



Vaccines for the people aged 16-17 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/>



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

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA NEW LOCAL PLAN



CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN SOUTHEND

There has been much controversy about the Governments demands that we build 23,000 more homes over the next few years. We need to make sure residents are fully involved in developing the Local Plan for Southend as nothing is yet set in stone. Please visit the Southend Council 'Have Your Say' site and tell us what you think.

The consultation is now open until 5pm on 26th October. It is important that residents voices are heard!

Click on the link below or send your comments to planningpolicy@southend.gov.uk.

<https://localplan.southend.gov.uk/>

QUEENSWAY GREEN KILWORTH ESTATE



Residents are campaigning for the re-introduction of an alcohol ban both on the green between Queensway dual carriageway and Toledo Road, and the streets of Kilworth Estate.

During this summer, groups of people have been gathering on the green, there have been reports of daily drunken and anti-social behaviour that has caused concern for other users of the Green and the surrounding streets.

Residents have raised concerns about the removal of the alcohol-free zone street signs prior to the introduction of alcoholics' hostels within our estates and would like to know who took this decision.

MAYOR100



LUNCH AT THE ARLINGTON

905 London Road, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3LL

Wednesday 22nd September at 12.00

£25 per person

Fish & Chips or Pasta Aribiatta with spicy tomato sauce

Selection of Ice cream

Tea or Coffee

To book your place & give main course choice please:

Email: events@southendmayorscharity.net

Phone: 07931 724446

Bookings must be made by 14th September

Raising money for Trust Links & Little Heroes ASD

MORE DISGRACEFUL VANDALISM HARES ABOUT TOWN ART TRAIL



Kursaal ward councillor Matt Dent said “I'm heartbroken and furious at yet more mindless vandalism of some of the [Hares About Town](#) this weekend.

Hare-cule, which was located at The Forum, is so badly damaged by being ripped off his plinth and smashed to the floor that he has had to be removed to be repaired. This is not free. Last night - Sunrise - located by Metro bank - was again ripped from its plinth - however the hare's team have been able to re-attach him.

These hares have not only been a fantastic art project which has entertained whole families in Southend this summer but are a fundraising initiative for Havens Hospices. I know that it is only a minuscule number of low lives behind this, and I hope that anyone who knows anything about this vandalism will contact the police or email info@haresabouttown.co.uk. All the hares, even those which have been removed for repairs, will be available to view at the Farewell to the Hares events on 24 to 26 September, at Garon Park. You can purchase tickets for this event at: <https://www.havenshospices.org.uk/.../farewell-to-the-hares/> The hares will then be auctioned at an event on 28 September, for which you can register your interest here: <https://www.havenshospices.org.uk/.../hares-about-town.../>

A BETTER START SOUTHEND



September 16th

🦋 Attention! Colourful Edwardian character wheels curious, bubble-blowing, musical cart through town.

Join The Pram at our Street Artists and Family Fringe event this Saturday, 11:30pm- 2pm, on Southend High Street.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND FLY-TIPPING



This pile of mattresses, which has been growing since July/August has now been reported to Southend Council. Cllr Tricia Cowdrey is outraged and said that she will follow it up with the council.

The garage driveway rubbish pile has been intermittently continuous for many years in one form or another. Kilworth Estate members have back in 2007 used money from the Essex High Sherriff fund to clear the driveway and paint the garage doors. Cllr Tricia Cowdrey has also helped clear away dumped rubbish. It has been suggested that the owners should install some pleasant wrought iron gates to deter fly-tipping and recompensate house owners who have probably suffered house devaluation,

Residents believe that Landlords & tenants contribute to these types of appalling problems, closer surveillance should be undertaken to see which flats are vacated or undergo renovation. Further issues with vans being driven into the area and fly-tipping also exist.

One resident suggested that her neighbours thought it was the correct way to dispose of rubbish, another resident overheard a landlord instructing his workers to dispose of mattresses onto the street.

With school children returning to the daily walk to and from school another resident suggested that it was a form of child abuse, normalising these types of scenes in the developing child's mind. If a social worker entered a flat with rubbish spread across the floors it would set alarm bells ringing so why not when it occurs through a neighbourhood in front gardens and streets.



COULD **YOU** BE A SOUTHEND SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Could you be a Southend school governor? Do you care about improving children's education? Do you want to contribute to your local community?

School governors play a key role in raising school standards and monitoring performance. They hold senior leadership to account and make important decisions about the school.

Anyone over the age of 18 can apply to be a school governor. You do not need any specific education experience; we just ask that you have the enthusiasm and desire to make a difference!

How do I apply? For further information and details on how to apply, please visit: <https://orlo.uk/YyYwg> or email us servicesforschools@southend.gov.uk

HMS LEIGH CULTURAL EVENT ON SOUTHEND PIER



A unique cultural event is taking place on the iconic Southend Pier this week, celebrating how it became HMS Leigh during World War II. Find out more about the heroic history of Southend during WWII, how the longest pleasure pier in the world became a naval battle station, and how it remained a secret in plain sight for 76 years after the war ended.

