community sector organisations to expand a network of warm spaces. These spaces will be available for people to use and visit during the winter period and beyond.

There are several existing Warm Welcome Spaces within local communities across the city. Warm Welcome Spaces are:

- inclusive and non-judgmental
- heated and free to access

The services at each space will vary but may include:

- information on further support and available guidance
- opportunities to participate in activities and learn new things
- free internet access, computers and charging points
- a friendly environment to connect with others within the community

You can find details of our current Birmingham Warm Welcome Spaces at

www.birmingham.gov.uk/warmwelcome

Keeping checking back online as more spaces will be launched weekly.

Benefits and Money Advice:

During the cost of living crisis, it is also important to ensure you have access to the right benefits and money advice for you. There are several information portals below which can help.

To find out what benefits you are entitled to, it is best to use the Benefits Calculator provided by the Government. Find out more by using this link www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support

Birmingham City Council has also developed several support factsheets which provide useful information on a range of debt related issues. You can view and download Information on www.birmingham.gov.uk/debtadviceteam

If you are struggling with debt and need advice and support you can also visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum which can help direct you to the right information.

There are also other services who offer free and confidential advice:

- The Project - Benefit, debt and housing advice
0121 453 0606 | www.theprojectbirmingham.org
- Citizens Advice Birmingham - Advice on benefits, debt, housing and more
0344 477 1010 | www.bcabs.org.uk
- Disability Resource Centre - Advice and advocacy services for disabled people
03030 402 040 | www.disability.co.uk

Energy Efficiency:

As energy costs rise we are committed to reducing energy bills and helping everyone to keep warm as we head into the winter months.

There are several schemes already available for residents, with full information and guidance available at

www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyhelp

There has been a significant rise in energy scams linked to the cost of living crisis.

There is some helpful support on the Birmingham City Council website to avoid these scams.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyscam

Food Support:

The cost of living crisis has made it much more difficult for many people to afford food. If this is something you are experiencing, there are several information points below which can help.

Foodbanks:

We know that accessing a foodbank or other projects for the first time can be daunting. However, the volunteers do their utmost to make visitors feel welcome.

With one visitor saying "It was just a small personal touch that made you feel welcome and on the occasions where I was on a tiny budget, it also felt like somebody did care that times were tough."

To find a foodbank or other food support please visit

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/foodhelp>

Healthy Start card

If you are 10 weeks pregnant or more, have a child under four years old, or you or your family get certain benefits, you may be able to qualify for a Healthy Start card.

The card has money on it to be used in shops to buy: plain liquid cow's milk; fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables; fresh, dried, and tinned pulses; and infant formula milk based on cow's milk. You can also get free vitamins.

To find out more and way to apply visit

www.birmingham.gov.uk/healthystart

Free School Meals

You can also check if your child can get free school meals, visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-meals to see if you are eligible. (This will also automatically register you for the Holidays, Activities and Food Programme.)

More Information Available

Even more information is available on the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum which can guide you to various organisations depending on the help you may require. Alternatively, phone 0121 303 9944 and one of our customer service team will be able to help you.

Other Support Available

There is also a lot of support at a local and national level. Here are some key contacts if you need information or guidance:

Age UK Birmingham

Information, advice and helpline services for older people (50+), their families and carers
0121 437 0479 | www.ageuk.org.uk/birmingham

Birmingham Mind

Providing advice, information and signposting for people affected by mental health issues
0121 262 3555 | www.birminghammind.org

Moneyhelper

Advice to help improve your finances
0800 138 7777 | www.moneyhelper.org.uk

Stop Loan Sharks

Investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders and provides support for borrowers
0300 555 2222 | www.stoploansharks.co.uk

Turn2Us

Information and financial support
0808 802 2000 | www.turn2us.org.uk

Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid

Support for women and children affected by domestic violence and abuse
0800 800 0028 | www.bswaid.org

Shelter

Housing advice 0808 800 4444 | england.shelter.org.uk

The Active Wellbeing Society

Listen and Connect support people to feel heard, connect with others, be active, live well and access information
0121 728 7030 | www.theaws.co.uk/listen-connect

The Refugee and Migrant Centre

Advice on immigration, housing & destitution, welfare & health, employment & education, resettlement and citizenship
0121 374 0140 | www.rmcentre.org.uk

Spitfire Services

Advice on money, benefits, housing and employment issues
0121 747 5932 | www.spitfireservices.org.uk

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English Bridge Union, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury HP19 8AZ - 01296 317200

email: playbridge@ebu.co.uk

www.ebu.co.uk/playbridge



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- Teething
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- Understanding threshold





Classes available now in
Sutton Coldfield - Saturday afternoon





TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT
ERICA

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Check out the QR Code for further details and reviews



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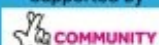


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Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support. Use the QR code to access our **Early Connect Form**. Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.

