



K.E.R.A Newsletter

1st November to 30th November 2021

As we head into the winter months, be aware that colder weather leads to an increased transmission of viruses including flu, which can be challenging for the NHS.

More than 8 million people have now received their COVID winter jab, which can be given to certain vulnerable people sooner than six months after their second jab.

New research shows the risk of death is 32 times greater in unvaccinated people than those who are vaccinated.

Follow safer behaviour to combat COVID-19. Let fresh air in, use face coverings in crowded indoor spaces. Wash your hands regularly. Test regularly. Stay at home when you feel unwell. Use the COVID-19 NHS app.



Children 12-15 can get their jabs at walk in centres.

If you are eligible, get your jab as soon as possible.

Amazing Costumes in the Southend's first Halloween Parade



Art Talk for Mayor's Charities

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DR MARK BANTING

The art of William Orpen, official WWI artist

Tuesday November 9th at 10.30am £10

Coffee & Cake

To book:

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VENUE: PORTERS CIVIC HOUSE & MAYOR'S PARLOUR

TRUST LINKS - an independent charity for mental health and wellbeing

LITTLE HEROES ASD – a parent led support group for families of children who are on the autistic spectrum.

The Mayor of Southend-on-Sea, Cllr Margaret Borton, is holding a fundraising talk on the art of William Orpen, WWI war artist, by Dr Mark Banting at Porters Civic House to raise money for her mayoral charities, [Trust Links Charity](#) and Little Heroes ASD Support.

The talk will take place at 10.00 on Tuesday 9 November 2021, at Porters Civic House, 178 Southchurch Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS1 2LR. Tickets are £10, and coffee and cake is included.

To book your place, please email events@southendmayorscharity.net or phone 07931 724446

SOUTHEND BIDS FAREWELL TO SIR DAVID AMESS



Standing together united residents of Southend-on-Sea gave Sir David Amess MP a dignified and respectful send off following a special memorial service for family, friends and invited guests, followed by a horse-drawn procession through the streets.

The service, which was broadcast live on BBC Essex, took place at St Mary's Church, Prittlewell, today (Monday 22 November) and was led by Reverend Paul Mackay and Rev Monsignor Kevin William Hale.

At 12.15 the church bells began tolling, as guests began to arrive for the 1pm service. Beautiful music from organist Melanie van Looy, accompanied by The Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs, Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir and St. Mary's Church Choir, greeted the guests as they took their seats and accompanied them during the service.

Firefighters from Essex County Fire and Rescue acted as pallbearers, carrying Sir David, whose casket was draped with a Union flag, flowers and ceremonial sword, into the church.

Lining the churchyard path were the 3rd Chalkwell Sea Scouts, The Royal Naval Association Standard Bearer and the 1312 Royal Air Force Air Cadet Standard. Members of the public gathered in the churchyard to listen to the service, which included a eulogy from the Right Honourable Mark Francois MP, and readings from Rev Monsignor Kevin William Hale, Rev Clifford Newman, James Duddridge MP, The Worshipful the Mayor Cllr Margaret Borton, and Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex.

As the service closed, the Right Honourable Ann Widdecombe DSG, read out a statement on behalf of the Amess family, describing how their "hearts are shattered". It read: "The family would like to thank everyone for the wonderful, wonderful tributes paid to David following his cruel and violent death. It truly has brought us so much comfort. The support shown by friends, constituents and the general public alike has been so overwhelming. As a family it has given us strength. We have realised from tributes paid that there was far, far more to David than even we, those closest to him, knew. We are enormously proud of him."

"Strong and courageous is an appropriate way to describe David. He was a patriot and a man of peace. So, we ask people to set aside their differences and show kindness and love to all. This is the only way forward. Set aside hatred and work towards togetherness. Whatever one's race, religious or political beliefs, be tolerant and try to understand."

Following the service, the casket was carried in a horse-drawn hearse through Southend's streets, pausing for a moment of reflection outside the Civic Centre in Victoria Avenue and Iveagh Hall, Sir David's Southend West Constituency office, in Leigh Road.

The Book of Condolence in the Jubilee Room at the Civic Centre, which was opened in the days following Sir David's death will close for written tributes at 19.00 today (Monday 22 November).

There will be a Requiem Mass for Sir David on Tuesday 23 November at Westminster Cathedral.

Sir David's family has kindly requested that in lieu of flowers or other tributes, donations are made to the many charities Sir David passionately and wholeheartedly supported. These include; The Dog's Trust, The Music Man Project, Prost8, Endometriosis UK, Havens Hospices and the Dame Vera Lynn Memorial Statue. A JustGiving page has been set up if you would like to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/SirDavidAmess>

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 3rd December
@ 7pm

£10

Mulled Wine & Mince
Pies

Book your place at 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 or phone 0300 102 1557.

KILWORTH ESTATE GRAND BUILDINGS

Glenhurst Mansions

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 Glenhurst Mansions, this block was built around 1900's and has a striking resemblance to number 10 Downing Street.

It is believed that some of the owners have links to the Roslin Hotel, one of Southend's best-known hotels and Weston development company. Glenhurst Mansions is situated along the same stretch of Southchurch Road as Montague Buildings featured last month.

The artist has imagined Glenhurst Mansions has had an external renovation and members of KERA have put in a request to Southend Council to investigate the possibility of planting some hedges along this stretch of road, to demark the boundary between the public highway pavement and the front gardens of Glenhurst Mansions.



LEST WE FORGET - REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Southend-on-Sea's annual Remembrance Day commemoration service will take place on Sunday 14 November at the Cenotaph on Clifftown Parade.

Everyone is invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service to honour and pay their respects to those who laid down their lives in the World Wars and other conflicts since. This year's service will also be the first public Remembrance Day service since 2019 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

At 10.15am, the Parade will assemble in Prittlewell Square leading to the Cenotaph. At 11am, the chimes of Big Ben will commence the service, followed by a bugler sounding 'The Last Post' and then there will be two minutes' silence.

Echo News Article

Southend sea sewage spill protest this Friday



INFURIATED swimmers are holding a demonstration as they enter the second week of being unable to enter the sea following a sewage leak.

Southend beach has been closed from Chalkwell to Shoeburyness since October 21 due to sewage spilling into the sea from an outfall – a pipe leading into the sea – near Camper Road.

On Friday, November 1 angry swimmers and environmental campaigners will make their voices heard, heading from the Sealife Adventure in Eastern Esplanade at 1pm to the council offices in Victoria Avenue.

The group will be calling for the council to take action over the spillage caused by 'significant blockage' in a sewer pipe that feeds Anglian Water's Southend Water Recycling Centre.

Southend Council has formally written to the water firm demanding a face-to-face meeting to discuss both the sewage leak and water surface flooding along the seafront.

Southend resident and member of Southend Seals swimming group Shah Haider said: "We, like many other swimmers in the area have been affected by what has happened with Anglian Water and the sea.

"We are sick of it, because we swim throughout the year, and we are very aware of this sewage issue. For the last two weeks we have not been able to swim, we have not been able to go into the sea, because it has become a sewer, basically."

The 48-year-old added: "We live along the seafront and we have found a dead seagull, friends of ours have found several seagulls. When the original spill happened, we were actually swimming while it happened.

"At first we didn't notice, but we did see the seagulls take off and fly away and they didn't come back for at least three days. That was a precursor to what we could see in the changing environment."

An Anglian Water spokesperson: "We haven't had an incident like this for more than a decade, and our teams are working round the clock to put things right. Repairing this is a significant engineering challenge, made harder by how deep under the ground it is and is our main priority at this time.

"Over the last five years, we've invested around £20million into refurbishing and improving the sewer network and water recycling centre in Southend. Earlier this year we cleaned and inspected 80km of sewers in the, investing around £370k and removing 200 tonnes of unflushables from the network, which would reduce the risk of flooding in the area."

Southend Firework Display Continues during November



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 – 1st- 30th November

[Can you help be Santa for the annual Toy Drive?](#)

It's that time of year again - we are bringing the eighth annual Toy Drive to town this Christmas, with the aim of ensuring all of Southend's vulnerable children and young people receive a gift.

