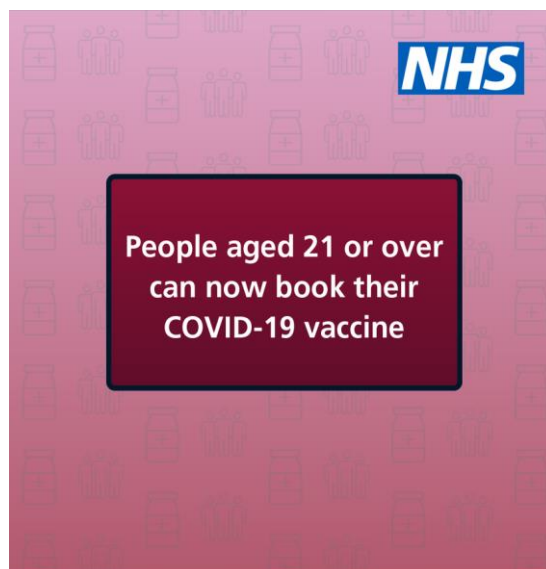




Vaccines for the people aged 18 or over



If you have trouble booking a vaccine (location or times not suitable etc) please keep trying! New appointments seem to be released in the morning <https://www.essexcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/>



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Where are those Hares?



**HARES
ABOUT
TOWN**
OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS



Following communication in February 2021, from Kilworth Estates Residents Association (KERA) to Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP) chief executive Jacky Bliss, regarding the state of the front & side gardens of their properties. A letter has been sent on behalf of the KERA to Cllr Keith Evans, who represents the council on HARPS board. Following on from this letter an article appeared in the Evening Echo:



Letter sent to Cllr Keith Evans

Dear Cllr Keith Evans,

Cllr Tricia Cowdrey has provided your name as the Councillor who represents Southend Borough Council on the HARP (Homeless Action Resource Project) board.

We are experiencing problems within our estate in relation to the way that HARP is managing their properties:

117 York Road
168 York Road
54 Southchurch Avenue

These photos are selected from Google Street View over the years, on the random days that Google have chosen to image our area, and members of the resident's association personal photo's. These photos date back to 2017, although these problems still continue to this date and have been going on much longer.

We find it quite disturbing that Richard Hair, chair of HARP who is related to estate agent Hair & Sons and director at Land Investments (Rayleigh) Ltd should allow this to continue. He of all people should understand this type of behaviour is having an adverse effect on the property values within the Kilworth Estate. People selling or viewing properties within our area will be put off by the state of HARP's properties.

We believe this appalling behaviour is having serious detrimental effect as follows:

- i) Depressing and annoying residents of Kilworth Estate
- ii) A dreadful example of disregarding the neighbourhood to the people housed in these HARP buildings.

- iii) A dreadful example of disregarding the neighbourhood to young tenant's housed in HMO's and flats around the estate, sometime who are socially challenged already.
- iv) A dreadful example to slum landlords/developers of HMO's and flats within our estate.
- v) Deflation of the value of properties
- vi) Ghetto creation that denies people normal life and forces people to move.
- vii) Appalling example to children who pass these building on their way to school which one is about 5 minutes' walk away. This behaviour has been ongoing for a long time.

Also, the rusty containers stored within the back garden, on view to the street, is detrimental ambience of our once gracious estate and further devaluing properties.

We have been in touch with Jackie Bliss and Nicky Houston about these issues, and on the 23rd of February they acknowledged the properties are an eyesore and said that they would get back to us in two weeks about using nature to shield the containers and rubbish piles. We are still waiting to hear from them.

Further to this female, male and elderly residents walking to town feel intimidated by the groups of residents of 117 York Road hanging around on the doorsteps and window ledges to smoke and drink during the summer months.

As 117&115 York Road is one of the grandest and most impressive buildings within the Kilworth Estate we would like to see HARP repair the damage done, in line with the covenants associated with 117, excerpt from the covenants.

Mary Killworth William George Titterton and Charles Woosnam their heirs and assigns with limitation of liability to act during sole or joint seisin THE FIRST SCHEDULE THE STIPULATIONS.

1. The said purchaser shall within one month from the date hereof make and forever maintain sufficient boundary fences thereto next the road and on the sides of the land marked T within the boundary such fences to be not less than 4 feet 6 inches or more than 6 feet in height In case any such fence shall not be duly made and maintained the owner or owners for the time being of the land immediately adjoining that side of the land in which such default shall have happened may enter therefrom and make and repair such fence and recover the expenses thereby incurred from the said Purchaser in case of dispute the opinion of the Vendors Surveyor as to the sufficiency of any fence shall be decisive.

