

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

We continue to deliver our projects for the grants we have received, including the National Lottery Community Fund and Cadent Centres for Warmth. It is always tricky as projects come to an end and we wait to hear back about further applications. Our main aim is to keep a professional service running and to offer a wide range of activities.



As we go to print, the next Mayor of Southend has already been sworn in at a Civic Centre service. We would like to thank the former Mayor, Councillor Nigel Folkard, and his entire fundraising committee for their hard work over the last year.

The final total raised for Nigel's two charities – Southend in Sight and the Dandelion Appeal at Southend Hospital - is still to be revealed, as there are a few outstanding donations. The picture above left shows Nigel (centre) with Lucy Martin from Southend in Sight (left) and Lucy Thomas-Clayton (right) from Southend Hospital at his Mayor making ceremony.

Nigel has attended over 350 events during his time as Mayor, visiting many local groups, businesses and charities. He has been indefatigable in his efforts to raise awareness of and money for his two charities,

taking on a triathlon with two council colleagues, a cold-water dip and tap dancing at a variety show. We are grateful for Nigel's passion and energy in driving everyone on to raise what we know will be a record-breaking figure!



While the property at 117 Hamlet Court Road is for sale, our charity shop is very much open for business. Sarah and Debbie have been opening the shop on some of the bank holidays due to demand, and we took part in the Hamlet Court Road in Harmony festival again this year. They ran a "guess the name of the bear" competition for a rather large bear named "Battersea" (pictured left with soft brown fur and a lovely smile). The donor told us he was won at a Christmas market in Battersea Power Station, hence the name!

We always appreciate good quality donations of clothes and shoes, so please do think of us instead of selling your items on "Vinted" or "eBay". Don't forget our 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 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** on **01702 34 21 31**.

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