



K.E.R.A Newsletter

1st May to 16th May 2021



Results of the Election



Kursaal Ward Councillors
Cllr Tricia Cowdrey - Labour
(New)
Cllr Matt Dent – Labour
Cllr Maggie Kellie – Non-Aligned



Cllr Ian Gilbert – Southend's
Council Leader



Cllr Margaret Borton is
Southend's 100th Mayor.

Cllr Kevin Robinson is
Southend's Deputy Mayor.

Southend Cabinet Members

[Deputy Leader \(Transport, Asset Management & Inward Investment\)](#)

[Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health Integration](#)

[Cabinet Member for Children & Learning](#)

[Cabinet Member for Communities & Housing](#)

[Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance Delivery](#)

[Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture, Tourism & Planning](#)

[Cabinet Member for Public Protection](#)



Southend Pride are thrilled to announce that we plan to go ahead with our annual parade and LGBTQ+ celebrations this year, on Saturday 17th July from 12 noon.

Due to the recent public health situation, Southend Pride 2021 will look a little different than other years. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our usual Festival in Warrior Square Gardens. However, the Parade along the High Street will take place, as we celebrate coming together as a community once more. And the celebrations do not stop there!

Rainbows will take over the town! Restaurants, bars, cafes and shops will be hosting live events and offering Pride themed treats all afternoon. Street performers will be entertaining the passing crowds and children can enjoy the Kids Space at the Royals Shopping Centre with face painting, games, and arts n crafts.

And of course, Pride would not be Pride without an Official After Party at The Cliff Pub.

As in the past, there will be something for everyone, from poetry to drag shows, from street art to rainbow cakes. So, put the date in your diary - Saturday 17th July, and get those rainbows and sparkles out of lockdown.

We Look forward to seeing you all and finally getting together once again.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SOUTHEND'S BEACHES



Southend-on-Sea has been commended for the quality and management of its beaches after five beaches were awarded the Blue Flag and all eight beaches were given a Seaside Award.

One third of beaches in the east of England which have been awarded the prestigious Blue Flag Award are located in Southend, with five of the 15 awards coming to Southend beaches.

East Beach, Shoebury Common Beach, Thorpe Bay Beach, Three Shells Beach and Westcliff Beach have all retained their Blue Flag this summer, matching the previous year's record of five award winning beaches.

The Blue Flag awards, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, is an international award for well-managed beaches with excellent water quality.

In addition, all Southend beaches have been presented with a Seaside Award by Keep Britain Tidy. The Seaside Award

recognises beaches that are well-managed and maintained. This means that of the 20 Seaside Awards awarded in the east of England, almost half belong to Southend.

Cllr Kevin Robinson, cabinet member for Business, Culture & Tourism, said "Both awards are the quality marks for our beaches and mean those visiting them can be sure that they are clean and safe and meet the highest environmental standards."

"Southend-on-Sea welcomes over 7 million visitors per year, and with Blue Flag and Seaside Awards flying above our beaches, residents and visitors will know that they are the best in the country. Being a seaside town, we hope following Coronavirus that this helps set us apart as a perfect staycation destination and are hopeful that this will be a bumper summer season to really boost the local economy."

"We want everyone to enjoy our beaches and help keep them award winning. We are all aware of the damage our waste causes to marine life and so we can all personally make a difference by disposing of rubbish responsibly when visiting the seaside or taking it home if any bins are full."

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[Elections 2021 - Vote Safe Southend](#)

Voters will see additional safety measures in place at polling stations tomorrow (Thursday 6 May)

[Foster Care Fortnight: Southend Fostering Service needs local heroes to help transform lives](#)

As part of Foster Care Fortnight (11-23 May), our Fostering Service are searching for much-needed local heroes to become foster carers and help transform lives of children and young people.

[Restart Grant will help Southend businesses reopen safely as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted](#)

Businesses across the Borough have been successfully applying to the Council for the Restart Grant scheme in readiness for Step 3 of the government's roadmap out of lockdown on 17 May.

[Visitors welcomed back to cultural venues with world class exhibitions](#)

Cultural venues in Southend are set to start reopening their doors to the public following confirmation by the Government that the country will enter step three of the roadmap to recovery.

[Vital safety barrier works completed across Southend-on-Sea](#)

Work to install new pedestrian and road safety barriers across the Borough has been completed, as part of a £440,000 investment from the council's capital investment programme.

Remaining leisure centres in the Borough set to reopen

The Council's leisure operator has confirmed plans to reopen the remaining three leisure centres in the Borough and restart indoor group exercise classes at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre.

Borough prepares for further easing of lockdown restrictions

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council welcomes further easing of lockdown measures from 17 May but urges residents and visitors to remain cautious.

First ever virtual Faith and Belief Festival to celebrate cultural diversity of the Borough

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Faith and Belief Network, SAVS and Southend Museums are organising the first ever virtual Faith and Belief Festival to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Borough.