4.

Every house erected upon any portion of the land shall be used or occupied as a private dwelling house only and no manufacture trade or business shall be carried on upon the land nor shall any operative machinery be fixed or placed thereon

And the land shall not be occupied in any manner which may be deemed a nuisance or annoyance to the Vendors their heirs or assigns or to the owners tenants or occupiers of any neighbouring property.

To recompense for the damage already done we would like HARP to surround the boundary with durable wrought iron fences, to add a little elegance and place shrubs behind the wrought iron fences to create a tranquil place for the residents of these building to relax at table and chairs on a hot summer day. The shrubs will take the gardens back to what they originally were intended to look like, will soften the harsh urban landscape, have a cooling and calming effect for the residents and help cleanse the air.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Echo Newspaper Article

Harp under fire for creating ‘ghettos’ in Southend



By [Christine Sexton](#) Local Democracy Reporter



A HOMELESS charity has come under fire for allowing its properties to become run down, creating a “ghetto” in the heart of [Southend](#).

The Kilworth Residents' Association has issued a blistering attack on Harp, which has two properties in York Road and another in Southchurch Avenue.

The criticism came after Harp announced a new development in Southchurch Avenue which will house 50 homeless people.

A montage of photos collected by irate residents in recent years depicts a catalogue of discarded waste in front of properties in York Road and Southchurch Avenue.

The association said: "Photos from Google Street View over the years, on the random days that Google have chosen to image our area, and members of the residents' association personal photos. These photos date back to 2017, although these problems still continue to this date and have been going on much longer.

"This type of behaviour is having an adverse effect on the property values within the Kilworth Estate. People selling or viewing properties within our area will be put off by the state of Harp's properties."



It accused Harp of “ghetto creation that denies people normal life and forces people to move”.

The association is looking at trying to get a covenant enforced which states homes must not become a nuisance to surrounding neighbours and fences should be installed.

Nicky Houston, HARP’s Director of Property Development said: “We set ourselves high standards for the presentation and upkeep of the properties that we own or rent, but regrettably we sometimes fall short of these high standards, and certain aspects of property management have been made more difficult due to the ongoing pandemic.

“We have an active staff team, as well as an overnight roving security detail, to ensure that properties are kept safe and trouble is dealt with swiftly. We would like to thank the Kilworth Estate Residents’ Association for once again bringing this to our attention, and we will prioritise the work involved in bringing these properties back up to scratch.”

Response from Harp

Comment from Nicky at HARP.

“I can only apologise as I have clearly not responded as promised in February. We have however been taking this matter seriously and had identified another site for storage so that the containers would no longer be an issue for anyone. The acquisition of this site has taken longer than anticipated, it had been planned for the end of February , but the logistics and paperwork for this have taken longer than anticipated. Please be assured we are as keen as you are to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.”

Some Residents believe our area is possibly being prepared for cheap redevelopment, let's hope this is not the case!

Some of the landlords and directors, whose properties sometimes appear to be poorly presented, seem to be linked to estate agents, property developers and councillors. This appears to have been going on for many years. Here is a list of some landlords and directors with possible redevelopment and/or refurbishment interests:

Stephen Dixon who has made a fortune within Kilworth Estate area runs poorly presented properties, he owns Stemar.co.uk a new build property development company, which likes to describe their new properties as being in a highly desirable area.

Richard Hair who has chaired HARP's board alongside a Southend Councillor is also an active director at HARP business, listed on Companies House website. During Richards Hairs chairmanship, HARP has run properties that choose to throw unwanted mattresses and furniture into front gardens and leave them there for months at a time. Richard is from the Hair Estate Agents family and would be aware that this type of behaviour would devalue neighbouring properties. According to Companies House, he is a director at Land Investments (Rayleigh) Limited.

Griffin Estate Agent who also has ties with Westpoint property, 2 Horace Road RTM, 2 Wesley Road RTM, 2 Horace Road RTM.

Gerard John Purcell associated with Glenhurst Mansions and Larry Fenttiman associated with Inner London Group.

Maybe these guys would be interested in helping with funding us as we continue to improve our area and return it to the ambience intended by the original architects.

WHEELIE BINS FOR SOUTHEND?



A cross-party working group at Southend Council will be considering a report on moving to wheelie bins for waste collection in the town. It appears people who live in semi-detached houses are more in favour of these bins than those people living in terraces.

