

Southend BID
Bi-Monthly Multi-Agency Town Centre Retail & Community Safety Meeting
January 2017
Community Safety Hub & Police

Attendee list

Alison Dewey – Southend BID
Jessica Lester – Southend BID
Dawn Jeakings – Royals Shopping Centre/Southend BID
T/Insp Ian Hughes – Essex Police
Anita McGinley – South Essex Homes
Fay Kricha – Family Mosaic
Barry Davis – CCTV
Karen Wood – Ponden Homes
Mark Bartrip – McDonald’s/Southend BID
Mark Horne – McDonald’s
Scott Janis – McDonald’s
Jamie Astley – Bottleyards
Zoe Manning – University of Essex
Garry Lowen – Gleneagles Guesthouse
Stuart Wilkie – The Victoria Shopping Centre
Daniel Wells – Stambridge Security
Patrick Bourke – Stambridge Security
Michael Blackman – Stambridge Security
Jayne Mackay – Callie & Finn
Bea Hammond – Callie & Finn
Colin Ritchie – Halfords
John Simmons – SOS Churches Winter Night Shelters
Bill Potter – Essex Police

Police Update / Retail Crime

- **Operation Irvine took place until end of December to increase town centre visibility from 10am-8pm – maintained since Town Beat disbanded. Visibility has an impact on street community presence but it is also about engaging with and supporting individuals or vulnerabilities and working together to focus on route causes for long-term solutions**
- **Police are committed to being visible on the High Street and working with businesses and CCTV**
- **‘Coffee with a Copper’ – an informal meeting with the Southend policing team in cafes, coffee shops and restaurants. If interested in hosting, email hello@southendbid.com. Southend BID to distribute rotas and produce signage**
- **Statistically, shop lifting is better in the last 12 months (reflective of the number of incidents being reported)**
- **WHSmith is a current problem area – three low level thefts reported; shoplifting in Marks & Spencer**
- **Funding for 150 Police Officers across Essex**

Rough Sleepers / Street Drinking

- **Southend BID’s work boarding the Post Office’s front entrance has been successful in eradicating the street community in that area. The unit is to be a Caribbean themed bar and restaurant, Turtle Bay**
- **Street community in Queens Road and H&M doorways**

- Daily drug dealing taking place in Alexandra Street (three CCTV cameras cover this area) and alleyway by the Old Hat
- Southend BID will be looking into creating a collaborative website to educate and portray the message to not give street community money and donate online instead. Will include home truths to support the ongoing positive work. Examples include [Nottingham](#), [Cambridge](#) and [Ipswich](#)
- Community Protection Warnings and Notices have been issued meaning a CBO can be applied for. All alternative measures must be taken prior to this
- Ongoing work to obtain CBO's for prolific individuals. An ongoing list of ten. Positive requirements mean there are required to engage with services, predominantly [STARS](#)
- Fifteen obtained in the last twelve months, three in December. A breach will result in a court process to attempt to gain a custodial sentence
- T/Insp Ian Hughes and Anita McGinley to meet with Criminal Justice Unit to discuss measures and impact
- DISC must be used by businesses to record intel and incidents which is vital for a CBO application. Also allows information to be shared with other businesses and Southend BID team quickly. Please email hello@southendbid.com if you do not have access to the system
- Southend BID and Street Rangers visited Family Mosaic's Complex Needs Hostel. A nine-bed unit now housing prolific and well-known individuals who are doing well

Youth Anti-Social Behaviour

- A group of around seven 15-17-year-old males in the Royals Shopping Centre reported to Youth Offending Service's Lee Akam – Community Dispersal Orders. Recent authorisation for the town centre area (max. 48 hours). Home visits made to acquire engagement with parents
- McDonald's have the most issues from 3pm onwards, ages 10-20. Influx after school and throughout school holidays, half-term and Oct/Nov. Currently under control. Operations with a positive impact have taken place
- Half-term: Two Operation to take place to include increased town centre visibility and patrols, knife crime awareness, Specials and additional early evening resources plus operational support

AOB

- Winter Night Shelters run seven nights a week from December-March. A significant number attending will result in long-term accommodation
- For those who require a Townlink radio set up, please contact Barry Davis on 01702 212 066 or barrydavis@southend.gov.uk
- If you would like to join the daily weekly police briefing (Mon: 10.30am, Tue-Fri: 9.30am), telephone 01245 452020 using the code 64969#

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th March 2018 at The Royal Hotel

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please email hello@southendbid.com