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Community safety



CVCH teams continue to support West Midlands Police in identifying and evidencing criminal activity. For example on Thursday 15th November 2018 CVCH CCTV alerted Police to suspicious activity that was taking place on Farnborough Road, Castle Vale, at around 2.30pm.

Due to the quick response of CVCH CCTV and West Midlands Police, on the 16th November, two Castle Vale residents and a further two perpetrators from outside of Castle Vale were charged with a number of offences. The perpetrators altogether were charged with conspiracy to possess a sawn-off shotgun, possession of a bladed article, possession of cocaine with intent to supply and cannabis production. Great partnership working within Castle Vale has meant that some serious offenders have been taken off the streets along with dangerous weapons and drugs.

These arrests more than likely prevented a further serious incident and we thank all those involved in the arrest for making this happen and making Castle Vale that little bit safer. If you suspect any suspicious behaviour please ensure you contact the Police on **101** and CVCH CCTV team on **0121 776 8880**.



THE SERGEANT SPEAKS



Hello Castle Vale residents,

I joined the Tyburn Neighbourhood Team in July from the Metropolitan Police in London, where I spent 9 years as a PC and a Sergeant. I am from Birmingham and know the Tyburn area well. I'm pleased to have this role as the Tyburn Neighbourhood Team Sergeant and I hope that we can work towards making the area a safer place for you to work and live.

I would like to reassure all residents that, despite what you may hear/read on social media or the newspapers, there is no evidence to suggest that Castle Vale is returning to 'how it used to be'. There have been some relatively high profile crimes that have received some media attention, but in the grand scheme of things, and in relation to the rest of Birmingham, Castle Vale is a safe place.

Please remember to always call 999 in an emergency.

Thank you. *Sgt Richard Edkins*



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KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE YOU LIVE & WORK

Our communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. We are constantly working to improve the flow of information between WMP and the people living and working across the West Midlands in order to make a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour.

If you live, work or have an interest in the West Midlands, please register now to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to you. Just click on the JOIN button on the front page to sign up.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but will also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events and meetings in your area. www.wmnow.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR REPORTING CRIMES OR INCIDENTS - TO REPORT THESE PLEASE CONTACT WEST MIDLANDS POLICE ON 101 OR 999 IF AN EMERGENCY.

christmas at Tiggy's



At nursery we never buy playdough premade as it so easy to make.

Here's what you will need:
Plain Flour, Salt and Water.
Method: Mix together well.

To make this a full Christmas experience provide the following: Cinnamon spice, Nutmeg spice, Glitter, Googly eyes, Red food colouring, Green food colouring. You could go on a walk to collect sticks, conkers, leaves etc. Playdough will keep for several weeks if wrapped in cling film or tinfoil in the fridge.



Castle Vale Football Stadium And Function Room

Do you know that Castle Vale has its very own state of the art 3G football pitch and grass pitches to hire? The stadium is home to many local teams such as Romulus FC, Castle Vale Town FC, Birmingham and West Midlands Ladies and Castle Vale Concorde to name a few. Why not come along have a drink, grab a tasty snack from our outside snack bar and watch your local teams play!



We also have a function room that is available for private functions weekends and during the week. All bookings can be made via Schoolhire www.schoolhire.co.uk or alternatively give our friendly team a call for more information on 0121 748 6212.

Castle Vale Partnership



CASTLE VALE TASKING & COMMUNITY MATTERS

Gives opportunity for the community to raise issues that they want sorting to make the Vale safe, clean and green. Open to all residents and meets six times a year.

Next meeting 15 January at 2pm, 11, High Street.

CASTLE VALE THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

All main charities working together to maximise funding for local projects. Holds an annual meeting for all community organisations.

CASTLE VALE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Produces a long term plan to improve Castle Vale and coordinates partnership working. Quarterly meetings open to the public. 2019 dates to be confirmed.

CASTLE VALE WARD FORUM

Led by the local councillor and organised by the city council - residents can raise matters of local concern meetings are held 4 times a year; 2019 dates to be published.

CASTLE VALE EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

All the schools on the Vale working together to give every young person the best possible start in life. Partner only meeting.

Are you a local charity?
Do you run community events?
If you would like to advertise or have an
article in an edition of this newsletter
please contact Becki Winkless
on **07956007696**



WORDS FROM THE PIONEER GROUP

I am really pleased with all the great feedback we received from the first edition of the newsletter. We have responded to residents telling us they missed the Tyburn Mail and am happy we are in some way plugging the communication gap. I am also pleased that we are taking steps to explore how this can become more like a community newsletter written by the community for the community - more on that in future editions. For now though I hope you enjoy this festive edition and wish all readers peaceful and joyful festivities and look forward to a prosperous 2019

Simon Wilson,
Chief Executive, The Pioneer Group

PLAN TO DO BETTER ON THE VALE

The vision is to create stronger, healthier and happier communities with opportunities for residents to access learning and skills, improve employment prospects, to have a quality home in a safe and green neighbourhood.