[Electric vehicle charging points in new builds proposed](#)

All new housing and commercial developments built in Southend-on-Sea could have electric vehicle charging points, as part of a proposed new planning policy to be discussed at cabinet next week.

[Don't let pumpkin fun lead to messy parks](#)

After a fang-tastic Halloween, Southend-on-Sea Council Borough Council are urging all residents to dispose of their pumpkins responsibly and not leave them in our parks and open spaces.

[“I'm so much stronger and happier now”: latest stage of County Lines campaign lets young people know there is a way out from drug gangs](#)

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is letting young people and their families know there is always a way out from drug gangs, through the latest stage of the #SeeTheSigns campaign.

Leadership Blog: COP26 - Creating a greener future

By Cllr Carole Mulroney, cabinet member for environment, culture, tourism and planning.

Lest we forget – Remembrance Day Service

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Community renewal projects receive over £1m in Government Levelling Up funding

We have secured £1,059,165 in funding for two successful projects from the Government's UK Community Renewal Fund which will help the local drive to invest in recovery and support the community.

Planned highways improvement works announced for November

Two roads and four pavements across the Borough are planned for repairs and resurfacing throughout November as the council continues its £10m highways investment programme for 2021/22.

Cleansing spree begins as council and Veolia launch the Big Autumn Tidy

We have launched a 12-week, targeted cleaning spree of the Borough to enhance the street scene of our soon to be City.

Real Christmas trees and wreaths available to buy from the council's award winning Parks Team

Trees and wreaths are available to purchase from the council's Parks Nursery Team.

Household Waste Recycling Centres change to winter hours

Residents are being reminded that Southend's two household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) have changed to winter opening hours.

Seven Southend parks proudly fly Green Flags

We are delighted to announce that we once again boast seven award winning parks as the town celebrates maintaining the record number of Green Flags for the Borough.

Professionals working with children in care get together for motivational conference

A motivational conference and networking event has been held especially for the carers, social workers and teachers of children involved with the care system.

Residents can pay their respects to Sir David Amess as funeral plans are unveiled

Plans for the Southend-on-Sea memorial funeral service for Sir David Amess MP have been unveiled, including the opportunity for residents to listen as BBC Essex broadcast live.

Council named on prestigious climate action ‘A List’

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has made it onto the Carbon Disclosure Project’s (CDP) annual A List which showcases the companies leading on environmental transparency and action.

Free parking across the Borough returns this festive season

All council run car parks across the Borough will be free on Thursdays after 4pm for late-night shopping and all day on Sundays until Christmas.

Let your children and young people have a cracking festive break with Winter HAF sessions!

School aged children and young people can enjoy festive fun with the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

Housing in later life survey seeks views from over 55s

Residents aged 55 and over are being asked about their housing and support needs in a new survey so the council can better plan for the future.

City bids a final farewell to Sir David Amess MP with a fitting send-off

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Construction well underway to deliver council's first zero carbon affordable homes

Construction is well underway to deliver Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's first zero carbon standard house builds using modern methods of construction (MMC) as part of a wider project to review the council's underused land.

Essex Unites in a promise to end male violence against women

Community leaders are uniting across Southend, Essex and Thurrock and promising to end male violence against women.

Oak tree to be planted in Chalkwell park in honour of Jewish Refugees

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is delighted to be supporting the Association of Jewish Refugees 80th anniversary project '80 Trees for 80 Years' and will be planting a native oak tree in Chalkwell park.

It's never been easier to #GrabTheJob in Southend – get it this weekend

This weekend is predicted to be a bumper vaccination weekend for people not only across Essex, but also in Southend-on-Sea.

Have Your Say: Southend-on-Sea Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Public Questionnaire

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council want to hear what you think of pharmacy services across the borough, to help us develop services in the future.

Council welcomes government safety measures in response to Covid-19 Omicron variant

Our director of public health Krishna Ramkhelawon has welcomed the government's temporary strengthening of Covid-19 measures in response to concerns over the newly identified Covid-19 Omicron variant

£68m funding bid for better bus services across Southend

Residents could help shape a £68million funding bid by giving their opinion on a draft 'Bus Service Improvement Plan' for Southend-on-Sea.