No longer available due to funding change



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If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Danielle & Louise danielle.louise@ourplacesupport.org

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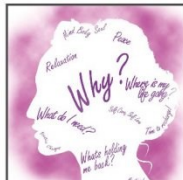
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with Tina Mistry

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Have you set aside some time to be still, to reflect on your life and its direction?

Are you looking to make positive changes to your life but don't know how?

Are you struggling to find a meaning or purpose to your life?

Are you struggling with feeling stuck and unable to move forward?

Do you need guidance to a problem you are facing?

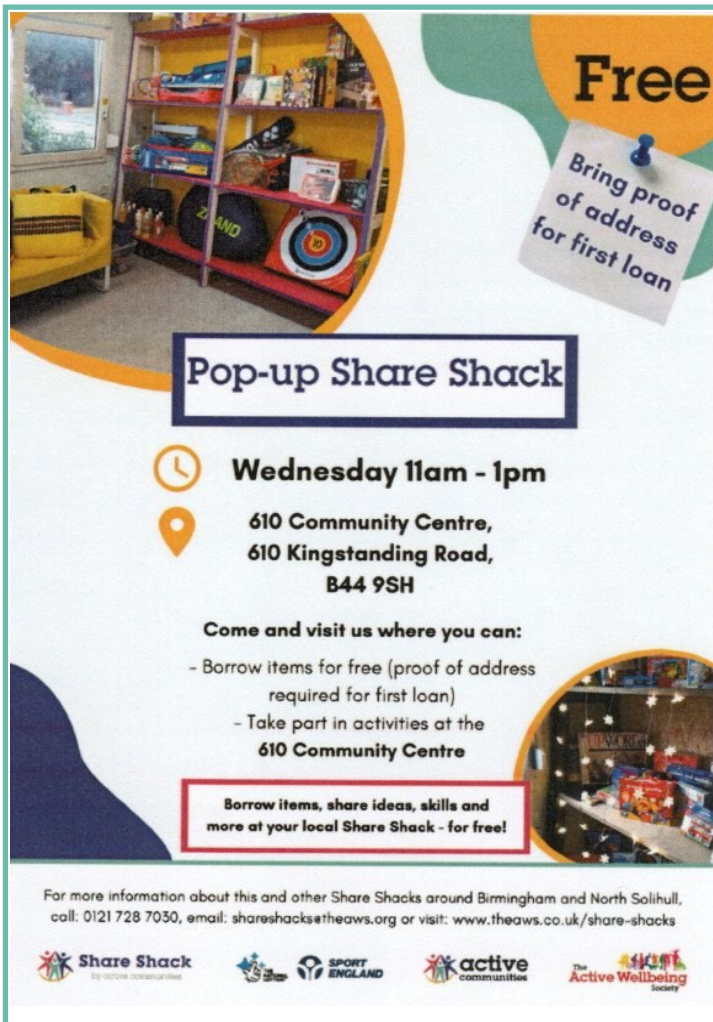
Would you like help to identify and set life goals?

If these questions resonate with how you are feeling, Heal and Transform can offer you a number of services to help support and guide you to reach your goals.

Heal and Transform is a place where the focus is on you and what you need. It's your time to focus on making positive changes in your life. Whether you are stressed or just looking to recharge, Heal & Transform can help.

To find out more please get in touch.

Telephone: 07773845454
Email: healandtransform@yahoo.com
Website: www.healandtransform.co.uk



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Blackbird? Robin? Starling? July's confusing juveniles solved!

Seen a young bird? Not sure what it is or whether you need to help? Our Wildlife Expert, India James, is answering this month's most asked questions.

[Your July questions](#)

Juvenile Robin, Starling and Blackbird

Have you seen an unusual bird in your garden? Bird identification can be a little tricky as this season's chicks develop their plumage.

