

Parking Charges

At the start of the pandemic the government made parking free for 3 months. We have received numerous queries from members asking if there would be any refunds on their annual parking passes. UNISON has raised this with Councillors on your behalf at our quarterly meeting with them. Councillors have agreed to sympathetically look at the matter. Any update will be posted on the Branch website www.sandwellunison.co.uk

UNISON Raises SLT with Councillors

At our quarterly meeting with Councillors UNISON raised their obligation to fund leisure services during the pandemic, sharing the Local Government Association Guidance with them. Councillors stated they would fulfil their obligations and agreed with the trade unions that SLT should not be seeking to move away from NJC body that negotiates pay, terms and conditions. Since then the Council has commissioned Sport England to look at the situation. We are awaiting the results of this report. Meanwhile, in Peterborough, their leisure provider has handed the service back to Peterborough Council.

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Want to Help Keep Your Workplace Safe?

UNISON has been working hard, both locally and nationally to ensure our members remain safe during the pandemic. As some services begin to return to the workplace, we have been busy scrutinising Risk Assessments to ensure they are adequate to keep you safe.

However, nobody knows your workplace better than you. Help UNISON keep us all safe by becoming a UNISON Health & Safety representative. Free training will be provided. Contact our Branch Health & Safety Officer, Ian King at I.king@sandwellunison.co.uk for further details.

Sign the Petition to fill the COVID Funding Gap

After clapping key workers – now is the time to ensure the very same public sector workers are not hit with further cuts and job losses due to inadequate funding.

While our Councils have stepped up to the challenge to help our communities, they have been hit with increased costs and lost income. The government must cover these costs fully to keep communities safe and rebuild the country.

Sign the petition to support key workers in our Councils. If your family and friends clapped key workers – get them to sign the petition too. <http://www.sandwellunison.co.uk/sign-up-to-fund-key-workers-and-our-councils/>

Report Rogue COVID Insecure Companies

The recent spike in cases of coronavirus in Sandwell has mainly originated from workplaces where bosses are failing to make them COVID secure. The virus is spreading across these workplaces, with workers inevitably then taking the virus home.

This has the potential to spark a local lockdown in Sandwell.

Therefore, it is in all our interests to report any workplace that you, your friends, or family know that are operating in a COVID insecure manner.

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