On 14 September 2018 Jack Dromey MP (Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership) and Sharon Thompson (Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods) officially launched the new Castle Vale Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2030.



WAGTAIL WALK BIKE PATH

Following major works to Spitfire Island undertaken in 2015 a screening bund was built next to the terraces off Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale. The cycleway forms part of the Wagtail Walk, and initiative developed by Jez Lilley back in 1994. Wagtail Walk is a 15km long network of pathways that surrounds and cuts across Castle Vale, offering pedestrian access to shops and amenities and a great opportunity to exercise.

The original cycle path off Cadbury Drive has now been reinstated enabling cyclists to use again this section of Wagtail Walk. Care was also taken to ensure that residents can safely access their homes.



Last Leaf Launch

Residents will have seen the silver last leaf tree on the flank of the Pioneer Group. This was produced by a local artist who was one of the original architects when the estate was transformed by the Housing action trust in the 90s. The idea is that the community can nominate those that have passed away who have made a real contribution to Castle Vale and their names will be included on one of the leaves. Additional funding was provided by the Endowment Trust Fund to erect a plaque to enhance the tree and create more spaces for future residents to be recognised.



THERE BUT NOT THERE

This year's Remembrance Sunday fell on 11 November and coincided with 100 years since the Armistice brought to an end the First World War. There were poignant tributes around the country, not least, here in Castle Vale. Through support from the Pioneer Group, we were able to participate in a national art project featuring transparent silhouettes of First World War soldiers that have been placed all around the country.

The project aims to commemorate, educate and heal and has raised much-needed funds for a number of combat charities, including Help For Heroes.

Our 'Tommy' spent the first part of Remembrance Week at Greenwood Academy, where pupils took part in a project to create postcards of remembrance for those who fought or have been involved in wars our country has faced.

On Remembrance Sunday itself, Tommy transferred to St Cuthbert's church for the Service of Remembrance, including the official laying of wreaths of poppies in the Garden of Remembrance behind the Church. On 12 November, he travelled to Phoenix Court for a further service to mark the centenary of the armistice and where it is hoped he will be able to be permanently installed as a reminder of the key messages of the 2018 Remembrance commemorations.

Did you know Castle Vale Community Housings and Birmingham City Councils allocations policy prioritises ex service personnel.



Coffee Goes Club Goes Indoors

Following the success of this summer's Community Coffee Club the Ageing Better volunteers will be taking the activities indoors.

Every Thursday 10 am - 12 noon

First Thursday of every month Phoenix Court.
Second Thursday of every month Chivenor House.
Third Thursday of every month Whittle Croft.
Fourth Thursday of every month The Sanctuary.

Everyone welcome, look out for the Coffee Club Banner. For more details contact the Sanctuary **0121 748 8111**





TiggyWinkles operates two day care nurseries. TiggyWinkles have been providing childcare since 1999, delivering a high quality service to our parents and children and our latest Ofsted inspections returned a "Good" rating for both our sites.

Tiggy Winkles follows the Early Years Foundation Stage in a nurturing and stimulating environment. The Early Years Foundation Stage emphasises the importance of learning through play. While the children grow in our care and make progress throughout the foundation stage they will become confident and independent ensuring they are ready for the next stage in their life of going to school.

Explore, create, dig, climb, role play, sing and grow our children are encouraged to become strong independent learners supported by highly trained staff. We provide a caring and safe environment that treats every child as an individual balancing play and learning helping them to develop to their full potential. We like to build positive relationships with parents/carers as we realise that to reach this potential parent partnership is vital.

TiggyWinkles Pegasus currently have full time vacancies in the under 2's unit and a variety of full and part time spaces for 2 and 3 year olds. TiggyWinkles Chivenor currently has spaces available within the Toddler room.

We have spaces available for a January 19 start at both TiggyWinkles Pegasus and TiggyWinkles Chivenor.

Is your child 2 years of age?? Did you know that you can claim 15 hours a week free childcare (subject to meeting a criteria). Visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/2yearolds to see if you are eligible.

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TOPCLIFFE OUTDOOR LEARNING HUB

Topcliffe primary school believes that every young person should get the opportunity to experience the world beyond the classroom. Through Topcliffe outdoor learning hub we deliver high quality, bespoke, adventurous experiences which are imbedded in the school curriculum and used as a tool to develop self-esteem, confidence, resilience and independence.

Our pupils were recently given the opportunity to take part in the Get Outdoors And Try It (GOATI) project. This innovative and exciting new project, developed by TOLH, gave the pupils a chance to develop themselves through challenging and exciting activities, culminating with a presentation evening at Birmingham City football ground.