In Ask an Expert, India James answers your questions on juvenile birds, providing an ID guide to three of the most commonly confused species. We also look at how to help nesting Swallows and House Martins, and what you should do if you find a baby bird.

We're delighted to celebrate the expansion of RSPB Gwenffrwd-Dinas nature reserve – thanks to the generosity of many supporters. Read on to hear about how this magical place will deliver for Pied Flycatchers, Pine Martens and many more.

Sadly, we're also reporting on the devastating wildfires affecting parts of the UK. With some areas still at risk, please follow [our guidance](#) to help prevent fires.



Thank you.
Siân Duncan
Notes on Nature editor

Which?

Scam Alerts

These are the most convincing scams

Fraudsters are constantly evolving their tactics, and even scam-savvy people can be tricked by a particularly convincing scheme.

Our fraud experts, Chiara Cavaglieri and Faye Lipson, have shared the five most convincing scams circulating this year so far. [Find out what they are and how to stay safe.](#)

How to tell if a website is safe

Scam websites have become harder to spot, with professional-looking designs intended to gain your confidence and convince you to enter your personal and financial information.

The good news is you don't need specialist software or expert knowledge to see the warning signs. Our experts have found [a couple of quick ways to check whether a website is safe or dangerous.](#)

For tailored 1-2-1 tech help from our team, including advice on security and scams, you can join Which? Tech Support. Our friendly experts are there to chat on the phone or by email as often as you need. [Find out more about the support on offer.](#)

Sneaky emails leading to suspicious websites

It's not only the dodgy websites you need to watch out for, it's the sneaky messages that convince you to click. Here, we reveal one of the tactics fraudsters use.

It involves special offer emails using well-known brands, including Boots, B&Q and the AA. We've highlighted a few examples of these emails and given [tips to help you spot them in your inbox.](#)

Which?

Our latest scam warnings

Our dedicated team of fraud experts are always on the lookout for scams targeting people across the UK.

Recent tactics to be aware of include a fake Daily Mail website, a dodgy message circulating on WhatsApp and fraudsters posing as Which? on social media. [Check out the full list](#), based on your reports to our Which? Scam Action Alerts Facebook community and scam sharer tool.

5 signs of a romance scam

Report Fraud received 12,093 reports of dating scams in the past 13 months, with losses totalling £119.6m. This type of fraud, where scammers aim to trick people into fake relationships, can have a huge emotional and financial impact.

[Our experts have laid out five signs of a romance scammer](#), including how to spot stolen images online and the tactics these fraudsters use to build a connection with potential victims.

How to avoid AI scams

An AI scam uses artificial intelligence to trick you into parting with your money. Deepfake videos, where a person has been digitally altered to appear as a different person, and AI-generated text are just two ways this technology can be used by fraudsters.

Essentially, AI makes scams more convincing and harder to spot, [so make sure you're familiar with these new methods and stay one step ahead of the scammers](#)

Scam sharer tool

There's an easy way to make us aware of scams directly with our [scam sharer tool](#). Tell us your experiences of phishing emails, fake texts, cold calls and other types of fraud.



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Sunday running club

A RUN CLUB LIKE NO OTHER



Sunday running club was started in January 2022 with a few friends running to get fit for football. In June they started a 5am run and ever since the numbers of the club has just got bigger and bigger. We now have over 200 active members.

The run club is totally free of charge offering social events and weekly coffee mornings. We are more than just your normal run club. We do not care about times, we do not care about how fast you run, we just want to help you along your fitness journey.

With over 200 active members you will never run alone because our members are lovely and caring. Sunday running club is open to all abilities we hope you join us soon.

Best wishes,

Grant & Natasha

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An OT is a person who listens to what you want to achieve and empowers you to reach your goals. OTs work with people across all age groups to do the things they want to do and need to do in their lives.

An OT will ask you how you are managing your daily tasks and will work with you to be as independent as you can be.

This could mean giving you tips on how to make tasks easier or giving you equipment or adaptations around your home.



What is the Learning Disabilities Enablement Team ?

We are a team of enthusiastic people who teach daily living skills to people with a learning disability aged over 17 plus in their own homes and outside, we provide a weekly service, to visit you at home and work on tasks you need and want to do. Our team is made up of occupational therapists (OT), enablement assistants and enablement officers.



