

Fundraising News

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

We had a year to get used to the idea that we were the Mayor's chosen charity but nothing could prepare us for the announcement we were to receive £50,000! There were tears of joy in the office on that day. This donation will enable Southend in Sight to continue their work and even take on some new challenges in the coming year. It will leave a lasting legacy.



(picture of cheque handover from Mayoral Committee)

We count ourselves lucky to have the support of so many community groups, and they

have all come up trumps over the last few months.

Southend Lions once again supported us with a £500 cheque, this time towards the printing of our newsletter, from the proceeds of their Spectacle Recycling Project.



(picture of cheque presentation from Southend Lions).

We have also received £500 from Sackville Lodge, due to a volunteer putting our name forward. Westcliff Probus Club have donated £500 to their favourite local sight loss charity – Southend in Sight!

We continue to be supported by the Rotary Clubs of Leigh, Rochford, Thorpe Bay and Westcliff, all of whom have

made substantial donations this year.

One of our members is part of a ladies' quilting group who meet every Thursday in Leigh. Every two years they auction off one of their quilting creations for a charity. Together with the proceeds from a coffee morning, the ladies raised £1268 for us. How amazing is that?



(picture shows the ladies quilting group)

Our events continue to go from strength to strength as we gain more supporters and volunteers. Our now annual dinner and dance was a great success with a family wedding feel as we all crowded onto the dance floor at the end of the night.

Our first Chinese charity night at Zen City was a great success and raised close to £1000.



(picture shows members at our indoor mini fete)

Unfortunately, our luck ran out with the summer weather this year! We had to make a quick venue change and hold a mini "pop-up" fete in our Centre instead. We were well supported by our volunteers and members and still managed to serve cream teas and sell some lovely plants and gifts.

We really are grateful to all who continue to support us. Special thanks to our volunteers who turn up for our events and collections and bring along tables of family and friends. We couldn't do it without you!

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

Choose SBWO as your cause.

Start shopping online.

The retailers will make a donation to us!

Please also remember when shopping on Amazon to sign up to Amazon Smile and choose SBWO. Every little helps!

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Events Diary

Saturday 19th
October, 7pm
Autumn Quiz
at St Peter's Hall.
Teams of 6-8,
£6 per person.

Wednesday 11th
December, 2-4pm
Carols in the
Afternoon at
Porters.
Tickets £10 each
Including a
Christmas tea.

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

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 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.