Schools' events are taking place on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 September from 10.00 to 16.00, with half-hour slots for up to 120 pupils. A ticketed HMS Leigh community event is also taking place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September from 10.00 to 17.00. General public admission to the Pier on these days will be from 17.00 to last entry at 19.00.

Cllr Carole Mulroney, cabinet member for Culture, Leisure & Tourism says: "This will be a fantastic and unique event that brings some local history and heritage to life, and I am delighted that the Council has been able to support it." "Actors will be there to bring HMS Leigh to life and local schoolchildren and residents will be able to see exhibitions revealing the lives and events of WWII Southend."

"Please note that access to the Pier from 10.00 to 17.00 on Thursday and Friday will be for school visits and on Saturday and Sunday for those with an HMS Leigh event ticket, so please do get yours now for this unique opportunity to discover more about the fascinating role our Pier played in WWII."

Tickets for the weekend community event start are £5.60 for children, £7.90 for concessions and £10.20 for adults.

Buy tickets for HMS Leigh - The Bravest Pier in the World:

<https://www.hmsleigh.org.uk/event-details/>

Read more about the event: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/.../bravest-pier-in-the-world>

FABULOUS STREET ART BRINGS SOUTHEND ART FESTIVAL TO A CLOSE



Last weekend saw the Southend Arts Festival draw to a successful close after hundreds of performers and artists were involved throughout a fantastic fortnight (3-19 September) that showcased and celebrated the immense cultural and artistic talent in the Borough.

One of the final events in the festival's calendar was Making Waves – a live street art event with internationally-renowned artist Dan Kitchener aka DANK who specialises in worldwide street art and epic murals on a scale not seen before in Southend.

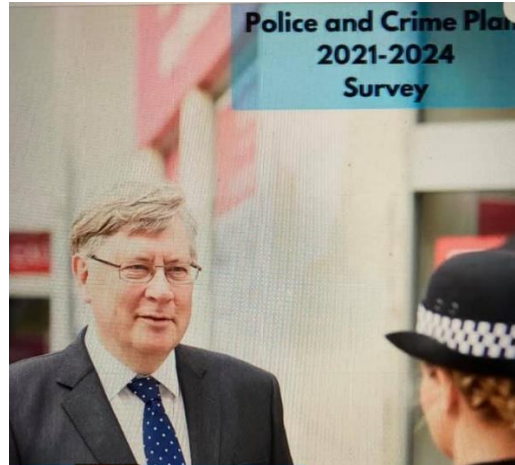
Dan transformed the side of The Mews in Clarence Road Car Park with his epic murals inspired by the street scene of Japan. Dan's massive murals have proved extremely popular with the passing public and on social media and was a fitting way to bring the festival fortnight to a close. The festival proved hugely popular on social media seeing over 350,000 people reached and over 16,000 views across all festival-related webpages.

At least 15,000 people attended a variety of fun, immersive activities and shows across the festival fortnight which included comedy, art, street performance, music, theatre, literature, spoken word and much more. The festival also incorporated the hugely popular Southend Film Festival as well as Garden Gatherings hosted by Leigh Folk Festival, which saw approximately 4,000 visitors.

The inclusive festival, which was supported by patron Russell Kane, also featured workshops to support children and adults with learning disabilities. Afghanistan refugees and their children, currently residing at the Park Inn by Radisson Palace hotel, were encouraged to take part in Chalk Fest at Royal Square, Southend, and create pavement art using coloured chalk.

Cllr Carole Mulroney, cabinet member for Environment, Culture, Tourism & Planning, said: "It has been such a difficult 18 months for the tourism and local cultural and hospitality sectors of Southend due to the pandemic, which is why I am so pleased that we were able to host such a fantastic Southend Arts Festival to showcase the amazing homegrown talent here in Southend and to help local tourism venues and businesses and our hospitality industry to recover.

Police and Crime Plan 2021 – 2024 Survey
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
Paid for by The Office of the Police, Fire and Crime
Commissioner



You can help make Essex safer by assisting Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex, in developing his Police and Crime Plan.

Take part in our survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EssexPFCCPlan/> and give your views on the proposed priorities, which are:

- Further investment in crime prevention
- Improve services to support victims of crime
- Reducing drug driven violence
- Protect rural and isolated areas
- Improving safety on the roads
- Encouraging volunteers and community support
- Protecting vulnerable people and those affected by crime and abuse
- Reducing violence against women and girls
- Preventing dog theft
- Preventing business crime, fraud and cybercrime
- Supporting officers and staff
- Increasing collaboration

Roger said: “We know that by working together we can make huge improvements in our communities so collating views and feedback from representatives of all groups and backgrounds who live, work and travel in Essex is vital.”