Your visiting OTs

Please contact:

ASC 0121 303 1234

CSAdultSocialCare@birmingham.gov.uk

Ask for Learning Disabilities Enablement team



Learning Disabilities Enablement Service



Empowering you to live your life to its fullest by supporting your health and wellbeing.

Your journey with the Learning Disabilities Enablement Team:



Our team is made up of occupational therapists (OT), enablement assistants and enablement officers.

An OT will:

- Contact you and arrange to meet you to talk to you about what you want/need to do more independently at home or when outside in your local community
- Talk to you about how you can work together to achieve your goals
- Design a step by step plan with you to achieve your goals
- See if you need equipment or home adaptations to make you safe
- and any further support you may need

The enablement team will:

- Introduce you to a weekly enablement assistant, who is the same person each week who will work with you on your goals for up to 6 months
- Each week your enablement assistant will visit you at home normally at the same time and day, to work on your goals using your step by step

Some examples of the goals we work on:



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Money management/ budgeting



Personal care/ Dressing yourself



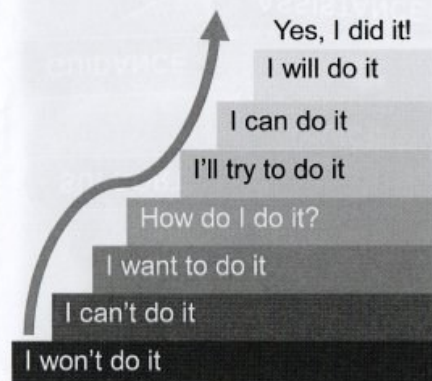
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<https://scu3a.org.uk/>



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Why not contact:

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 we meet the third Tuesday of the month
 at the United Reformed Church Centre,
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For more information go to: www.scu3a.org.uk



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- Develop your camera skills?
- Attend Social events?
- Learn about editing software?

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Sutton Coldfield Photography Club



The friendly club

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South Parade Methodist Centre

Sutton Coldfield B72 1RB



Contact us at

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Find us at

www.suttonphoto.club

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By car: the church centre is approached from Upper Holland Road (Plantsbrook School) and using postcode B72 1RB in SatNavs. There is parking (incl. disabled spaces) around church.

By bus or by train: it is just a short walk across the ring road, from the town centre.

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Further details: Chris Reeves tel. 0121 354 6264 - or see our Facebook.

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All designs raffled at end of afternoon - we'd be delighted if you could join us.

Who would have thought you could make a container for flowers out of an old cardboard box and a metal ring and a lot of gluing.

Great afternoon, but a lot more time needed and not so much chatting.



By popular demand -
Christmas Wreath Workshop
Saturday 12th December at
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12.30 - 2.30 pm - £40
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Monday
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7.30pm Hatha

Tuesday
6am Rise & Shine

Thursday
9.30am Hatha

Sunday (1st of month)
7.30pm Mellow & Yoga Nidra

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listenandconnect@theaws.org
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www.rmcentre.org.uk

About this leaflet

This leaflet is based on learning from Scotland's A Menu for Change project and has been developed with support from the organisations below. You can access the 'Worrying About Money?' leaflets online at www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets. The information on this leaflet was last updated on 06/12/21.

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Worrying about money?

Support is available in Birmingham



Three steps to find options and places to get help

Step 1: What's the problem?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job or reduced hours
- Money stopped
- Lost money
- Unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Sanctioned (see option: 5)

See options 1 2 6

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food, fuel, and mobile credit
- Low income
- Zero hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance

See option 1 2

I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax
- Gas and electricity
- Payday loans
- Owe friends or family
- Benefit repayments

See option 3

I am waiting on a benefit payment or advance

- New claim for benefit
- Payment delayed
- Waiting for decision

See options 1 4

Step 2: What are some options?

1 Council Support Schemes

People on low incomes may be eligible for **Housing Benefit**, **Council Tax Support** and **Discretionary Housing Payment** from the council. This will depend on your current circumstances. You may also be eligible for a **Council Tax Discretionary Hardship Payment**, **Crisis Grant** or **Community Support Grant** Payment.

Find out more at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/benefits

2 Maximise Your Income

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an advisor for free and confidential advice. A benefit check can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help you find cheaper deals on things like gas and electricity and make sure you're not missing out on things like school clothing grants or free school meals.

