

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



We held our first quiz since before Covid this Autumn. It proved to be a very popular and busy event, with 14 tables competing. Ticket sales and raffle money from the evening helped to raise £1000 for our charity – a very respectable amount. Our thanks to quiz master Val, compere Colin and music maestro Dick for making it such a successful event. The picture left shows Community Coordinator Liz holding a large print yellow “Joker” card from the quiz night.

We continue to work with local groups who have chosen us as their charity of the year. Ballards Gore Golf Club has raised several thousand pounds for us at their fundraising events for their golfers

so far, with more to come. Circle Health Group are match funding staff initiatives and continuing to raise awareness of the importance of eye health. Our thanks to both for all their efforts in supporting our charity.

We have been lucky enough to have received substantial legacies from local supporters over the past year. These generous donations enable us to continue our work in the community with local blind and partially sighted people of all ages for many years to come.

Southend in Sight offers a free will writing service with “Wills for Good”. There is a short form of information that you can fill out online or in a confidential space with a trusted person. You will then be offered an

appointment with an accredited local legal firm who can write your free will for you. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please call our offices for more information.

As we go to print, our annual Christmas pop up event will have taken place at our charity shop and Centre, hopefully raising more funds and spreading a bit of Christmas cheer to all our customers.

Our charity shop took part in Sustainable Fashion Week back in September, a campaign that celebrates sustainability, diversity and creativity. We took some preloved fashion photos, with shop volunteers as models, in our favourite Southend in Sight colours – blue and yellow. The results are on show below with left to right, David, Helen and Paul all in dark glasses, striking a pose for the camera in blue jackets and coats with a yellow background. We think they looked fantastic!



Don't forget, if you can spare £5 a month, you could join our Diamond Club and help support our work.

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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