

Fundraising News

Welcome to Southend in Sight's festive edition of Fundraising News!

Over the last few months we have been lucky enough to receive some grants from national and local trusts. These vital donations from the Essex Community Foundation, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Ulverscroft Foundation, Santander, the Dennis & Kathleen Smith Fund and the Fowler Smith & Jones Trust help to keep our Community Services running.



(photo of volunteers at the fete)

As long term supporters, many of you will know about our annual fixtures in the diary – the Elkington House Fete, the Autumn Quiz and our Curry Night at the

Shagor. These three events regularly raise £3,500 every year for Southend in Sight's work with the visually impaired.

We have been busy around the town supporting this year's Mayor, Cllr Derek Jarvis and his wife Val as they raise funds for us as their chosen charity. Our thanks to all those who have supported these events.

Look out for Southend in Sight volunteers at Leigh Station on Monday 3rd December between 5.30 and 7pm. We will be collecting with the help of West Leigh Junior School Choir again



(photo of schoolchildren)

Thank you all for your support over the last year – we really are most grateful!

Easyfundraising

Many of you will be purchasing Christmas presents from the likes of John Lewis, Argos, Amazon and E-Bay online over the coming weeks. If you haven't already, please think about signing up to Easyfundraising and choosing to donate to us! It's very simple:

Visit
easyfundraising.org.uk

Choose SBWO as your cause.

Start shopping online.

The retailers will make a donation to us!



Events Diary

Wednesday 12th
December, 2-4pm
Carols in the Afternoon at Porters
Tickets £10 each

Wednesday 13th
March 2019, 7pm
Dinner and Dance at Thorpe Hall Golf Club
Tickets £35 for 3 course meal and welcome drink

For further details and/or to book your place, please call Catherine on (01702) 342131.

Mayor's Charity Events

Tuesday 4th
December 2018,
2.00pm – 4.00pm
**Festive Afternoon
Tea at Gleneagles**
£18 per person

Thursday 20th
December 2018,
12.00pm – 3.00pm
**Christmas Lunch at
Gentings Casino**
£25 per person

Tuesday 15th
January 2019,
12.00pm – 3.30pm
**Lunch at Il
Pescatore with
entertainment by
Owner & Opera
Singer David
Burzotta**
£25 per person

Saturday 26th
January 2019,
12.30pm – 3.00pm
**Lunch and match at
Southend Rugby
Football Club**
£25 per person

Thursday 7th
February 2019,
7.00pm
**Quiz & Curry Night
at Gentings Casino**
£12 per person

To book a place at
any of the Mayor's
events, please
contact the Mayoral
Committee on:
**events@southend
mayorscharity.net**
or telephone
07538 306226

Diamond Club

Become a member of our Diamond Club and help Southend in Sight continue their community services.

You can join any time for just £5 a month or an annual subscription of £60.

Our monthly prize draws are 1st prize £75 and 2nd prize £50, with more at Christmas!

To join or for more information, please call our office on **01702 342131**.

Will Writing

Do you have a will? Have you thought about leaving some money to charity? Bequests to charities are tax free!

You can plan your will to ensure that it is tax

efficient, to avoid your beneficiaries having to pay more inheritance tax and help a local charity at the same time.

Southend in Sight would greatly benefit from a legacy. As a small local charity with no statutory funding we rely on the goodwill of the local community to help keep our services running.

For more information, talk to your solicitor or call our office on **01702 342131** for an information pack.

Help Needed

If you are a member of a club or group, don't forget to nominate Southend in Sight as your chosen charity.

If you have any fundraising ideas or want to take part in a challenge for us, please call our office for guidance.