

FRANKLEY COMMUNITY NEWS

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Birmingham Council Tax 2026/27

The projected tax for the fourth coming year based on a band D property will be £2237.00

added to this is £34.66 For Frankley Parish Councils precept.

This is a 19.77% reduction for the Frankley Parish Councils fourth coming year (2027)

JUST TO MAKE IT CLEAR

Birmingham City Council are responsible for all local services, the Frankey Parish Council can only adopt services that are devolved down from the principle authority.

But this means the funding as well and as we know funds are tight.

The money the Parish Council gets from the council tax pays for the office where the staff try to help all they can, but they have limited powers.

They will try to contact departments of the city council but access is limited.

The Council will only talk to the person who has the problem.

So be guided by them and contact the city departments who are responsible.

AND DO NOT ABUSE THEM, IT IS NOT THEIR FAULT.

Balaam's Wood Tai Chi

FREE Tai Chi Class

Every Friday 2pm

Balaam's Wood in good weather, inside
No4 Arden Road at other times (B45 0JA)



A beginner friendly class open to all

Try something new in 2026, join a friendly group that
enjoy tea and biscuits after class.

for more information 07902903558



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Frankley Easter Fun

Saturday 4th April

11am- 2pm

4 Arden Rd (B45 0JA) and Balaam's Wood

Join us for family Friendly fun on Easter
Saturday FREE Easter Egg for every child

Jammersley Entertainment . Easter Egg
Hunt . Easter Animals . Forest Schools
Activity . Face painting . Crafts . Easter
Bonnet Parade .



To receive your Easter Egg you must book
your places which are FREE call/ message
07902903558



Parish Council Election 2026

We may have an election for New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council
There are 12 seats on the Parish Council. All these seats will be vacant.

Anyone who lives within the prescribed boundary and meets the criteria can
apply for forms from Birmingham's Elections Office.

The 10 (present councillors) have indicated their intention to stand.

IF MORE THAN 12 APPLY IT WILL TRIGGER AN ELECTION

To be paid for by the Parish Council

Just a thought

**“NOTHING IS A PROBLEM UNLESS YOUR JUDGMENT MAKES IT SO.
MASTER YOUR MIND, AND YOU WILL FIND THAT EVERY
DIFFICULTY IS MERELY AN
OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE VIRTUE”**

Projects for the Future of Frankley get involved its
for your well being.

About the research project -

Good Life Frankley

Over the past few weeks, you may have met some of our new community Navigators who have launched a new project called Good Life Frankley.

The project also strives to assist residents in finding relevant learning opportunities and improving wellbeing through community courses and activities. This project focuses on hearing from community members and gaining insights from their stories.

You will contribute to an understanding of the barriers citizens in Frankley face and help to inform the decisions of policy makers. Community and citizen involvement strengthens the voices of those living in Frankley.

What will taking part involve?

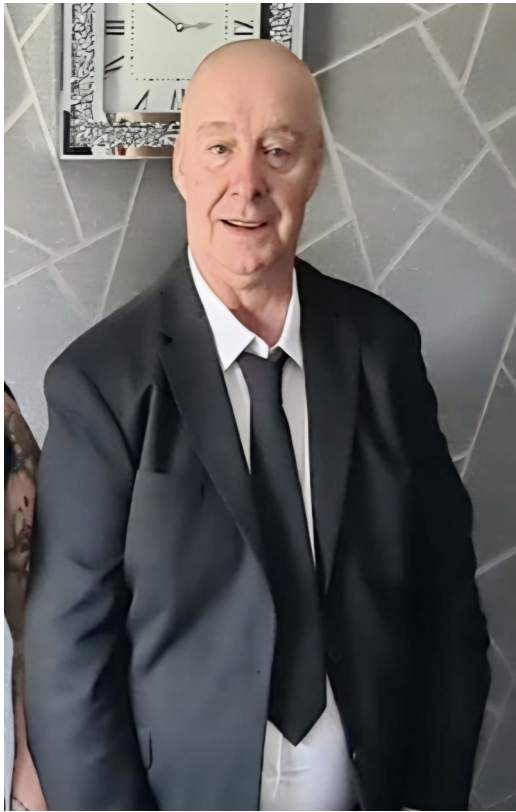
If you choose to take part, you may be asked to do one or more of the following:

- Take part in a one-to-one interview
- Join a walking interview in your local area, where you talk while walking
- Take part in a photo interview, where photos are used to help you share your views

You can choose which activities you take part in.

Would you like to share your story? If so get in touch with the team at climb@baes.ac.uk

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In January this year
we lost two of the
communities
outstanding
volunteers and
Parish Councillors

Eric Carter BEM

And

Tom Day

We pass our
condolences to their
families on behalf of
the community



Vandalism on Frankley

We are very sorry to say that after all our efforts to improve the area outside Arden Road shops it is being attacked by vandals. Every year the Parish Council pays for a Christmas tree to be put in situ on the mound, and Frankley Carnival Committee pay for the lights. Which every year have been vandalised by someone cutting through the wires and even when they are replaced someone comes along and does it again. Last year the tree had been lit up less than 2 weeks before it was attacked. So as a committee we decided it wasn't worth our time and effort to replace them. Which is a shame as most residents enjoy seeing it and it's because of the few who have nothing better to do than go around vandalising things that the estate will no longer have a Christmas Tree.

We don't know if it's the same vandals but they have also destroyed 2 of the 3 silver birches which were put on the mound to represent the 3 forces, Army, Navy and RAF. The Friends of Balaam's Wood received a grant to purchase these trees and now we only have 1 left. It makes you wonder why we as volunteers try to make the estate look nice and a place for people to feel good in to then find all our hard work has gone. I don't know who is causing all the damage but it's not funny and is costing the residents of Frankley. If you know who is behind the vandalism please let the Parish Office know, then we can inform the police, the incidents have already been forwarded to them.

Thank you Linda Coates