3 Debt Advice

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

4 Benefit Advance

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food. It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

5 Hardship Payment

If you have been sanctioned, you may be able to request a hardship payment from the Jobcentre. Hardship payments are not always paid immediately, and they're not available to everyone. Hardship payments of Universal Credit need to be paid back (a loan), but hardship payments of Job Seekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance do not (not a loan).

6 Challenge a Decision

You can challenge a benefit decision if your benefit has been stopped / sanctioned / reduced / refused or you have been overpaid. Most benefit decisions need to be challenged within one month.

Step 3: Where can I get help? Each of these services offer free and confidential advice

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Advice Service
Advice on benefits, debt, housing and other money-related issues
0121 216 3030

Help with options: 1 2 3 6

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enquiries@bcabs.cabnet.org.uk
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Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

THE PROJECT

Benefit, debt and housing advice
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www.theprojectbirmingham.org

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT

(West Birmingham) Advice service on benefits, debt and managing your money
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money.advice@bsettlement.org.uk
www.birminghamsettlement.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

SPITFIRE SERVICES

Advice on money, benefit, housing and employment issues
0121 747 5932 | info@castlevalle.org.uk
www.spitfireservices.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

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Advice and representation to challenge a benefit decision, housing entitlement, and access to services incl. social care support
0121 227 6540
enquiries@centrallenglandlc.org.uk
www.centrallenglandlc.org.uk

Help with options: 6

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Advice and advocacy services for disabled people
03030 402 040 | drc@disability.co.uk
www.disability.co.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 6

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Free, nationwide debt counselling service for people in financial difficulty
0800 328 0006
www.capuk.org

Help with options: 3

WARMER HOMES WEST MIDLANDS

Personalised energy advice service to households struggling to heat their home
0808 196 8298 (option 1)
www.warmerhomesWM.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 4 6

Other Support

Stop Loan Sharks
Investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders and provides support for borrowers
0300 555 2222 | www.stoploansharks.co.uk
reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.co.uk

Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP)
Energy and money saving service
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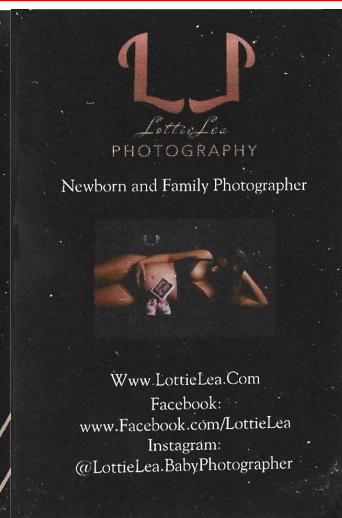
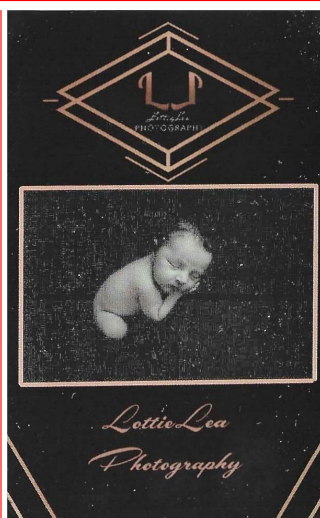
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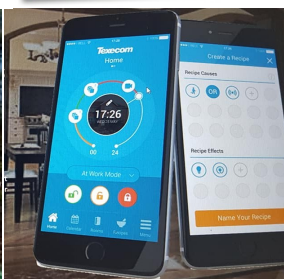


