

Those eligible for the free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster jab are urged to book their appointments as soon as possible.



People who get COVID-19 and flu at the same time are twice as likely to die, said Dr Jenny Harries, Chief Executive of the UK Health Security Agency.

Eligible people can book an appointment for their flu jab at their GP practice or local pharmacy. Pregnant women should ask for their free flu jab at their local maternity service

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The news comes following the shocking events which unfolded on Friday 15 October.

Cllr Ian Gilbert, leader of the council, said: "Following the tragic death of Sir David, we saw calls from across the country to grant Southend-on-Sea city status in honour of Sir David, who was a continuous driving force in Parliament and beyond pushing for the Borough to become a city. His unwavering commitment to achieve this was clear for all to see, and I think there is no greater way to honour Sir David and his family, than to make Southend-on-Sea a city. I hope this honour will help to bring the community together in this difficult time. Further information available in the Southend Council News Section.

Update on HARPS Rusty Containers at 117 York Rd



Dear Sue

I am mindful that I have not been in touch since late June with an update on the movement of the containers from the rear of 117 York Rd and associated neatening up off that car park area.

As I previously mentioned we had identified a new site away from public view, but it has unfortunately taken longer than anticipated to secure it. The lease is now in place, but we need to create a new concrete base to place it. Whilst we have completed our tender process and agreed on the appointment of the contractor, we are now awaiting a response from the contractor on small technical point and confirmation of when the works would start. We had asked for this to be asap and are chasing regularly. Unfortunately, with the building trade experiencing high demand and restricted resources this may not be as soon as we were hoping.

I will keep you up to date with the timetable once we hear back.

Thank you for your patience

Kind regards

Nicky



Some frightfully good fun is in store for families and visitors this autumn when the first ever Southend Halloween Parade takes place on Saturday 30th October.

The parade will feature exciting entries for the whole family including the world-renowned Spark! street theatre drummers, dance performances, a lighting spectacular and giant lit up puppets made by local artists. A stunning fireworks display – hosted by the Southend Business Improvement District (BID) – will close the evening.

BBC News Article

Southend-on-Sea: Sewage leak spills into sea



Businesses were forced to close after the sewage leak in Southend-on-Sea

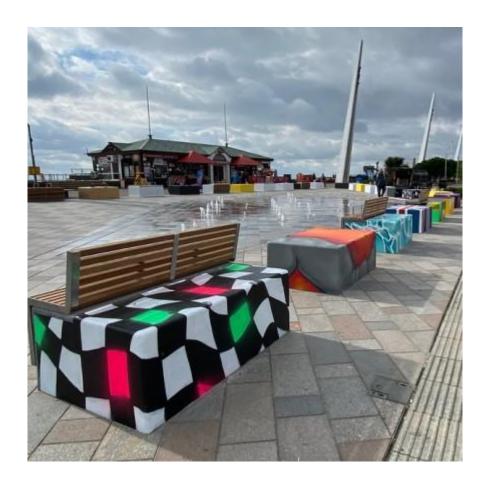
Visitors and residents in a seaside town have been warned not to go into the water at three beaches after a sewage leak.

Anglian Water said sewage had spilled after a "significant blockage" in a sewer pipe in Southend-on-Sea.

Martin Richardson, a local business owner, said the smell was "rancid".

The Environment Agency is investigating and told people to avoid the water at Jubilee, Three Shells and Thorpe Bay beaches.

Additional seafront safety measures almost complete



Work is nearly complete on the installation of 48 multi-purpose blocks on Southend seafront, providing additional safety, whilst also providing additional seating, colour, and greenery in the tourist hotspot.

As part of the capital budget approved, £393K was allocated for improved security measures in the town centre and seafront areas. This money has been used, alongside external funding, to replace the town centre bollard system and also install 48 'Rhino Bloks' on Marine Parade. Nine of the blocks are fitted with arm rests and five are set have planters installed. For further information see Southend Council News.

Southend Firework is back for another year



FREE Seafront Fireworks will definitely return this year, with a whopping TEN DISPLAYS every Saturday night at 7:30pm from 2nd October-4th December! Head to their website for more details - www.visitsouthend.co.uk/fireworks

KILWORTH ESTATE GRAND BUILDINGS

MONTAGUE BUILDING

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. To get us started here is Montague Building which was last marketed by Dedman & Grays, Montague Building is positioned in a highly desirable location, to the left its frontage overlooks Southend's Grade 1 building, Porters Civic Houses, the Mayor residence and to the right All Saints church. The building looks directly towards the proposed impressive Better Queensway project complex. Montague Buildings upper floors offer flat living accommodation, and the ground floor offers business premises. A resident has provided this picture as part of a wish list for more Bistro's within our Estate.



St Vincent's Centre, Southend - Short Street

Remember ladies if you are in need of a chat or some advice, please feel free to come along to the centre this Wednesday.



