



More than 37 million people have now had a booster and more than 91% for over 50s have been boosted.

The vaccination program is open to everyone, with first and second doses also available.



Use the online [NHS Booking service](#) to book your jab, walk in centres are available as well. You can find an [COVID-19 walk in vaccination centre near you online.](#)

# Residents Association Achievements 2021

While we still have a long way to go, here are some of our achievements this year:

1. Regular Street cleaning undertaken by neighbours.
2. Regular reporting of fly tipping.
3. Monitoring and reporting of dog poop left on street pavements.
4. Following our requests/complaint HARP have pledged to refrain from dumping furniture in the front garden of 158 York Road.
5. Following our request/complaint HARP have pledged to refrain from dumping furniture in the front of 117 York Road.
6. Following our request/complaint HARP have pledged to remove rusty containers at 117 York Road.
7. Many other gardens appear to have less bin bags and furniture dumped in them.
8. Helped Council vote in Landlord Licensing.
9. Reporting and some action on anti-social behaviour under tunnel, green area and other locations.
10. Resurfacing of small area of pavement and reporting of poor pavement surfaces.
11. Great community conversations using various social media platforms.
12. Reaching out to other communities.
13. Various Echo newspaper articles relating to anti social behaviour created by hostels housing vulnerable people with alcohol and drug problems.
14. Meeting with local MP James Duddridge.
15. Website development.
16. Set up of remote meetings.

# LUMINOCITY Diary Dates



From Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb through to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022, eight large-scale interactive light installations will pop up at iconic landmarks in and around the town centre and seafront, giving residents and visitors the opportunity to view Southend in a new light.

A brand-new FREE festival never seen before in Southend and not to be missed.

To find out more visit [The Installations | Southend LuminoCity](#)

From the February 14<sup>th</sup> you can pick yourself up a handy free LuminoCity Festival of Light Guide from any of the [venues listed](#).

# **Southend Council is set to adopt a new strategy on tackling street prostitution.**



Southend Council's cabinet discuss and agree a new strategy on tackling street prostitution, focusing on joint working with agencies including Essex Police and various support services.

Street prostitution is a big issue in the Ambleside Drive area of The Southchurch Project, the problem has been ongoing for a long time, and has been a blight on the lives of the community. It can't be solved overnight but is now receiving the attention it warrants.

No one approach is going to solve the issue of street prostitution and the resultant crime and social issues it brings. A compassionate approach is needed towards the women being exploited in this awful situation, to help them out of the trap they are caught in. At the same time we need to pursue via the criminal justice system those doing the exploiting, the pimps and the punters who are benefiting from this modern-day slavery.

For further information see council news below.

# Food Poverty

**Help end food poverty.  
Make a difference.**



Help your local food bank get what they need when they need it.

Download our free app.

**WWW.BANKTHEFOOD.ORG**

**BanktheFood is a registered charity (Charity Commission for England and Wales 1194167)**



Whether you use a foodbank or would like to donate to one, the [BankTheFood](https://www.bankthefood.org) app is really useful.

It is a shameful thing that our society needs Foodbanks at all but there should be no shame for those having to use them to stay alive and well.

For those looking to donate, the app will let you know your nearest foodbanks and what foods they most need at any time.



# Chinese New Year celebrations taking place in Southend High Street

Southend High Street filled with a carnival atmosphere on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January as Chinese New Year celebrations took place.



Southend BID arranged a host of activities and stalls for the big event.

The entertainment lined up included ribbon dancers, Chinese musicians, martial artists, and traditional lion dancers.

There was also a wide range of Chinese cuisine on offer to let visitors immerse themselves in the spirit of the day.

Key attractions on offer in High Street included:

- Children's Chinese crafts
- Traditional paper folding workshop
- Chinese street performers Lion and Dragon ceremony
- Martial arts demonstrations

A Chinese New Year parade also took place around 3.30pm and began outside The Forum.

# FUNDRAISING LUNCH FOR MAYOR'S CHARITIES



MAYOR100

*Lunch at The Pearl Dragon*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

12.00

£25 per person

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 Pearl Dragon

[20 Eastern Esplanade, Southend-On-Sea SS1 2ER](#)

The Mayor of Southend-on-Sea, Cllr Margaret Borton, is holding a fundraising lunch to raise money for her mayoral charities, **Trust Links Charity** and Little Heroes ASD Support.

The meal will take place at 12.00 on Sunday 6 February 2022, at The Pearl Dragon, 20 Eastern Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2ER. The cost is £25 per person.

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

# KILWORTH ESTATE GRAND BUILDINGS

## 117 York Road

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 buildings within our Estate. This month the chosen building is 117 York Road, built in 1885. 117 York Road is currently run by Homeless Action resource project (HARP). This building is one of the largest houses within the Kilworth Estate, excluding the Grade I listed building of Porters Civic House and Southchurch Hall.

Kilworth Estate Residents Association (KERA) have been requesting that HARP agree to stop using the side garden, on display to the street, as a dump for unwanted furniture and mattresses, HARP have agreed to this. Further to this, KERA have also requested that HARP move the rusty storage containers on show to the street to a secluded location, HARP have agreed to do this. KERA have also requested that HARP abide by the covenants listed in the properties title deeds and introduce an ornate fence around the border of the gardens. In addition, KERA have requested a hedge and private seating area within the gardens of 117 York Road, so that the residents within this building have a tranquil place to gather outside to get some fresh air, socialise, smoke or drink. In the past groups of 117 York Road residents and workers have congregated on the steps of the veranda, which itself is a fire exit, this has led to passers-by feeling a little intimidated.

HARP is looking into which hedges would be best to use. The use of a hedge would also mask the bins which would please KERA Residents Association, as this house is seen as one of the biggest within the estate and deserves to be presented at its best. Indeed, Mary Killworths name appears on the original title deed to this house.

Front gardens with hedges



Return hedges to gardens





# **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. This issue has been taken up with Cllr Tricia Cowdrey.



Problems with dog walkers leaving their dog's poo in bags at the bottom of trees, telegraph poles and lampposts lining our streets is still ongoing. KERA members are keeping a close watch to see if a particular offender can be identified. The council have been informed about this issue.

A resident has sent a copy of his understanding of which item should be put into which sack.

PINK SACK	BLACK SACK	BLUE FOOD BOX
Aerosol Cans	Adhesives & Glues	Bones
Aluminium cans and foil	Animal Bedding	Bread
Biscuit & Sweet Tins	Ash	Cereals
Biscuit Wrappers	Baby Wipes	Coffee Filters (Paper)
Bottles & Bottle Tops	Blister Packs (Tablets)	Cooked Food
Bubble Wrap	Brushes	Dairy Products (Food)
Cans (Food & Drink)	Candles	Eggs
Cellophane	Carpet	Egg Shells
Cling Film	Cat Food Pouches	Fat
Corks (Plastic)	Christmas Tree (Artificial)	Fish (Cooked/Raw)
Cutlery (Plastic)	Christmas Wrapping (Foil)	Food Waste
Drink Cans	Cigarette Butts	Fruit
Egg Boxes (Plastic)	Coal Ash	Meat(Cooked/Raw )
Foil	Coffee Refill Packets	Nuts & Shells
Glass Bottles & Jars	Corks (Natural)	Pasta
Hand Soap Bottles	Cotton Wool & Buds	Pet Food
Ice Cream Containers & Tubs (Plastic)	Crisp Packets	Rice
Jar Lids	Dishcloths	Shellfish & Shells
Kitchen Foil	Disposable Cameras	Sweets
Kitchen Roll Tubes	Disposable Nappies	Teabags & Leaves
Margarine Tubs	Dog Faeces	Vegetables
Medicine Bottles (Empty)	Duvets	
Milk Bottle Tops (Metal)	Egg Boxes (Polystyrene)	
Milk Bottles (Plastic)	Envelopes (Plastic)	
Nail Varnish Remover Bottles	Feathers	
Phone Cards (Plastic)	Foam	
Plastic Bags	Fruit Nets	
Plastic Bottles & Tops	Glasses (Spectacles)	
Plastic Cups	Gravy Granule Tubs	
Plastic Meat Trays	Grease Proof Paper	
Plastic Multi Pack Rings	Hair	

Plastic Ready Meal Trays	Hay	
Plastic Takeaway Trays	Incontinence Pads	
Steel Cans	Inhaler	
Tins	J Cloths	
Toiletries (Empty Plastic Bottles)	Kitchen Rolls (Used)	
Toothpaste Bottles	Latex Gloves	
Toothpaste Pumps	Light Bulbs	
Yoghurt Pots	Lino	
	Loft insulation	
	Milk Bottle Tops	
	(Plastic/Foil	
	Nail Varnish	
	Nappies	
	Paper Towels	
	Pet Food Pouches	
	Photos	
	Pillows	
	Polystyrene	
	Rubber Gloves	
	Sanitary Products	
	Saw Dust	
	Serviettes (Paper)	
	Soot	
	Straw	
	Sweet Wrappers	
	Tissues	
	Toothpaste Tubes	
	Umbrellas	
	Underlay	
	Vacuum Dust	
	Wallpaper (Used)	
	Wallpaper (Woodchip)	
	Wood Ash	
	Wrapping Paper	
	(Glitter/Foil)	

# **Southend Council News**

**1<sup>st</sup>- 31st January 2022**

## **Future of waste collection to be given further consideration at key working party**

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## **Youth Council launch anti-knife crime campaign**

An anti-knife campaign designed by young people for young people has been launched by Southend-on-Sea Youth Council.