The survey closes at midnight on Sunday, September 19th.

Read more here: <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/.../have-your-say-on.../>

Southend Council News – 1st- 30th September

Council invites young people aged 16 to 17 to get a Covid-19 vaccine

Young people aged 16 to 17 years old are invited to get their first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine in a further effort to boost take-up in this age group ahead of their return to education or training.

Southend Halloween Parade will be a huge boost to Southend and visitor economy

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

Ten-year parking strategy set for Cabinet discussion

A draft strategy which will shape the council's approach to parking in the Borough for the next 10 years, is set to be discussed by the council's Cabinet next week.

Cabinet to discuss submission of city status bid

The council's cabinet will discuss the submission of a city status bid at its meeting next week. (Cabinet, item 14, Tuesday 14 September).

Planned highways works announced for September

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

Safety inspections for cemetery monuments and graves

A specialist contractor will carry out inspections on the condition and structural stability of gravestones and monuments over the coming months, for the ongoing safety of visitors to the council-owned and managed sites in the Borough.

Council seeks views of local people on best approach for new Southend Local Plan

The council is preparing a new Local Plan to help guide future growth and development over the next 20 years.

Cabinet to review conservation area appraisals

Seven of Southend's 14 conservation areas could adopt updated conservation area appraisals to enhance the council's ability to protect these much-loved areas, subject to Cabinet approval.

Council's 'Find and Fix' pothole repair programme improves road conditions and safety

The council has successfully carried out its 'Find & Fix' pothole repair programme for the second year running to improve the conditions and safety of roads across the Borough.

Cabinet will look to approve implementation strategy for Domestic Abuse Act 2021

The Council will look to approve the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Implementation Strategy at Cabinet on 14 September to help keep victims and their family safe.

Care home workers urged to get first Covid-19 vaccine

Local care workers, and anyone entering a care home have under one week left to get their first Covid-19 vaccination, before the law in England changes in November.

Cabinet to discuss housing unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

Cabinet will discuss whether up to 27 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who have arrived in England, mainly via boat in Kent, can be given refuge and housed in Southend.

Record-breaking visitor numbers enjoy iconic pier

Southend Pier welcomed over 74,000 visitors in August, the highest number of visitors since records began 14 years ago.

Southend Business Partnership briefing to take place face-to-face for the first time since the start of the pandemic

The Southend Business Partnership (SBP) is pleased to announce that the next SBP briefing will be face-to-face on 16th September.

Selective licencing scheme update to be discussed at Cabinet

An update on the selective licencing scheme being introduced to better regulate landlords in certain wards of Southend is to be discussed by Cabinet.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council partners with FSB to support local small businesses

Small businesses in Southend can now benefit from expert support to guide them through pandemic recovery, thanks to a new partnership with the Council and The Federation of Small Business (FSB).

Southend business survey launched

Together with the Southend Business Partnership we are pleased to announce that the annual Southend business survey is now available.

Bravest pier in the world

How much do you know about the heroic history of Southend during WW2?

Inspire a generation – become an industry champion

People who love their job are being encouraged to become industry champions and inspire the next generation to enter their specific field of employment.

Major improvement works finished at key junction

The main highway works for the junction improvement project at The Bell junction, which will increase traffic flow and improve air quality in the area, have been completed.

Get your tickets now for unique event taking place on world-famous Pier

A unique cultural event is taking place on the iconic Southend Pier this week, celebrating how it became HMS Leigh during World War 2 (WW2).

Fabulous street art draws Southend Arts Festival to a successful close

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Road closure order to provide emergency safety measures if needed

A road closure order giving us authority to close a section of Southend-on-Sea seafront to vehicles as a last resort to deal with any major safety concerns is to be put in place from Friday 1 October.

Less than two weeks until world-renowned cycle race comes to town

Southend-on-Sea is set to welcome elite global cyclists for the AJ Bell Women's Tour in just under two weeks, with excitement building for the prestigious event.

Work completes on first stage of Leigh Cliffs repairs

The first stage of works to investigate what repairs need to be made to Leigh Cliffs has been completed.

[Fascinating artefacts to go on display at new Southend Central Museum exhibition](#)

An intriguing new exhibition is set to open at Southend Central Museum celebrating the history of collecting and humanity's timeless desire to collect and view curiosities.

[60 Minute Mentor continues to provide support to students in Southend](#)

Local businesses interested in providing guidance and advice to local school children are being urged to get in touch to become part of an inspiring mentor project, the 60 Minute Mentor Programme (60M)

[Queens Green Canopy project to kick tree planting season off](#)

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will be planting 70 trees along a main route through the town as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project, aiming to increase canopy coverage across the country.

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[Southend Local Plan Conversation 2021](#)

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