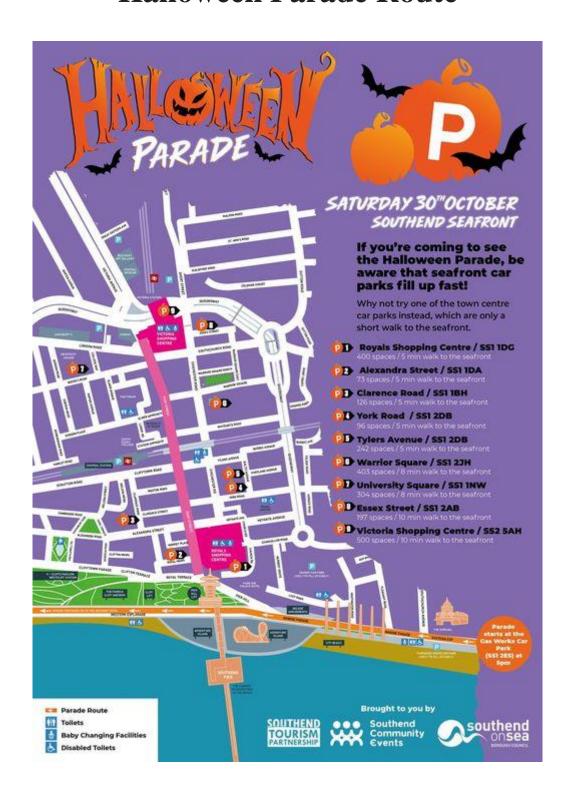
Charity Organization

We provide meals and support for the homeless, rough sleepers and any vulnerable people within our community. Charity Number1053992

Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, Southend on Sea, ESSEX SS2 5BY Southend-on-Sea, UK

https://www.svp.org.uk/st-vincents-southend

Halloween Parade Route



Events are taking place in Southend this week to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week.



Pop-up information stands will be cropping up in Southend this week as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week.

The awareness week runs from Saturday 9 October until Saturday 16 October and the Southend Community Safety Partnership is highlighting the work of local hate incident reporting centres.

The centres are safe spaces that victims or witnesses of hate crime can feel confident they can report the crime, without the risk of potential further repercussions.

The law recognises different types of hate crime, including those based on:

- ❖race;
- ❖religion;
- ❖disability;
- ❖sexual orientation;
- transgender identity;
- sex.

The pop-up information stands will give information about what a hate crime is, where the hate incident reporting centres are and how to make contact and raise awareness of our hate crime ambassadors.

The first of the pop-up stands took place on Saturday 9 October at Southend High Street, with two more planned on:

- ❖Tuesday 12 October at Estuary Housing Centre Place Kursaal, between 11.00 15.00
- ♦ Thursday 14 October at The Royals Shopping Centre, between 11.00 15.00 To gain a greater understanding of the public's understanding of hate crime, there will also be a questionnaire available to fill in.

Ongoing Police Operations within Kilworth Estate



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AJ Bell Women's Tour - road closures and parking suspensions in place for prestigious cycling event

Southend-on-Sea will welcome elite global cyclists for stage four of the AJ Bell Women's Tour cycling event on Thursday 7 October.

Planned highways improvement works announced for October

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

Raising awareness in Southend of hate crime

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All aboard for consultation on bus services in the Borough

The council is seeking views on local bus services in Southend with the aim of working with bus companies to improve the service over the coming years.

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Have your say on 10-year parking strategy for the Borough

Residents and businesses are being urged to take part in a public consultation on the Borough's first parking strategy, which will shape the council's approach to parking management in Southend-on-Sea for the next 10 years.

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Book of Condolence opens for Sir David Amess, MP

A Book of Condolence has opened at the Civic Centre for people to sign in memory of Sir David Amess, MP.

Floral tributes moved to Sir David's constituency office

Floral tributes left at Belfairs Methodist Church in memory of Sir David Amess MP, are being relocated today to Iveagh Hall, 67 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Sir David's constituency office. Notes and cards are also being removed and will be carefully preserved for the family.

"We will get through this tragedy together" says council leader

The leader of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has pledged that the community will continue to stand together in the wake of the murder of Sir David Amess MP.

Beach temporarily closed

A stretch of beach is closed due to continuing sewage issues being dealt with by Anglian Water being made worse by heavy rainfall and high tides overnight.

Southend-on-Sea councillors unite to pay tribute to Sir David Amess, MP

Moving tributes were paid tonight to Sir David Amess, MP following his tragic death last week.

Fireworks cancelled due to ongoing sewage repair works

Following a decision made by Southend BID, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Anglian Water, regrettably, the fireworks display scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday 23 October) has been cancelled.

Twenty One reopens as a creative community café

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Focal Point Gallery are delighted to announce the reopening of Twenty One in partnership with Elwira Middleton, restoring this cultural and community café to the heart of Southend-on-Sea.

Virtual Careers Fair for local young people

We are pleased to announce the first ever Virtual Careers Fair for local secondary school aged pupils.

Please 'Grab the Jab' in Southend-on-Sea

As we head towards winter, those who are eligible are being urged to 'Grab The Jab' if they haven't already, or get their booster dose if they received their second jab at least six months ago.

Funding bid success for Leigh Port and Cliffs Pavilion improvements

The Government confirmed yesterday (27 October) that we have been successful in our bid for funding from its Levelling Up Fund.

Our 'spooktacular' Halloween Parade is going ahead this Saturday – please arrive early and use town centre car parks!

Southend-on-Sea's first ever Halloween Parade will take place along the seafront this Saturday (30 October) featuring over 700 participants!

Cliffs Pavilion upgrade to be discussed

Upgrades to the Cliffs Pavilion Theatre will be discussed at cabinet in the hopes of keeping the venue's spot as one of the top ten regional theatres in the country.

Council to discuss further investment in economic recovery

The council's cabinet will discuss plans to make a direct financial stake in the Seaway leisure development which will be anchored by Empire Cinemas, Hollywood Bowl and Travelodge.

COP26 – We continue our drive to be carbon neutral by 2030

We attended a special climate change event today at GRIDSERVE Electric Forecourt in Braintree, Essex ahead of the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow.