

NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO FRIDAY'S TRAGIC EVENTS

All of Northfield has been shocked by the events of Friday afternoon in Northfield which led to the tragic death of Sheriff Mbye. We have all been left stunned by this dreadful news and our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Sheriff at this very difficult time.

We wholeheartedly condemn the use of weapons or violence in our society and stand united in the fight against them. We have the utmost faith in West Midlands Police and know they are doing an excellent job here. We would encourage anyone who witnessed anything, however minor you may deem it, to speak with them immediately on 101.

This tragic, isolated incident is not reflective of the Northfield we know. This is a lively, creative and caring community which seeks to serve each other and support the practical needs of the area. The last 12 months alone have seen some fantastic joint community projects helping make a real difference in the area. We've seen a real desire to celebrate the incredibly gifted people which make up this remarkable community. We've seen some brilliantly creative work to champion the good in Northfield and we've seen real hope in this place.

At this difficult time, we all stand together and we grieve the loss of Sheriff. This is truly awful and we continue to think of all those affected. We will do anything we can to support the family at this difficult time and to help with any police enquiries.

Let us not, though, let this incident stop us celebrating what makes Northfield unique: its people, its passion and its real sense of togetherness. There is so much good within our unique and positive community and we are incredibly proud to say B31 is our home. #wearenorthfield

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