

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

Our winning streak has continued with a successful application to the Health Inequalities Fund for a new wellbeing project. We are very grateful to the Mid and South Essex Hospital Trust for supporting our charity and enabling us to deliver this exciting addition to our services.



Our mission to increase awareness in the community (and funds!) has resulted in staff and volunteers attending a variety of events.

Our bucket collection at the Tesco supermarket on the A127 resulted in £315. Staff member Catherine is pictured left with a yellow bucket wearing a bright yellow tabard.

We have also attended the Southend District Pensioner's Campaign 40th anniversary celebrations and World Sight Day at Circle Health, where Community Coordinator Liz's yellow iced cupcakes, complete with Southend in Sight logo, pictured left, proved very popular.

Liz finished her decorations off with a yellow and blue balloon arch – she knows how to go the extra mile for our charity!



We are grateful to the many local people who continue to support us with their own fundraising activities and who may be attending some of the charity events hosted by the Mayor this year. At our recent AGM, the Mayor, Nigel Folkard, spoke of his personal connection to Southend in Sight through his volunteering for the Southend Lions. The local Lions Clubs collect used spectacles, clean, sort and send them off to developing countries where they can be reused, making a huge difference to communities overseas. Our charity shop and our Centre are happy to receive any used glasses you may have lurking at the bottom of your drawers at home. The next time you need a new pair of spectacles, following your regular eye check-up, please remember to drop your old ones off to us.



There is no further news on the sale at 117 Hamlet Court Road. In the meantime, Sarah and Debbie are continuing to record good sales and attract customers with their Autumn (featured in the photo left), Halloween and poppy themed windows. We're lucky to have a great spot in Hamlet Court Road and are very much a fixture in the local community. We are also grateful to all our shop volunteers who work tirelessly to support us in our endeavours. Don't forget our new number to call the charity shop directly with any queries: **07351 735213**.

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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