

## K.E.R.A Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The best way to protect yourself and others is to get fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated should continue to follow behaviours and actions set out in the [guidance on how to limit the spread of the Covid-19](#).



To help combat Covid-19 you should follow safer behaviour and actions that include:

Use face covering in crowded indoor places. Wash your hands regularly. Test regularly. Stay at home if you feel unwell. Use Covid 19 NHS app.

Simple and straightforward actions such as letting in fresh air every 10 minutes regularly, whilst indoors can help save lives. By following these behaviour and actions you are helping to protect yourself and others from Covid 19.


# FROSTBITE - PROJECT SOUTHCHURCH FESTIVE EVENT



This Saturday (4 December 2021) will see Project Southchurch's long awaited festive market, Frostbite.


The event will be between 14.00 and 19.00 at Ilfracombe Avenue Car Park, at the junction with Southchurch Road, and will feature Christmas stalls, food and drink, Christmas carols, music, dance, storytelling, live art by local artists and much more. Festive fun for the whole family.

# CENTRAL WARDS LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETING



## ESSEX POLICE

**Protecting and serving Essex**  
**Southend Central Wards**  
**Local Community Meeting**  
**29 November 2021**  
**19.00 at the Civic Centre**  
Come along and hear from local police about recent activities,  
and feed back issues and concerns in the town centre.



**CLLR MATT DENT**  
YOUR VOICE FOR KURSAAL

The local Community Meeting with Southend Police for the central wards (Kursaal, Victoria and Milton) is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at the Civic Centre, start time 19.00.

These meetings are a great opportunity to come and hear what the police are doing in the area, and to feedback to them about any local issues, and are open to all residents. Members of KERA regularly attend.



# Southend Christmas Light Trail



Southend 2021 Southend Christmas Lights Trail is now here! And it's bigger than ever, featuring the most amazing festive displays around Southend!

The trail makes for a magical drive around our town for all the family. The section in Rochford is worth the journey!

All of the displays are plotted on the Southend Christmas Lights map and a pre-programmed suggested route is also available for you to follow.

This year the route is in two parts so you can follow Part 1 first and then open Part 2 once you've reached the end of the first half.

👤 View the full Christmas Lights Map here: <http://bit.ly/SouthendXmasLightsMap>

🌲 Part ONE of the pre-programmed route: <https://bit.ly/SouthendXmasLights2021-Part1>

🌲 Part TWO of the pre-programmed route: <https://bit.ly/SouthendXmasLights2021-Part2>

Please let us know if you enjoy the trail! Make sure you are following our page for updates of new additions to the trail.

# **SOUTHEND COUNCIL RECOGNISED PARTNER OF CLEAN AIR DAY**



Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is now a recognised partner and supporter of Clean Air Day, the UK's largest air pollution campaign coordinated by Global Action Plan.

The Council will use this as a platform to build on previous air quality improvement initiatives and enhance public understanding and action on air pollution. Part of this will see the Council engage and encourage businesses and the community to make Clean Air Day pledges and use the free resources available to them. For further information see council news below.

# **Southend Tenants & Residents Association**

## **South Essex Homes**

### **Christmas Party**



There are still tickets for the Children's Christmas Party on the 21st December (20th all gone), so do book if you have a child or children, as it is the place to see Santa Claus this year, and he will have a present for all the children who attend. Where else are you going to see him and get a present for free? To apply [info@strf.org.uk](mailto:info@strf.org.uk)



Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself, family, and friend from winter viruses so that you can enjoy the festive season.

Flu and Covid 19 can be both life threatening and spread more easily in the winter months. If you suffer a long-term health condition you are more at risk and will need a flu and Covid 19 booster vaccine.

People who have had their booster vaccine by the 11<sup>th</sup> of December will have very high protection from Covid 19 by Christmas day.

The interval between vaccines has now been halved from six months to three months to speed up the programme and will be open to all those aged 18 and over.

