

## Bromsgrove Standard

# New survey looks at sports facilities and open spaces

A SURVEY will be carried out into how open spaces and sports facilities across Bromsgrove meet residents' needs.

The task, being done by the district council in conjunction with leisure consultants PMP, will use drop-in sessions to investigate a whole range of indoor and outdoor facilities including parks, woodlands, footpaths, pitches, facilities for children and young people, cemeteries and churchyards - well-used and valued open spaces.

Sessions take place on Monday

(May 19), between 10.30am and 1pm at the Customer Service Centre, School Drive, and from 2pm to 4.30pm at Hagley Library. Then on Tuesday (May 20), between 4.30pm and 7pm at Wythall Library. And on Thursday (May 22), from 10.30am to 1pm at Rubery Library and between 2pm and 4.30pm at Alvechurch Library.

Bromsgrove District Council leader Coun Roger Hollingworth, said: "These drop-in sessions provide an informal opportunity for residents to discuss their views one-to-one with a PMP consultant,

so please come along.

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Alternatively, those wishing to make any comments regarding open spaces or sports facilities within the area can email: [bromsgrove@pmpconsult.com](mailto:bromsgrove@pmpconsult.com) or write (freepost) to: Bromsgrove Open Space Assessment, Response Service No: RRHL-GSTH-XZCE, FREEPOST, PMP Consultancy Ltd, 11 St Peters Square, Manchester M2 3DN.

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# Drop in to have a say on leisure

VIEWS are being sought from Wythall and Alvechurch residents on the use of parks and sports facilities in the area, ahead of a study being compiled on the subject.

Drop-in days have been organised for next week by Bromsgrove District Council where residents can chat to staff from the authority's partnership sport and leisure consultants, PMP, on how best to improve the use of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.

Bromsgrove District Council Leader Roger Hollingworth said: "These drop-in sessions provide an informal opportunity for residents to discuss their views, one to one, with a PMP consultant.

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"This is your opportunity to have your say."

PMP work throughout the UK and abroad providing advice on sport, leisure, tourism and regeneration.

Their study in Bromsgrove will be compliant with current planning guidance and is set to investigate whether the existing open spaces and sports facilities in the district meet the needs of residents now, and whether they are likely to in the future.

It will home in on which open spaces are well used and valued by residents, and will include parks, woodlands, footpaths, outdoor sports facilities and pitches, facilities for children and young people, amenity green space within housing developments, allotments and even cemeteries and churchyards.

The study will also consider the indoor sports facilities in the area, including swimming pools, sports halls, indoor bowls and indoor tennis.

Wythall residents can have their say on Tuesday (May 20) at Wythall Library between 4.30pm and 7pm.

While Alvechurch Library will host a session on Thursday (May 22) from 2pm until 4.30pm.

Alternatively comments about open space provision in the areas can be e-mailed to [bromsgrove@pmpconsultants.com](mailto:bromsgrove@pmpconsultants.com).