The Sanctuary

Tangmere Dr, Birmingham B35 7PX

Monday	Job Club 9:30am—12:30pm Support to seek training and employment	Chiropody Foot-care All day appointment Contact Harvey—07814025739		Youth activities 3:30pm— 5:00pm Ages 8+	Little Ninja's 4:00pm—4:45pm Tae Kwon Do Ages 4—11 years old	PHAB Youth Club 5:30—6:30pm—Younger Children 7:00pm—8:00pm—Older Children Inclusive youth group suitable for children with or without disabilities	
Tuesday	Job Club 9:30am—12:30pm Support to seek training and employment	Think Positive, Be Positive 9.30am-11:30am Come along to our friendly session		Youth activities 3:30pm— 5:30pm Ages 8+			
Wednesday	Job Club 9:30am—12:30pm Support to seek training and employment	Spitfire Services Debt & Benefit advice drop in Appointment only contact 0121 748 8111	Extend 12:30pm—1:45pm Fitness for the over 60's and people with disabilities	Zumba Gold 3:00 pm—3:45pm Low-Impact, seated fitness for over 50s	Little Ninja's 4:00pm—5:30pm Tae Kwon Do Ages 4—11 years old	Slimming Club 7:00pm—8:00pm £2.50 per session	Youngstars 6:00pm—8:00PM Ages 5—16 years old Call 07703392808 for details
Thursday	Job Club 9:30am—12:30pm Support to seek training and employment	ILT Drop In 09:30 —11:00 Advice for 18+ @ Phoenix Court		Arts & Crafts 2:00pm—3:30pm Everybody is welcome	Youth activities 3:30pm— 5:00pm Ages 8+	Fly By Youth Club 7:00pm—9:00pm Drop in sessions for 11-19 year olds.	RCCG Church Group 7:00pm—9:00pm
Friday	Job Club 9:30am—12:30pm Support to seek training and employment	Bereavement Group 10am — 11:30am Listening and sharing experiences		Youth activities 3:30pm— 5:00pm Ages 8+	Kombatkids 5:30pm—7:30pm Ages 4-11years old Call 07730899722 for details	For general enquiries please contact a member of the team on 0121 748 8111	
Saturday	Seventh Day Adventist Church group - 10:00am 07976908202		RCCG Church Group 10:00am— 3:00pm	Wings Performing Arts 3:30pm— 5:30pm Ages 8+	Spiritualist Church 6:00pm—8:00pm 1st Sunday of each month	***HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE - 0121 748 8111***	
Sunday							

Christmas Competition

To win £25 Sainsbury's vouchers please answer the following:

Which famous Christmas song has the following lyrics:
"Are you hanging up a stocking on your wall?
Are you hoping that the snow will start to fall?"

- A) Slade - Merry Christmas Everybody
- B) Wizzard - I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day
- C) Wham! - Last Christmas

To be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 Sainsbury voucher please either text the correct answer and your name to 07956007696, email Rebecca.winkless@cvch.org.uk with the answer and your name or pop in to CVCH office on the High Street and give the correct answer to our reception staff who will take your name and phone number. Texts and calls will be charged at your standard rate and closing date is 20/01/19 at 11pm. The winner will be announced by the 30/01/19.



The Notice Board

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OYO Business Park, Park Lane
Castle Vale, Birmingham, B35 6AN

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We Love Donations Of:

Clothing
All Household Furniture & Electricals
Toys

All items in serviceable condition are gratefully received.

To arrange a collection please call **0121 748 5795** or drop off at Warehouse
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A: Upcycle Shop
B: Upcycle Warehouse

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ANYONE 35 +
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Join the team

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WALKING FOOTBALL

MONDAY'S 7 - 8 pm
Castle Vale Stadium
Farnborough Road
Birmingham
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0121 748 6212
BWMLFC@HOTMAIL.COM

Castle Vale Community Housing
Part of The Pioneer Group

Helping Hands

Winter Promotion

Leaf Removal: Leaves swept, bagged up and removed.
Snow Clearing: Snow removed from drive ways and pathways.
Flat Pack Assembly: Assembly of Flat pack furniture such as wardrobes, cupboards and side tables.

Just ask! We will be happy to provide you with more information.

Quotes are free!

To arrange a quote call:
0121-748-8100
contactus@cvch.org.uk

Compass Support
Passion for people

Casual Leisure Assistants

Casual leisure Assistants - Vale Stadium

Rates of Pay - National Minimum Wage (18 & Over)

Due to increased demand we are looking for enthusiastic, friendly individuals to join our team at Castle Vale Stadium. If you have a love for football and delivering high quality customer service, this could be the role you are looking for!

In this role you will:

- Liaise with customers and be a point of contact for bookings within the function room and 3G pitch.
- Serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and cash handling
- Assist in keeping the bar, toilets, lounge, changing rooms, kitchen and entrance clean and welcoming.
- Have the flexibility to work across a number of functions in accordance with the needs of the business.
- Adhere to company policies and procedures and licensing laws.

The successful candidates will:

- Have previous experience of working in the leisure industry, i.e. bar/leisure centres.
- Deliver excellent customer service at all times.
- Have experience of financial procedures, e.g. managing a float and reconciling cash.

Due to the nature of this role, applicants will be expected to work weekends and unsocial hours, so a flexible approach to working hours is essential.

For more information, please contact Wayne Goodwin on **0121 748 6212**
Application packs are available from our HR Team
0121 748 8159