# Fund Raising Christmas concert for Mayor's chosen charities

MAYOR100

CHRISTMAS CONCERT at St Mary's Church, Prittlewell



Southend Boys' &  
Girls' Choirs

St Mary's Brass  
Consort

Southend Vox

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
@ 7pm

£10

Mulled Wine & Mince  
Pies

Book your place at [events@southendmayorscharity.net](mailto:events@southendmayorscharity.net)

Or 0300 102 1557

RAISING MONEY FOR

LITTLE HEROES ASD – A PARENT LED SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF  
CHILDREN WHO ARE ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM

TRUST LINKS – A LOCAL INDEPENDENT CHARITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING

The Mayor of Southend-on-Sea, Cllr Margaret Borton, is holding a fundraising Christmas concert at St Mary's Church to raise money for her mayoral charities, [Trust Links Charity](#) and Little Heroes ASD Support.

The concert will take place at 19.00 on Friday 3 December 2021, at St Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Tickets are £10, and the event includes mulled wine and mince pies.

To book your place, please email [events@southendmayorscharity.net](mailto:events@southendmayorscharity.net) or phone 0300 102 1557.



# KILWORTH ESTATE GRAND BUILDINGS

## Hillsboro House

Now that Southend has been granted City Status, it must be time to smarten up some of Old Southend's buildings. We have decided to run a series featuring grand old building within our Estate. This month the chosen building is Hillsboro House, built around 1900's.

Hillsboro House is currently run by Dedman Estate Agency. This is one of the only properties that still has the potential for a restaurant with gardens and enough space to the park at the rear. At present the proprietors have no plans to alter Hillsboro House's current usage.

Towards the end of the first lock down, the prime minister announced that it was ok to meet in beer gardens, sadly the Kursaal ward does not contain any restaurants with grassed beer garden, so this was not possible unless we were prepared to travel outside of our ward. Our artist has imagined the Hillsboro House has had an external renovation and is laid out as the original house with gardens.



Hillsboro House is located on the corner of Southchurch Road and Bournemouth Park Road.

# HARP's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Event:** HARP's Annual General Meeting 2021

**Date:** Monday 13th December, 3pm until 4.30pm (*doors open at 2.30pm*)

**Venue:** St. John's Church, Church Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1

**If you wish to attend, please reply to this email confirming your attendance.**

## Agenda

At the AGM, HARP will formally appoint Michael Raffan as Chair of Trustees, and wish a fond farewell to Richard Hair, who stands down as Chair after 16 years of dedicated service.

In addition, presentations will be made as follows:

- A Q&A with a HARP client who has recently moved on from HARP to live independently
- A presentation from Nicky Bowling, HARP's Director of Property Development, on HARP's Bluebird Project, our new 50 bed development in Southchurch Avenue, due to open in Summer 2022
- A presentation from Dr. Haroon Siddique on the innovative Southend Homeless Health Service, a partnership between the NHS and HARP
- A presentation from HARP's Honorary Treasurer Alistair Barr regarding HARP's finances
- A presentation from HARP's Director of Service Operations Gary Turner regarding HARP's pandemic response and future plans for homelessness services
- Formal closure of the AGM from The Mayor Cllr. Margaret Borton

Light refreshments will be provided.

## RSVP

Please reply to this email if you wish to attend. Please advise if you have any special requirements and we will do our best to make adjustments.

Chair of Kilworth Estates, received an invite and would like to have attended this meeting but it had to be cancelled due to the situation with Covid-19.

# **Southend Saturday Night Firework Display continues until its finale on the second week of December**



FREE Seafront Fireworks will definitely return this year, with a whopping TEN DISPLAYS every Saturday night at 7:30pm from 2nd October-4th December, however some of these displays have had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances or poor weather.

# Fly-tipping and dog fouling events in Kilworth Estate

Ongoing problems with black, pink & white bags continuously being left on the pavement at the wrong time of the week, have been reported to Southend Council via their website, by KERA members.

Some properties are constantly plagued with these issues and KERA members believe Veolia should report to the Southend Borough Council, properties receiving numerous fly tip reports, at the same location over a period of several weeks and months.

This could potentially keep Veolia and Southend Council Tax costs down and contribute to a greener, cleaner environment which in turn leads to improved mental health and well-being for KERA residents.



Other problems being experienced this month relates to a huge increase in dog walkers leaving their dog's poo in bags at the bottom of trees, telegraph poles and lampposts lining our streets. KERA members are keeping a close watch to see if a particular offender can be identified. The council have been informed about this issue.



# **Southend Council News – 1<sup>st</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> December**

## **Boost day 2021: People urged to boost their immunity**

Following the announcement of a national vaccine Boost Day on 2 December 2021, residents are being urged to take the opportunity of having their COVID booster vaccine, if eligible.

## **Council is now a recognised partner and supporter of Clean Air Day**

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## **Deck your shops with boughs of holly – Best Festive Business competition returns**

Small businesses across Southend-on-Sea are being encouraged to decorate their business and get involved in a festive competition, which could win them some fantastic prizes.

## **Funding to help Southend's home care staff**

A £200,000 funding scheme to support existing care workers through the winter, has been launched locally.

## **Highly probable case of new variant found in Southend-on-Sea**

The council is taking swift and precautionary action.

## **Fraudsters who altered parking permits plead guilty at court**

Residents who stole and tampered with parking permits will carry out 80 hours of unpaid work and pay combined costs of over £700 following an investigation by our counter fraud and investigation team.

## **Green scheme can help Southend residents stay warmer, save on fuel bills and lower carbon emissions**

Southend residents are being encouraged to check if they are eligible to receive help under a new scheme being launched to help them stay warmer in their homes, lower their carbon emissions, and save money on their fuel bills this winter.

## **Join us in ‘Creating hope through light’ for Suicide Prevention Week**

Organisations, people, and communities in mid and south Essex are lighting up buildings and landmarks green, as part of the ‘Creating hope through light’ event.

## **Planned highways improvement works announced for December**

Two roads and three pavements across the Borough are planned to start their repairs and resurfacing throughout December as the council continues its £10m highways investment programme for 2021/22.

## **Revamp completed of Borough’s zebra crossings**

Ten zebra crossings across the Borough have been revamped and resurfaced between July and November as the council continues its drive to improve its roads through multi-million-pound investment.

## **Toy Drive: There's still time to donate**

Council elves have been hard at work coordinating and wrapping gifts for the council's annual Toy Drive to provide some Christmas joy for vulnerable children across Southend.

## **Volunteers needed to assist residents during Covid vaccine drive**

Volunteers are needed to help out at local Covid-19 vaccination centres to boost the number of people getting protected.

## **Residents asked to follow new national measures as local Omicron case confirmed**

Yesterday (Wednesday 8 December) the Prime Minister confirmed a move to Plan B in England as Omicron spreads across the UK. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is urging residents to follow the measures to help reduce transmission and slow the spread of the Omicron variant.

## **Official data for GCSEs and A-levels reveals big improvements**

GCSE and A-level students are being praised by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council after official data from the Department of Education reveals big improvements across the borough.

## **Innovative building safety alert system for high rise buildings tested**

A safety system designed to give clear instructions to residents in high rise council housing during emergencies has been tested in Southend-on-Sea.

## **Please enjoy a safe Christmas – act responsibly and get jabbed**

Local people are being urged to enjoy a safe Christmas, by acting sensibly and responsibly over the festive season.

## **Safety trial at school to complement School Streets success**

A trial to improve safety and protect children outside a local nursery and primary school is being launched.

## **Covid-19 vaccine and booster programme accelerated**

Civic Centre vaccine centre extends opening hours to midnight. Two new walk-in centres for Covid-19 and flu vaccines and Youth Council leaflet encourages peers to #GrabTheJab.

## **Council celebrates carbon reduction success across 20 primary schools**

We are celebrating the successful completion of an energy efficiency project that saw 20 primary schools across the Borough reduce their energy use.

## **Give your career a boost with the new free Southend Careers Service**

A free support system offering access to employment, training and further education in the Borough, has been launched.

## **Leadership blog: Major highways investment for soon-to-be city**

By Cllr Ron Woodley, cabinet member for transport, asset management and inward investment.



## **Santa's sleigh is on its way thanks to generous donations**

Nearly 2,000 vulnerable children and young people will have a Christmas present to open on the big day, thanks to the incredible generosity of local residents and businesses.

## **Southend Best Festive Business 2021 competition winners announced**

The Cliff Pub in Southend-on-Sea has been announced as the winner of the 2021 Best Festive Business competition following the public vote on the Business-on-Sea Facebook page.

## **Play your part and make the Big Autumn Tidy even bigger**

Nearly 50 tonnes of rubbish have been cleared from across the Borough as part of our Big Autumn Tidy, as the targeted cleaning campaign supports local communities prepare for a greener future.

## **Care providers to get £1,000 bonus for each extra resident following Government funding**

A £1,000 bonus is being offered by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to providers for every additional care package and residential care placement they can commit to.