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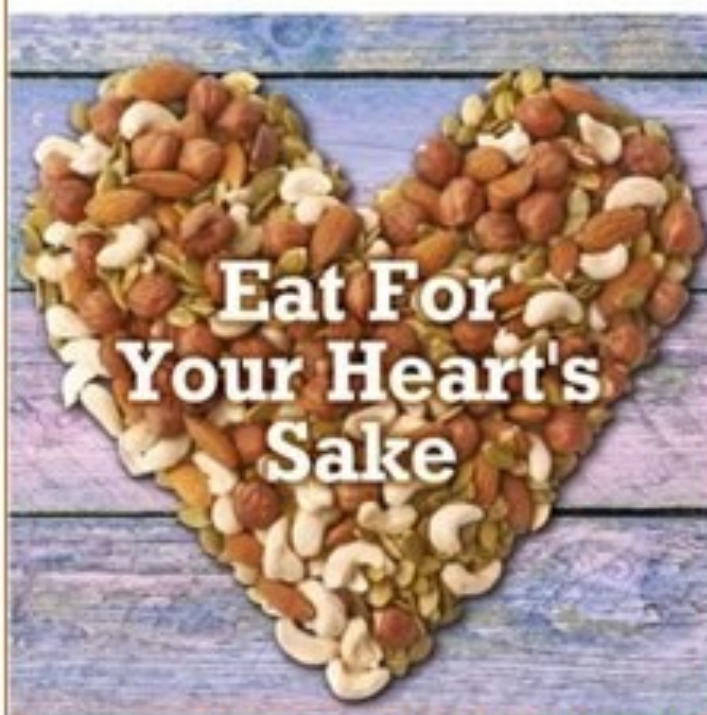
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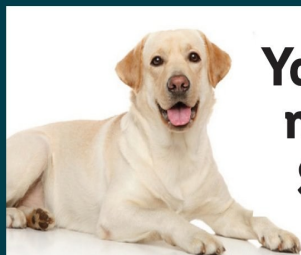
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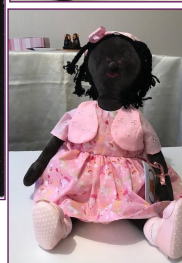
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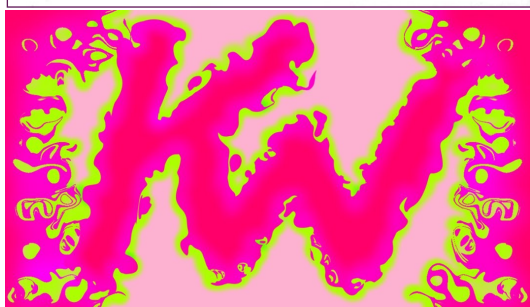
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The Scout Hut - Coppice View Road - Sutton Coldfield - B73 6UE.

Tai Chi Class

Every Tuesday morning at 11.45 to 12.45.

The cost is £5 per person. Everyone is welcome and all abilities are catered for in a relaxing and enjoyable environment.

If anyone needs further details, please contact me on

01543 480151



Banners Gate Community Association

Our Community Hall in Sutton Coldfield
is the perfect venue for your club, regular class,
meeting and much more!

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Welcome to Banners Gate Community Hall & Association

Run by a team of volunteers and situated in Sutton Coldfield, Banners Gate Community Hall is the perfect venue for your club or regular class. Our room hire rates are very reasonable and come with refreshment making facilities. The Hall has the capacity to hold up to 70 people, it is level throughout with a wheelchair accessible toilet and all of our facilities are fully insured and risk assessed.

If you are looking for a venue, simply telephone our [Bookings](#) Secretary on 0751 318 4845.

There's always lots going on at Banners Gate Community Hall. Newcomers are always very welcome! We cater for all needs no matter what your background, including young people, senior citizens, mother and baby. The hall is situated on the junction of Reay Nadin Drive and Coppice View Road (B73 6UR). On street parking is available.

As a community hall we are trying to create activities for the benefit of the community so if you have any ideas in that direction, please get in touch and share those ideas with us—no obligation.

If you need any information please message on 07964 213 229

Banners Gate Community Hall - Coffee Mornings, third Tuesday of the month
The next is on 20th October- at 10.00 to noon, please note new times.

c	ACTIVITY	VENUE	CONTACT	TEL.
Sun (last) 10.30 – 2.30 pm 10.00 am 10.30 am (fortnightly) 11.00 am	Create at Gate with K & S Family Communion Sunday Gathering Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall St. Columba's Banners Gate CC Scout Hall	Kathy Weston Nigel Willis Paul Murphy 07837	628 6651 354 5873 353 0230 39 57 89
	Sign Language Classes Chair Yoga Karate Line Dancing	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Shakila Kosar 07825 Nikki 07411 Diane Pursall	255042 157251 747 4659
Tues 3rd Tues 10.00 - 12.00pm 11.45am - 12.45pm 6.30 – 9.00 7.45 pm	Coffee Morning 3rd Tuesdays Tai Chi Line Dancing Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall Scout Hut Community Hall St. Columba's	Gary & Karen Neil Rankine 07721 Diane Pursall Paul Murphy 07837	67 09 13 747 4659 39 57 89
Wed 9.30, 11.00 & 12 10.30 - 12.00 7.00 pm	Baby Sensory Guide Dog Training SlimmingWorld	Banners Gate CC Community Hall St Columba's	Tracy Jones 0775 Madge Nightingale Karen 07759	82 56 22 360 0286 17 02 89
Thurs 10.00—11.00 am 7.30 on last Thursday 6.30 – 9.45 pm (3rd of each month) 7.00 pm	Yoga Neighbourhood Forum Zig Zag Dance Studio Townswomen's Guild	Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's Banners Gate CC	Tricia 07954 Tony Willis Warren 01902 Janice Jones 07955	40 39 43 605 4947 897 900 65 59 10
Fri 5.00—6.30pm	Sign Language Classes	Community Hall	Shakila Kosar 07825	25 50 42
Saturday				