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VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT TO LAUNCH THE MAYOR'S FUNDRAISING YEAR

QUIZMASTER - JOHN HARLAND



THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES 2021-2022
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FRIDAY JULY 16TH 2021 AT 7PM

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Cost per team £5

Raffle Ticket £5 – please ask at time of booking

Payment details given on booking

Quiz winners – afternoon tea for 4 at Gleneagles

Raffle Prizes

Dinner for 2 at Gentings

Bottle Champagne

A walk-in COVID vaccination centre is open this morning (Saturday) in Southend.



🚒 WALK-IN COVID VACCINATIONS IN SOUTHEND TODAY 🚒

A walk-in vaccination centre is open in Southend today, Saturday 3 July, from 09.00 to 13.00 at the Pall Mall surgery at Leigh Primary Care Centre. This is offering:

- ❖ Pfizer 1st and 2nd doses for anyone aged 18 years and above.
- ❖ Anyone over the age of 40 who is eligible can bring forward their second dose from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.

There is no need to make an appointment, simply turn up. You may have to queue on the day, so please bear with them and the team will see you as soon as they can. If you already had an appointment arranged elsewhere, please remember to cancel it so that it can be offered to someone else.

Don't forget – you need to have both doses of the vaccine and whether you have had your vaccine or not, please continue to follow all the guidance in place to control the virus and save lives.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES CONSULTATION NOW LIVE



Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has launched a consultation to find out what people want to see in their parks and open spaces, and how these areas could better meet the public's needs.

The consultation is now live and open to all residents, visitors and businesses in the Borough, and set to run until Wednesday 15 September 2021.

The survey feedback will provide the information needed to help plan the future management and delivery of park's services.

Cllr Carole Mulroney, cabinet member for Environment, Culture, Tourism & Planning said: "Our parks and open spaces have always been admired by those who use them. Recently we have seen more people than ever visiting those areas for exercise, meet-ups and fresh air."

"The Council are now seeking the public's views on how we can better utilise those spaces to better fit the user's needs, and help us plan for future parks and open spaces services."

To sign up and complete the survey, please visit:

<https://yoursay.southend.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces>

If you have any questions about this consultation or need assistance completing the short survey, please contact placeconsultations@southend.gov.uk



Have you had your postcard and unique booking code for your child to enjoy FREE places on our exciting Summer Activity scheme.

These places are in addition to any FSM vouchers you may receive.

It is not too late to book, we still have some places available on the activities below as well as two NEW exciting activities.

All our clubs can be booked direct with the provider by the following link:

Southend.gov.uk/activityclubs



NEW Champion Football Academy

Champion Football Academy will be providing summer activity provision for children across Southend who are in receipt of free school meals. Each day will include a multi-sport activity camp led by experienced sports coaching staff with daily lunches and snacks included

Dates: 27/07/21 - 30/07/21; 03/08/21 - 06/08/21; 10/08/21 - 13/08/21; 17/08/21 - 20/08/21

Times: 10am - 2pm each day

Venue Address: Chase High School, Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-On-Sea, SS0 0RT

NEW Essex Vocal Coaching Music workshops in Singing, Songwriting & Join the Band

10-12th Aug: Singing together in harmony, smaller performance groups, intro to recording vocals

17-19th Aug: Songwriting intro for any beginners, activities for improvers, plus music production

24-26th Aug: Join a Band, Learn a song a day, then set in a week.

Time: Juniors (7-11) 9am—12pm / Seniors (11-16) 2pm—5pm

Venue address: 30, Alexandra Street, Southend, SS1 1BU

ATF Southend

Activities include Boxing, Football, Arts and Crafts, Fun Games, Nerf Wars and lots more. Includes themed days and special surprises.

Keystage groups 1 and 2 welcome Ages 5 to 11 Years

Weeks 27—30 July; 10—13 Aug; 17—20 Aug; 24—27 Aug Tuesday to Friday 10am-2pm

Venue: - Milton Hall School, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 7AU

Kidzcamp, Essex

A fun-packed activity schedule with lots of sports, crafts and a special activity daily. Available for children aged 5 - 12 Best of all, this is completely FREE to eligible families.

When: 5 weeks, for 4 days per week, 8 hours per day (Monday - Thursday) between the dates of 26 July - 26 August. Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm inc 2 substantial meals

How Long: Children can select a total of two weeks with us

Venue: Temple Sutton Primary School, SS2 4BA



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Southend Council is using government funding to provide support for vulnerable households over the summer, including continuing the free school meal programme.



FURTHER SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS OVER SUMMER

Southend-on-Sea has been allocated a final batch of government funding which will be used to continue its free school meal provision and support vulnerable households.

