

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

We are thrilled to announce that we have received a 2 year grant totalling £19,433.53 from local funder, the Community Investment Board.

The grant will be used to continue our newly expanded social activities programme that includes our choir, Talking Book Club, Fun Fridays and Pub meet-up, as well as our regular coffee mornings, weekly bowling and one-off events for children and older people.

CEO Lucy Martin said: "We are very grateful to the Community Investment Board for their generous grant to help reduce isolation through activities. We know it will make a huge difference to local blind and partially sighted people, as it means we can continue to offer them the opportunity to meet up".



C.I.B Board Member Peter Lovett, pictured left with CEO Lucy, the choir and session leader Val said: "It was a pleasure to attend the choir practice and meet some of the people who are already benefitting from the grant. As part of the C.I.B, we all try to not only provide funding, but support and

attend group meetings, so we can share the good work that you all do".

We have also received donations from other local organisations over the last 3 months. Rochford Rotary has given us £750 towards essential equipment for our Centre, while the Leigh Lions have awarded us £500 to put on a free soft play event for children during half term.



Our charity shop continues to do well, providing a much needed income stream every month. Over the past year, thanks to the efforts of the Shop Team, led by Manager Lois, £80K has been raised to help run our Community Services.

Our recent Spring pop-up shop was a huge success (as

we knew it would be), raising £463, with another £240 in the charity shop, bringing our total to just over £700 for the day. Our volunteers, as usual, got into the spirit of the event, rustling up business with their lively chat, free chocolates and general bonhomie. “Lady Easter” Jean and “Mad Hatter” John are featured above, all dressed up for the occasion.

Don't forget, if you can spare £5 a month, you could join our Diamond Club and help support our work. We can also offer talks to any group or organisation that wishes to hear about our charity. For more information on this and any other fundraising enquiries, please call **Catherine Hodgson** or **Liz Payne** on **01702 34 21 31**.

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