Useful telephone numbers

Sutton and Kingstanding

Police: 101

Good Hope: 424 2000

Outpatients: 424 2000

NHS Health helpline:

Call 111 it's 24/7

Citizens Advice

03444 111 444

BANNERS GATE COUNSELLING CENTRE

Accessible and Affordable
Counselling to Adults in the
Community. The Upper Room
St. Michael's House
198 Boldmere Road
Sutton Coldfield
Tel : 0121 354 6544
For information or an
appointment please ring after
10 a.m. daily, except
Wednesday

**Banners Gate
Community hall
Coffee Mornings
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until noon, please
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BOOKING SECRETARIES:

Community Hall mobile: 075 65 54 68 21
Banners Gate CC - Steve Smith 07835 865983
St. Columba's - Alison Jolley
st.columbahall@yahoo.com
Scout Hall - secretary@33rdsuttoncoldfield.org.uk

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS:

Scouts: Dawn Hill 33rd Group Lead
Volunteer dawn@33rdsuttoncoldfield.org.uk
Girlguiding: Carol Gardner, Vesey West
District Commissioner 350 7191

Banners Gate Ladies Circle

This is the name of the previously named
Townswomen's Guild. Contact details,
meeting days and times remain the same.
Hopefully next month will let you know how
we will be going forward as our new group.

Thurs. 15th October - Quiz Night
Thurs. 19th November - Ghost Stories

Our vibrant Guild meets on the 3rd
Thursday of the month, 7.00 - 10.00 in the
Westwood Hall, **Banners Gate Community
Church.** Janice Jones 07955 65 59 10

Banners Gate Community Church

Westwood Road. B73 6UH

We meet **weekly** on Sunday mornings from
10.30am for fellowship, worship, prayer
and learning together in an informal setting,
with other gatherings throughout the week.

To find out more visit our website at

www.bannersgatechurch.com.

St Columba's Church

Coffee Morning

**Every Friday of
the month**

9.30 - Noon

All Welcome

33rd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group

Monday Scouts 19:00 - 21:00 Aged 10½ - 14
Years

Tuesday Beavers 17:30 - 18:30 Aged 6 - 8 Years

Tuesday Cubs 19:00 - 20:30 Aged 8 - 10½ Years

Wednesday Explorers 19:00 - 21:00 Aged 14 -
18 Years

Thursday Beavers 17:30 - 18:30 Aged 6 - 8 Years

Thursday Cubs 19:00 - 20:30 Aged 8 - 10½
Years

Friday Scouts 19:00 - 21:00 Aged 10½ - 14 Years

Saturday Squirrels 09:30 - 10:30 Aged 4 - 6
Years

H.Q. [34 Coppice View Road B73 6UE](http://34CoppiceViewRoadB736UE) Contact :- enquiries@33rdsuttoncoldfield.org.uk



Girlguiding gives girls and young women a voice.....has done so for 100 years.....be part of the next 100

Could you spare 1½ hours a week to help with the St Columba's Guide unit? Gain real satisfaction in volunteering and helping to ensure girls in Banners Gate aged 10 – 14 can continue to enjoy games, projects, badges and outings at Guides.

There are also places available in both Brownie units in September for girls aged 7 or 8.

For more information contact Carol Gardner on 350 7191.

Day/Time	Activity	Venue	Contact	Tel
Mon 6.00 - 7.30pm	39th Brownies	St Columba's Hall		354 5873
Tues 6.00 - 7.30pm	45th Brownies	St Columba's Hall	Carol Gardner	350 7191
Thurs 5.00 - 6.00pm	39th Rainbows	St Columba's Hall		354 5873