

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Friends of Leigh Library Gardens



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE NEW FRIENDS OF LEIGH LIBRARY VOLUNTEER GROUP?

Southend Parks are pleased to provide active hands-on sessions to assist with the care and maintenance of this historic garden.

The Friends of Leigh Library Gardens are a small friendly group of local people who have come together to work in the Gardens, improve the facilities, tend the plants and trees and develop them as a community space. Working parties take place on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10-11.30am. Tools are provided but suitable clothing for outdoor work is needed. For further information email:

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Fed up with drivers speeding? Wish you could do something about it? Can you spare four hours each month? If so, **Southend Community Speedwatch** would like to hear from you! Full training and equipment provided. For more information contact:



community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

YOUR CONSERVATIVE TEAM IN LEIGH



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No need to book – appointments on a first come first served basis

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AIRPORT CHALLENGED OVER NIGHT FLIGHTS

Sir David Amess, MP for Southend West, has challenged Southend Airport over its night flights. He recently summoned the Chief Executives of Southend Airport and Southend Council to a meeting where he told them of the large number of complaints he had received from residents about air pollution and noise disturbance. He left them in no doubt that the night flights as currently constituted were unacceptable.



Following the meeting Sir David said, "I will continue to work with people who are unhappy with the present situation, so that an acceptable compromise can be reached, whereby the airport can continue to function, but without damaging residents' quality of life."

QUEENSWAY UNDERPASS UNDER THREAT

Local Conservatives fear that Southend will face traffic gridlock if plans to scrap the road through the Queensway underpass go ahead.

In a shock move, the Council's Labour-led coalition has ditched the original highways plan for the Better Queensway regeneration scheme. Instead of retaining the underpass as a four lane road, they now propose to use it for water storage.



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INTRODUCING PAUL GILSON, Conservative Candidate for Leigh Ward Southend Borough Council



Paul Gilson

I have lived in Leigh for nearly 50 years. I have been active in the community through my work with the lifeboats, fisheries and more recently, as an elected member of Leigh Town Council.

My aim is simple: to improve the lives of Leigh residents. My priorities include:

- Restricting night flights from Southend Airport so that Leigh residents can get a good night's sleep.
- Environmental improvements on the Leigh cliffs and on the waste ground on approaches to Two Tree Island
- Tackling potholes and crumbling road surfaces
- Resist any further conversion of houses into flats – Leigh is full!

ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

Our roads and pavements are a disgrace: Victor Drive (pictured right) is just one of many places in Leigh where the road surface is crumbling.

The pavements need protection from builder's vehicles breaking up the paths. The drains around building sites need monitoring before and after building to stop waste being poured in and blocking them.



MORE CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EVs) NEEDED.

Although Southend Council recently declared a climate emergency, the Labour/ Independent/ Lib Dem coalition seems to be dragging their feet when it comes to installing much needed public EV charging points in the borough.



SIR DAVID AMESS MP FOR SOUTHEND WEST WORD FROM WESTMINSTER

"I would like to thank all those residents who voted for me and my party on 12th December last year. I was delighted to be re-elected with the most votes I have ever received and the largest majority. The General Election resulted in a Conservative government being elected with a large majority. Now that we have fulfilled our promise to leave the EU, the UK will be able to capitalise on the opportunities it has, becoming a free trading nation again. It will take a while for the tangible benefits to become apparent, but my duty is to ensure that the constituency I represent will benefit from our increased prosperity.



This delightful pooch featured as my "dog of the day" during the election campaign

"The other priorities that will be honoured from the General Election manifesto will be to improve the delivery of our NHS. A major priority will also be to protect our precious environment. The level of criminality, with violent crime and drug abuse at its heart, is being tackled immediately and there should be zero tolerance of anti-social behaviour. Our pledge to protect the welfare of animals is a further top priority. "Leigh Ward offers so much to local residents. Nevertheless, there are any number of local issues that need addressing and I am grateful for the support that Paul Gilson in particular is able to give me with his depth of local knowledge.

CELEBRATING BREXIT

At 11pm on 31st January 2020, the United Kingdom left the European Union.

While celebrations were taking place around the country, I was delighted to join with local residents in Leigh-on-Sea to mark the momentous occasion.

The evening included the raising of the Union Flag, patriotic songs, fireworks and a proclamation from the Town Crier.

