



News of Sandwell Talking News

We're getting bigger

Sandwell Talking News (STN) has continued to roll out our boom box mp3 and player service to listeners in Wednesbury and we offer a CD service in parts of Tipton.

This follows successful launch events in Tipton and Wednesbury libraries where library staff, Tipton Library Friends group and library users gave us a warm welcome.

Pictured: STN Co-Chairs, Ray (centre left) and Tony (centre right) meet new listeners at Wednesbury library launch.



Thanks to Tipton Green and Wednesbury Community First Panels for giving us much-needed funds to extend to these areas.

Sandwell's growing STN community

Every two weeks we send the STN out by post on:

- USB pen drive to over 60 listeners – SVI staff and volunteers have visited people at home to show them how to use the special USB players (boom boxes) that we supply
- CD to residential homes, libraries and some other listeners

A weekly edition is added to our website every week.

However you listen, you can skip easily backwards and forwards between tracks to find something that interests you.

Keeping your interest – news and more

Pictured: Our panel of readers look in the Express and Star for the most interesting news stories every week

We're always looking for new material to widen the scope of our STN. We now have regular spots about Black Country history and



other features – such as ‘What Tipton Gave the World’ thanks to a talk recorded at Tipton Library – as well as music and poetry.

Do you have stories or ideas you'd like to contribute? What would you like to hear in the STN? We're looking for anyone who might do a regular gardening spot for example. Are you part of a local voluntary and community group who want to share your news? We would like to hear from you.

Please donate – every little helps

It's been nearly a year since we relaunched the STN service by post. We've worked hard to get small amounts of one-off grant funding to start things off. Keeping things going costs money and sadly many sources of funding are drying up. We are asking for donations to help us maintain and develop the service.

For example a donation of:

- £1 will help us to pay for replacement card inserts that are lost or damaged
- £5 will pay for lost or damaged USB sticks
- £10 will help to cover essential stationery items, such as paper and printer ink

If you wish to donate, please make your cheques or postal orders payable to 'Sandwell Talking Newspaper'.

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