

## Do you want to help make Friar Park a better place to live?

### We want to hear from people who care a lot about Friar Park to join a new partnership board for Friar Park.

Friar Park has been offered up to £20m funding from the government's Pride in Place programme. This money will support local improvements chosen by people who live and work in Friar Park.

Now we need to find a mix of people to join the Board.

Over the next 12 months, the Board will:

- Talk with local people
- Create a plan to improve the area
- Decide how the money should be spent.

#### Interested? Come to the drop-in event:

- This will be held on **Wednesday 18 March in Friar Park**. See the website for details.
- **Can't attend? There will be a form to apply.** This will be available on the website shortly, please visit the page again soon.

**Find out more information** below and what it means to be part of a board here: <http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/PrideInPlace> or contact Rebecca Jenkins on 07502 614303 or [FriarPark\\_pipp@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:FriarPark_pipp@sandwell.gov.uk)

#### ***Aged 16-19 and want to join?***

If you are a young person aged 16-19 (or up to 25 for care experienced or young people with SEND) you can apply to join the board as a young people's representative. Application for these positions will open in May 2026 and a separate information pack will be available. Check back for more information.

## Further Information Pack – Board Member Recruitment for Friar Park Neighbourhood Board

### 1. About Board Members

#### We want to hear from people who:

- Have a strong connection to Friar Park
- Care a lot about Friar Park and want to make it a better place to live
- Share their views and opinions on what the community wants and needs
- Work well with people who have different views
- Are trusted locally and will get support from local people even if this is your first role like this
- Keep discussions respectful and constructive
- Handle disagreement calmly and fairly
- Are involved in local groups, activities, or business
- Respect others and make sure everyone is included
- Have enough time to commit to the role

#### Board Members should not be:

- A gatekeeper or clique-builder. The Board must include a wide range of views
- Focused on their own personal agenda. Decisions must reflect what the community wants.

#### What's involved

- The Board will hold meetings once a month in Friar Park. There may be extra meetings sometimes.
- The first year (2026-2027) will be busy, so you may need to put in more time.
- Board Members must follow a code of conduct about how they behave and treat other people.
- Board Members will be appointed for an initial **four-year term**, with the option to extend.

## 2. How to apply – Come to a Drop-in Event

To apply, come to the **drop-in event on Wednesday 18 March in Friar Park** (see details on the webpage). At the event, you can learn more about being a board member and meet some of the people involved.

If you want to apply, the appointment panel will have a short conversation with you. They will ask about:

- Your connection to Friar Park
- What you love about Friar Park
- What you would do if you didn't agree with a board decision
- What you can offer the board

They will also ask if you plan to apply for funding and if you need any support to take part as a board member.

The panel would love to see you in person, but if you can't make a drop-in event, you can apply through filling in a form. This will be available on the website soon. Please visit the page again soon.

### How the panel will choose board members

- After the drop-in events, a mix of people will be invited to join the Board.
- The panel will choose members based on how good a fit they are with the qualities in section 1
- You can get involved in other ways and share your views. Join the mailing list to stay up to date.

## 3. How to apply – Young People's Representatives

If you are a young person aged 16-19 (or up to 25 for care experienced or young people with SEND) you can apply to join the board as a young people's representative. Application for these positions will open in May 2026 and a separate information pack will be available. Check back for more information.



## 4. Useful information

### Applying for Funding

You can still be a board member and apply for funding. In some cases, you may need to sit out of some discussions or decisions. Please talk to us if this applies to you.

### Payment and Expenses

- This is a **volunteer role** similar to being a school governor.
- We will fund travel and childcare if you need help to attend meetings

### Support in the role

Officers from the council and other Board members will support you. Other people in Sandwell on similar boards can also provide help.

If we can make it easier for you to take part, please let us know.

### Speak to us

If you need support or would like to talk about the role, contact Rebecca Jenkins at Sandwell Council on 07502 614303 or [FriarPark\\_pipp@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:FriarPark_pipp@sandwell.gov.uk)