## **Cabinet agrees to tender for new waste collection contract**

The council's cabinet have today agreed to undertake a full tender exercise to decide the future of the council's next recycling, waste and cleansing contract from October 2023 onwards.

## **Southend LuminoCity is getting bigger and brighter**

A colourful new installation is now confirmed as the ninth to feature in February's light festival, Southend LuminoCity.

## **Popular reading challenge returns to Southend libraries**

The Reading Agency and Southend libraries are excited to announce the launch of the Reading Ahead reading challenge from today (Monday 24 January).

## **Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant applications are now open**

Hospitality, Leisure and Accommodation sectors, that are being affected by the Omicron variant of COVID-19 may be eligible for a one-off government grant of up to £6,000.

## **Southend LuminoCity welcomes new sponsor**

Southend LuminoCity just got a whole lot brighter, with Southend BID now confirmed as a new sponsor to help bring another spectacular installation to the light festival.

## **Keeping Southend-on-Sea moving thanks to our gritting crews**

Gritting crews are out making sure our icy roads are safe for drivers this winter.

## **One Day - Holocaust Memorial Day**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council asks Southend-on-Sea to join us for our annual service of commemoration to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.



## **‘S for Southend’ showcasing the best of local artistic talent**

Opening 22 January, ‘S for Southend’ will include artworks developed by Stanford Le Hope Primary School and Estuary High School, made in workshops led by local artists Anna Lukala and Shaun C. Badham.

## **Help Southend LuminoCity shine**

Southend LuminoCity is coming and needs your help.

## **Is it ‘Safe To Play’ in the New Year?**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is urging parents, carers and guardians to ask ‘is it safe to play?’ before signing their children up to take part in sports and physical activity sessions.

## **Additional investment proposed for our seafront**

Additional investment into Southend-on-Sea’s seafront over the next five years is being proposed as part of the council’s draft capital investment programme up to March 2027.

## **Council budget commits to a greener future**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is proposing to set aside £120k in the annual budget as part of a pilot scheme to phase out the use of weedkiller and increase the number of trees in the borough.

## **Cabinet to discuss street prostitution strategy and charter**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council’s cabinet will discuss a new street prostitution strategy and charter of agreement.

## **Extension of charging hours and enforcement along seafront proposed - along with town centre parking charge freeze**

Plans to support evening parking pressures in the central seafront area are to be discussed as part of the council's draft budget for 2022/23 (Cabinet item 9, 13 January).

## **Council to make significant investment into adult care**

£5.5m extra is set to be spent in 2022/23 on looking after vulnerable adults, older people and supporting the care sector (Cabinet item 9, 13 January).

## **Investment in the future of housing in Southend-on-Sea**

Major investment is set to continue in local council housing.

## **'Ambitious and exciting' capital investment programme to drive Borough into city**

£46m new investment proposed for the council's capital programme over the next five years.

## **A draft council budget to support our most vulnerable and invest in recovery**

More spending to support our community and care for our most vulnerable children and adults are at the centre of the council's proposed budget for 2022/23.

## **Cabinet to discuss findings from independent SEND peer review**

Cabinet will discuss the findings of an independent peer review into the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) services being delivered to children and their families in Southend-on-Sea.

## **Notice of election for the Southend West constituency published**

A notice of election for the Southend West constituency has been published.

## **Further funding for healthier, greener travel**

Healthier, greener travel is on the cards, with vast improvements to the Borough's cycling network and initiatives to encourage walking and cycling for residents and visitors to be discussed by cabinet (Cabinet item 13, 13 January 2022).

## **Increased road safety as areas declare 'twenty is plenty'**

Safer, greener roads are set to be trialled in two areas across the Borough as the council looks to keep residents safe, tackle speeding and reduce vehicle emissions.

## **Festival shines new light on our new City**

A trail of incredible installations is set to light up Southend in 2022 as part of the first ever Southend LuminoCity Festival of Light, bringing four dazzling nights of wonder to the soon-to-be city.

(Cabinet item 15, 13 January).

