SOUTHEND IN SIGHT
YOUR LOCAL SIGHT LOSS CHARITY

FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

This edition is all about community support. We are so lucky to have local people raising money for us, choosing us as their charity and donating raffle prizes to us.



Lauren and Leia Kinch are the dynamic duo who put together a quiz in aid of Southend in Sight. With the support of family and friends they raised a total of £1,246. This is the 4th quiz the sisters organised in memory of their Aunty Kath (a former colleague). In total they have raised £4,629 and with a generous donation of £500 from Kath's dad (David), they have now smashed the £5K mark!

Our thanks to Lauren and Leia for all their hard work and for continuing to support Southend in Sight in memory of Kath Kinch. The photo above shows Lauren left and Leia right wearing cut off jean shorts and their "Aunty Kath" t shirts, with a pile or raffle tickets in the background.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our own quiz back in October and for anyone who enjoyed our Chinese Night at Zen City in November. These two events raised just under £2K.

From the 1st of December we will be running a Christmas raffle. Tickets are £1 and you can purchase them by popping into our Centre at SAVS. The first prize is a fantastic Christmas hamper full of goodies, the second a voucher for a local restaurant.



We also have a wonderful “Daphne Dino”, knitted for us by a supporter. She is pictured left with two pale blue horns, a turquoise background and pink, yellow and purple crocheted hexagons.

Daphne really needs a good home this Christmas and we are planning to auction her off to the highest bidder. If you would like to bid for Daphne, please call our office and let us know what you would like to pay for her – she really is a beauty (and well behaved!)



For those of you who have already started your Christmas shopping, you may have noticed that we are one of the three chosen charities for the Southend Waitrose Community Matters green token scheme this quarter.You have until 31st December to vote for us.The photo left shows Catherine Hodgson adding her token to the “Southend in Sight” box.

Our charity shop is fully open again now the builders have created our new store. Sarah and Debbie have worked hard to reorganise stock and make the best use of their smaller space. We always need donations of good quality clothes, shoes, bags and homeware items, so please do remember us when you are having a pre-Christmas clear out! The direct number for our charity shop is: **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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