

Are you a member of the business community or work in the health care sector? Do you want to help make Friar Park a better place to live?

We are looking for a member of the **business community** and a representative of the **health care sector** 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.

The majority of positions on the Board have been filled. We now need to find a representative of the business community and a representative of the health care sector 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.

Application is by expression of interest by midnight Friday 22nd May

Find out more information about the expression of interest 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

Further Information

Business and Healthcare Vacancies - Friar Park Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board

1. About Board Members

We want to hear from people who:

- Are either:
 - a member of the **business community** (for example someone who lives in Friar Park and runs a business, or someone involved with a business in or near to Friar Park); or
 - a representative of the **health care sector** (for example a representative of a GP surgery, pharmacy, dentist, doctor, nurse or other medical professional)
- 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

To apply, please send an **expression of interest**. This can be a short, written statement or a video. It should include:

- What your connection is to Friar Park including details of your business role or healthcare role
- What you love about Friar Park
- What made you want to get involved
- What you think you would add to the Board
- If you didn't agree with a board decision — say about funding or how something was done — what would you do?
- Your home address, phone number and email

If you apply in writing, please keep your statement to **no more than 300 words**. If you apply by video, please submit an MP4 file and keep it to **no longer than 5 minutes**.

Please submit your expression of interest **by midnight on Friday 22 May** to friarpark_pipp@sandwell.gov.uk

3. How the panel will choose board members

- A panel involving the Chair of the Board and other representatives will consider the expressions of interest.
- 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.

Please note: Your expression of interest will be shared with the selection panel and retained by the Council for 6 months after the conclusion of the selection process

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

Here are some links to find out more

- Sandwell Council Cabinet's approval to establish a Friar Park Neighbourhood Board: [Link](#)
- Pride in Place website: <http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/PrideInPlace>
- Pride in Place Government Prospectus: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pride-in-place-programme-prospectus/pride-in-place-programme-prospectus>
- Draft Neighbourhood Board Membership: [Link](#)
- Friar Park Neighbourhood Board Terms of Reference: [Link](#)