

**Southend BID**  
**Retail Against Crime Meeting (SRAC)**  
**March 2018**

**Attendee list**

Alison Dewey – Southend BID  
Jessica Lester – Southend BID  
Dawn Jeakings – Royals Shopping Centre/Southend BID  
Mark Bartrip – McDonald's/Southend BID  
T/Insp Ian Hughes – Essex Police  
Rob Carvosso – The Storehouse/Southend Vineyard  
Mark Horne – McDonald's  
Jemma Verrall – McDonald's  
Rebecca Gosain – New Look  
Garry Lowen – Gleneagles Guesthouse  
Stuart Wilkie – The Victoria Shopping Centre  
Michael Blackman – Stambridge Security

**Police Update / Retail Crime**

- Borough-wide within the last eight weeks: 191 shoplifting reports, 42 positive outcomes. Victoria and Milton: 102 offences, 25 positive outcomes, 17 people charged (1 caution, 7 community resolution). 14% reduction year-on-year in Southend (reflective of the number of reports made)
- Cannot stress enough how important it is to keep reporting incidents. Do so via DISC, by calling 101, via email or online
- Coffee with a Copper sessions are going well. Looking at evenings for certain businesses, if preferable. Street Rangers to collect feedback from those who have hosted so far. Please inform us if you wish to host future sessions via [hello@southendbid.com](mailto:hello@southendbid.com). BID to also promote and possibly feature in the column again. Further information [here](#)
- Southend Community Policing Team (CPT) and Local Policing Team (LPT) will each receive an additional six officers – to be employed by early Autumn 2018 and on the streets early 2019
- Operation Raptor (targeting drug dealing and gang-related crime) continues. Also working alongside Met Police
- Community Safety Partnership (CSP) priorities: Town centre, gang and knife crime, hate crime and violence and vulnerability
- Following Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March's incident, take a look at DCI Neil Pudney's police and crime update at [www.southendbid.com/police-update](http://www.southendbid.com/police-update)

**Rough Sleepers / Street Drinking**

- A number of street patrols took place. It was decided that these would continue in the absence of the Winter Night Shelters. Now looking into funding for this to be permanent
- Certain individuals on the initial Top 10 list are no longer active on the streets or have moved on. Those coming from other areas means beginning the process again and a rise in numbers
- Positive work taken place in service engagement with individuals i.e. Family Mosaic to address issues. Complex needs panel working towards how best to provide support as a multi-agency group
- A church shelter set up by Del Thomas has appeared in Northumberland Crescent – 27 individuals each night
- T/Insp Ian Hughes welcomes new ideas in how to address rough sleeping
- Town Task group looking at issues in the public realm – some issues are not being rectified quickly enough or at all. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Director of Regeneration and Business development, Emma Cooney has requested a critical Town Task group to take place within the next couple of

- weeks. Decision makers and budget holders required as members
- As previously explained, Southend BID will be creating a multi-agency educational website to allow users to donate online as opposed to giving cash directly to street community. BID to heavily promote and produce printed materials. Possible pseudonym Twitter account for myth-busting. To launch prior to the summer
  - BID to continue lobbying the Council with issues such as this

### **Youth Anti-Social Behaviour**

- New group of youths active - police are aware. Dispersal orders to be given if continuation. Possible police rota re-arrangement to counter this
- Recent spike in school children and college students shoplifting at a certain clothing retailer. Incident reported and footage/imagery uploaded to DISC. South Essex College's Deputy Principal, Anthony McGarel has been added to the system. T/Insp Ian Hughes to inform his team to distribute intel i.e. uniforms for identification

### **AOB**

- Dawn Jeakings will be meeting with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Chief Executive, Alison Griffin to discuss High Street issues
- Travelers in Seaway car park. Dedicated police unit in place. Visits, engagement and visibility to be maintained
- In February, the Street Rangers and retailers contributed to the recovery of 94.06% of stolen goods
- Public toilets in Pitmans Close and back alleys require attention. Enforcement of PSPOs is difficult
- If you wish to take a look at The Storehouse/Southend Vineyard, please contact Project Manager, Rob Carvosso on 01702 612900 or [rob@southendvineyard.org.uk](mailto:rob@southendvineyard.org.uk)
- Southend Shakedown takes place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Council measures, policing and private security in place

*Next meeting: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at The Royal Hotel*

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