

# Fundraising News

Welcome to Southend in Sight's latest edition of Fundraising News.

Spring is definitely in the air as we plan our diary for the coming year. Our annual Dinner and Dance, being held at Thorpe Hall Golf Club this year, is sold out and we are fast approaching the end of our year as the Mayor's Charity in May.

We have been out and about in the community delivering talks to local groups of W.I ladies and Townswomens' Guild. This helps to spread the word about our charity and what we do.



*(picture of volunteers collecting at Southend United)*

As usual our merry band of volunteers have put in some

sterling work in helping us collect at various venues around the town. Over £1200 was collected on just two occasions at Leigh Station and Southend United Football Club.



*(picture of cheque presentation from Leigh Rotary Club)*

We are very lucky to have the support of many of the local Rotary Clubs. We recently collected a cheque from Thorpe Bay Rotary Club, Rochford Rotary Club are donating equipment and we were Leigh Rotary Club's chosen charity last year. These donations help us to continue our vital work in the community. Thank you all for your continued support – we really are most grateful!

## **Easyfundraising**

Many of you will shop online with the likes of John Lewis, Argos, Amazon and E-Bay. 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)**

**Choose SBWO as your cause.**

**Start shopping online.**

**The retailers will make a donation to us!**

**Coming soon...**

Look out for details of how to sponsor our visually impaired group climb of the 02!

[www.southendinsight.org.uk](http://www.southendinsight.org.uk)

## **Events Diary**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>  
August, 2-4pm  
Elkington House  
Fete**

Raffle, tombola, cream teas, live music, gift and plants stalls.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October, 7pm  
Autumn Quiz  
at St Peter's Hall  
Teams of 6-8, £6  
per person**

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

## **Mayor's Charity Events**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March,  
2pm – 4pm

**Afternoon Tea at  
the Roslin Hotel.**

£20 per person

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April,  
12.30pm - 4pm

**Lunch at the  
Holiday Inn.**

£25 per person

With a chance to visit  
the Vulcan Bomber  
Plane at an extra  
cost.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April,  
7pm -10.30pm

**Trad Jazz Night at  
the Grosvenor  
Casino with Digby  
Fairweather and  
Company**

£25 per person

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April,  
7pm start

**Mayoral Ball at the  
Roslin Hotel.**

£45 per person  
includes 3 course  
meal and  
entertainment.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May,  
1pm – 4pm

**May Day Shindig**  
with ploughmans  
lunch and live folk  
music at Porters  
Civic House.

£20 per person

To book a place at  
any of the Mayor's  
events, please email  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> prize £75 and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50, with more at Christmas!

To join or for more information, please call our office on **01702 34 21 31**.

## 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 34 21 31** 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.