The COVID Local Support (previously the COVID Winter Grant) has seen a total of £539,943 allocated to the council to support families and individuals between 21 June and 30 September, enabling the free school meals holiday voucher scheme – run successfully since Christmas 2020 – to continue.

Up to £462,120 has been set aside to ensure the free school meals scheme continues throughout the summer. This will help 7,702

children, with £60 of Wonde supermarket vouchers being sent directly to parents by their school, college or early years setting before the holidays start. They can be used to buy food in most supermarkets.

In addition, Southend Emergency Fund is being provided with £40,000 to give out in grants to organisations working with clinically extremely vulnerable people and vulnerable families. For more information and an application form, visit the Southend Emergency Fund website: <https://southendemergencymfund.org.uk/>

The remaining £37,823 will be allocated to the council's Essential Living Fund which is a grant system open to anyone. The scheme can help residents to purchase essential items such as furniture, clothing and footwear and general day-to-day living expenses such as groceries, nappies, toiletries:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/extra.../essential-living-fund>

Cllr Laurie Burton, cabinet member for Children & Learning, said:

"Whilst restrictions have been eased, we know that the pandemic is not over, and so we are pleased that we will be receiving this additional Government funding which means we can continue our free school meals provision into the summer and provide further support to local people and families."

"We already have our essential living fund in place that provides support across the county, but this funding will help us to provide further support to vulnerable people. Residents don't need to do anything – we have been reaching out to those families and households who are currently already being supported by the Council to provide them with the supermarket vouchers."

Cllr Tricia Cowdrey, Kursaal ward councillor has been out litter picking across the ward.



Did you know that, in Kursaal ward we have a number of wonderful Street Champions who regularly litter pick in their own and surrounding roads? We also have fantastic groups of children who do the same on their way to school.

We can all help to keep our community clean and tidy, so, if this is something that interests you, you can register to become a street champion with Veolia who will supply the equipment required, once a significant number are registered.

If you are interested, please DM me with your name, email and address and I will get you registered!

PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH WASTE COLLECTION DELAYS



Recycling and waste services across the borough are being maintained and undertaken as quickly as possible, but still face some disruption whilst the council's waste partner, Veolia, manages workloads with reduced staffing due to COVID self-isolation.

Collections are being carried out as quickly as possible, with crews doing additional hours and weekend work. Black sack and food waste are being prioritised, but some areas may have their recycling and garden waste collected later or the next day.

A national shortage of HGV drivers, worsened by the impact of Coronavirus also means there are fewer agency staff readily available to step in. Collectively, this has impacted on the weekly collections in the Borough, which were disrupted last week. Veolia is working hard to recruit and train new drivers, whilst also working to keep disruption to a minimum. Residents are being asked to be patient with the crews whilst they work through this challenging time.

Please bear with the crews whilst they continue to do all they can to keep our streets clean and tidy. If your rubbish is not collected by 19.00 on their designated collection day to please re-present their sacks and bins by 07.00 the next morning. Please don't leave it out overnight for the animals to spread it everywhere.



£50 Love2Shop voucher on offer; parents, we need you!

We are looking for parents and families to feature in our upcoming photoshoot for an exciting new Southend brand called Your Family. We are particularly interested in representing the diversity of Southend's community in terms of gender identity, ethnic identity and disability.

Every participant will receive a £50 Love2Shop voucher for their time. Please contact abetterstart@eyalliance.org.uk with a headshot/selfie to apply.

Good News – Harp email to say the work that they promised on removing the containers in February is still progressin



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Planned highways works announced for July

Six roads across the borough are planned for repairs and resurfacing throughout July as the council continues with its planned phase 1, comprehensive £5m programme of highways works programme.

Council returns to RHS Hampton Court with a garden for all

For the twelfth year running, the council will be displaying a garden at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival (6 - 11 July), looking to build on previous successes.

Survey shows 83% support for new PSPO in Leigh-on-Sea

A new public space protection order (PSPO) could be introduced from Chalkwell seafront to Leigh-on-Sea to reduce anti-social behaviour after 83% of survey respondents showed support for it.

Mayor to raise progress flag in support of Southend Pride week

Southend's Mayor will raise the progress flag at Porters Civic House on Monday 12 July to mark the start of Southend Pride week.

Operation Binbag tackles persistent waste and recycling hotspots

Yesterday (5 July) saw the successful completion of Operation Binbag by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Strategic Task Allocation Group (STAG) in partnership with Veolia.

Further £5m investment confirmed for Southend's roads and pavements

A further £5m is being invested into the Borough's roads and pavements this year, taking the total to £10m in 2021/22.

Look out for your household canvass

As part of the council's annual voter registration canvass, households will soon be contacted by the Electoral Services team. Residents will be contacted by email, form or letter.

The progress flag flies high in support of Southend Pride

Southend's Mayor has raised the progress flag today at Porters Civic House and the Civic Centre to mark the start of Southend Pride week.

Young readers can become environmental champions at Southend Libraries this summer

Children can become Wild World Heroes this summer by taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2021 at their local library.

New controlled bollards for our High Street safety and security

A new upgraded bollard system is to be installed that will improve safety and increase security measures at all vehicle entrances to Southend High Street.

'Safe To Play' safeguarding campaign goes live in Southend

Local sports coaches, clubs and physical activity providers across Southend have this week received new augmented reality cards and awareness training as part of an innovative safeguarding campaign to help keep those involved in sport safe.

Parks and open spaces consultation now live

We have launched a consultation to find out what you want to see in your parks and open spaces, and how these areas could better meet your needs.

Illegal cigarettes and tobacco products seized from shops in Southend

Large quantities of illegal cigarettes, hand rolling tobacco and illegal flavoured tobacco have been seized following coordinated raids on shops in Southend.

Key worker permit to end next month

A temporary parking permit for NHS health and care workers carrying out essential work during the Coronavirus pandemic will stop at the end of July. This follows the Government's announcement that step 4 of the roadmap out of lockdown is going ahead.

Paint issue means pier train delay

The installation of the new electric pier trains, which were scheduled for a summer 2021 launch has been delayed due to an issue with paint sourced by the contractor, Severn Lamb.

Council urging continued caution as restrictions lift

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is recommending people continue to act with caution when the majority of COVID restrictions are lifted on Monday 19 July, with growing infection rates locally and nationally.

Impact of COVID-19 discussed as Annual Public Health report is presented to Cabinet

The latest annual report from the director of public health at Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will be presented to Cabinet on Tuesday 27 July 2021 (item 6).

Cabinet to discuss making part of Hamlet Court Road a conservation area

The decision to make the northern section of Hamlet Court Road (south of the London Road) into a designated conservation area will be discussed by cabinet on 27 July.

Councillors to discuss anti-poverty plan for Southend

An anti-poverty plan is set to be developed with key stakeholders with cabinet councillors discussing a report about food justice and tackling poverty next week (Cabinet, Tuesday 27 July).

PlastiCity returns to help businesses and schools reduce, reuse and recycle plastic

PlastiCity are back and working with local businesses and schools to look at plastic waste and how to reduce, reuse and recycle more.

Further funding available to support vulnerable households over the summer

Southend-on-Sea has been allocated a final batch of government funding which will be used to continue its free school meal provision and support vulnerable households.

Gambling Act Policy consultation – have your say

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles, otherwise known as the Gambling Act Policy, is currently under review.

Pilot road closure this weekend to protect safety of visitors and keep businesses open

A late night road closure is to be trialled on Southend-on-Sea seafront this weekend, in response to recent reckless driving and other anti-social behaviour that has led to some businesses having to close early.

Key site could drive more inward investment into Borough

New housing, an electrical vehicle (EV) charging station and park and ride facility, and a small supermarket are options being considered for the future development of land north of Prince Avenue.

Cabinet to consider streamlined policies to speed up processes and highway protection

Big changes could be coming for the council's highways team with updated policies for dropped kerbs and highways enforcement set to be discussed by cabinet.

Council and partners to review trial seafront road closure

The council and its partners are to review feedback from the trial road closure on part of Southend seafront this weekend.

Housing pipeline presents four development sites to cabinet

Councillors will today discuss the development of four potential housing development sites by PSP Southend LLP, the public/private partnership set up to deliver housing on publicly owned land.

Please bear with us with waste collection delays

Recycling and waste services across the borough are being maintained and undertaken as quickly as possible, but still face some disruption whilst the council's waste partner, Veolia, manages workloads with reduced staffing due to COVID self-isolation.

Southend Cornerstone Employers join to support local young people with virtual experiences of the workplace

Due to COVID-19 affecting traditional work experience, we worked with schools, colleges and The Careers and Enterprise Company to set up a brand-new initiative, running a series of virtual experiences

Southend partnership raises awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery

Friday 30 July 2021 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and to mark the occasion some hard-hitting artwork to raise awareness has gone on display in central Southend.

Views sought on electric vehicle charging policy for new developments

Following a new interim electric vehicle charging policy in respect of planning developments, we are seeking your views on what our long-term policy should be.

Featured Southend Council Consultation & Engagement

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