

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



The Southend in Sight team are pictured left, celebrating some good news with a cup of tea at a recent staff meeting. We have been informed that our application for further funding from the National Lottery for our “Working Through Sight Loss Together” project has been

successful. This means that our staff can continue to provide a top-notch service for local blind and partially sighted people.



An update on our young fundraising footballers. Community Coordinator Liz is pictured left attending a training session for the White Ensign under 8's red team to present them with a certificate of thanks for raising a staggering £1700!

The parents and coaches are rightly proud of the boys for helping to raise such a huge amount of money to support our charity. Well done and thank you from all of us.

As we celebrate our successes, it seems appropriate to remember a long-time supporter of our charity Ron Price, who sadly passed away a few months ago.

Ron, a former Mayor, has been a Southend in Sight champion for many years, spreading awareness of our work in the community, making connections for us and of course, raising all important funds for us both personally with his wife Janice and in his capacity as a Rotarian. Ron was one of a kind and will be missed by us all.

Ron was a great lover of quizzes and would be pleased that we have decided to hold one this Autumn on **Saturday 26th October** from 7pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff. We also have a fundraising meal at local Chinese - Zen City - booked in the diary for **Thursday 21st November** from 7pm. For more information and to book your table or place, please call our office on **01702 34 21 31**.

Our charity shop continues to provide a regular income stream for us and remains a very popular place to shop on Hamlet Court Road. Our themed windows – the seaside, birds, the colour purple, lace and craft - have all helped to increase sales, and have drawn people into the shop out of curiosity.

Our thanks as always to our army of volunteers who help process and sell all the donations we receive. Please do contact us if you can spare a few hours a week to volunteer with us in our shop – we would appreciate the support.

Don't forget, if you can spare £5 a month, you could join our Diamond Club and help support our work. You can also talk to us about leaving a gift in your will.

We can 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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