

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



shows talking book club members (front row) Rose, Maria and Christine, with Georgie from Southend in Sight and Katherine Le Mare from Waitrose, holding a giant cheque.

We are always grateful to our local supporters for putting us forward to be chosen charities. In addition to being one of the Mayor's causes this year, we were recently nominated by a member of staff at the Southend Waitrose store as part of their community grant scheme. We were delighted to receive a cheque for £750. The photo above left



Sonia and all their fellow golfers. The photo above left shows the ladies in their pink jackets on the golf course presenting a large cheque to Liz.

The ladies' team at Ballards Gore Golf Club have been busy all year raising funds for us. Earlier in April, our Community Coordinator Liz was invited to receive a cheque for – drum roll please - £4,450! We were blown away by the total, such a huge achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of Joint Lady Captains Lynn and

While our services have moved, our charity shop remains open at 117 Hamlet Court Road, raising vital funds for us. We have a new Manager – Sarah Richardson – and a new Assistant Manager – Debbie Softly. We also have a new number to call our charity shop directly with any queries: **07351 735213**.



Sarah and Debbie are continuing to make the most of all the donations they receive, creating some lovely windows, like our Easter themed one left, showcasing bunnies and yellow clothing, a lovely contrast with the blue of our shop front.

The pair have supported the Hamlet Court Road in

Harmony event, tried out some flash sales, introduced a £1 rail, as well as opening on bank holidays to attract some new customers. We are sure their efforts will pay off and we applaud their enthusiasm.

In fact, Debbie and Sarah became “secret shoppers” on Hamlet Court Road, checking out the competition. They noted that Southend in Sight’s volunteers were the most welcoming – a fact we already knew but it’s always worth a mention!

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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