



THE WIRE

VOICE OF THE PROJECT

SPECIAL LAUNCH EDITION : DECEMBER 2020

Welcome to the launch of **The Wire**. This publication is the voice of Project Southchurch, sharing our updates on initiatives and news from the organisation. This newsletter will be published each season, with extra editions for specific events & issues affecting Southchurch

LIFE EAST 2

We are pleased to announce that our plan for a better Southchurch is now available. Life East 2 has been updated, with a few corrections and a number of new initiatives. The print edition will be available in January, but if you would like a PDF copy email us your details. project.southchurch@yahoo.com



We have been in discussion with Southend Borough Council, Safer Southend and Southend Community Police Teams. We have made significant progress on CCTV issues, although not advanced enough to share

with you yet. We continue to work closely with the agencies and are grateful to Safer Southend for increased CSO patrols in and around the Project Southchurch Area.

We have issues around obstructions on pavements hindering movement of pedestrians. The Community Police Team are aware of the issue and will follow up any incidents.

As we approach Christmas, there is the potential of an increase in opportunist crimes. We can prevent the temptation. Any cardboard that is left over from deliveries remove all identification notifications, such as address labels or bar codes. If you're throwing them out, please don't put out until the day of your collection. Place cardboard in recycling bags or boxes, if possible, so there is no description of the contents visible. Make sure all outbuildings, sheds and garages are securely locked. Please don't leave any valuables inside your car overnight. Statistically there is only a small chance of been affected by this type of crime.



You may already know Chief Inspector Hughes, who is Southchurch born and bred.



Chief Inspector Hughes, District Commander is passionate about Southend. He says 'I have invested so much into the Southend community over the past 17-years and I am fully committed to delivering the best service to my home town. We have a hardworking team, who are dedicated to helping people, keeping them safe and catching criminals. My focus as District Commander is to increase Police visibility on our streets, address antisocial behaviour, tackle drug activity and reduce violent crime.



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Connect 4 Southchurch

We will be sending out information regarding Connect 4 Southchurch. We have had a fantastic response so far to people who want to be involved in the organisation. We are currently putting into place our Foundation & Development Committee, so still require a Divisional Secretary, some initiative co-ordinators, Community Ambassadors (volunteers) and to increase our membership/contact list. Once you have received this newsletter please share with 4 other people. You can start by sharing **The Wire** with friends.



Get Together & Talk



We are currently on our virtual tour, Get Together & Talk. We have spoken to Labour & Conservative Groups represented on the Borough Council. We are also speaking to local business. We have delivered presentations to Essex Chambers of Commerce & Southend Bid, explaining about the organisation & our plans. When all restriction are lifted we will organise a public meeting to discuss more about the

vision and update you on progress made.

We have plans to arrange meetings in locations throughout the Project Southchurch area. Our 'Get Together InSight' campaign will bring a number of organisations such as Southend Community Police Teams, Safer Southend, Southend Borough Council and other organisations to the community and reengage with residents.

Southend Foodbank continues to do fantastic work in the most challenging of times. We fully support their work.

With Christmas just over 3 weeks away, they would appreciate donations. Tins of chocolates, boxes of biscuits, tinned custard, Christmas puddings & mince pies are a few of the items needed. All items will need to be in date up to the end of December. Please check their social media sites or visit their website for updated information. www.southend.foodbank.org.uk



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Southchurch Retail

We have represented Southchurch on the Southend Bid working party for the reopening of retail, after Lockdowns 1 and 2. We fully support any Shop Local initiative and will be in liaison with local retailers on how best to implement the various ideas.

We will be working with all traders to see how we can improve Southchurch Retail. We are already in talks with Southend Bid to provide schemes that will benefit the area.

We have been instrumental on the inclusion of #ShopSouthchurchVillage on promotional material distributed by Southend Borough Council. Southend Borough Council are very supportive of all retailers who wish to join the late opening campaign. All council owned car parks will operate a free parking policy, each **Thursday** after **4pm**, on the run up to Christmas. This will commence on 3rd December.



HopeBox



HopeBox is an Urban Market. It aspires to celebrate the varied cultures of our community through food and craft. We aim to highlight what a vibrant area Southchurch is and to outline its importance to Southend.

An urban market is a mixture of a street food, art, farmers & on trend markets.

We will target the event to be organised for July 2021 and to become an integral part of Southend events calendar in the future.

We will soon begin, again, the plans for this Urban & Street Food Market for Southchurch. The event will be managed by our friends at Kiwi Productions. It will be something new for Southend. Combining Art, On-trend Crafts, range of street foods & live music. If you want to get involved please email us;

project.southchurch@yahoo.com

You may notice the logos at the foot of this newsletter. We are proud members of SAVS (Southend Association of Voluntary Services) and Essex Chambers of Commerce. We are grateful for the immense amount of support and help received from both organisations.



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We have been supported by many community organisations and agencies across Southend this year and really appreciate all the help.

SHIP (Southchurch Hall Inspirational Parkers). Their advice and support has been invaluable from the start, we are so grateful to have this organisation as our major community partner.

They have transformed **Southchurch Hall Gardens** beyond recognition over the years. Pat Sampson, the founder and Chair of the group, realises there is still more to do and is passionate about achieving this.

This year's Christmas event, due to Covid, will not go ahead. This doesn't mean Christmas is cancelled. Pay a visit, from **11 December**, to **Santa's Post Box**, located around **Southchurch Hall Manor**. Post your wish and the elves will fix your reply to surrounding trees.

For more details visit their website or email directly.

shgardenpeople@gamil.com www.southchurchhallgardens.co.uk

Why not visit our friends at Southend Manor this December. Essex Senior League action returns to Southchurch Park on **12 December**, with a 3pm kick off against Stansted. **Boxing Day** football returns, for the first time since 2007, with a fixture against Clapton. Visit your local and support the Manor.



www.pitchero.com/clubs/southendmanorfootballclub



Thank you for reading our special launch edition of **The Wire**.

Our next edition will be mid-January. The edition in January will also be available in print, throughout Southchurch. We will also have more social media sites and a website to make it easier to keep in touch. Please feel free to print copies of this newsletter and share. We would be grateful if you could also share via your own social media platforms, websites or just mention us in conversation.

Thank you to all who have supported us this year, we are extremely grateful.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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