

Southend BID Retail Against Crime Meeting (SRAC)
May 2018

Attendee list

Jessica Lester – Southend BID
Dennis Baldry – Victoria Shopping Centre/Southend BID
Mark Bartrip – McDonald's/Southend BID
T/Insp Ian Hughes – Essex Police
Anita McGinley – South Essex Homes
Barry Davis – CCTV
Sandra Cocklin – CCTV
Mark Horne – McDonald's
Jemma Verrall – McDonald's
Zelda Bibby – Yours Clothing
William Fishenden – Mangetout
Frank Fishenden – Mangetout
Chris Xuereb – Mangetout
Mark Banks – Mangetout
Kevin Harrison – Grosvenor Casino
Zoe Manning – University of Essex
Daniel Wells – Stambridge Security
Patrick Bourke – Stambridge Security
Jason Bess – Stambridge Security
Nick Tucker – Stambridge Security
John Simmons – Winter Night Shelters
Simon Werrett – Southend Street Pastors
Peter Courtenay – Southend Street Pastors
Michelle Passfield – WellbeingMatters

Police Update / Retail Crime

- Shoplifting: 25% reduction borough-wide year-on-year – mindful of reporting disparity
- Business MUST continually report crime incidents online via www.essex.police.uk (or by calling 101)
- Please also view and input information and evidence on DISC. Email hello@southendbid.com if a log-in is required. Details are used to put together cases for CBOs
- Pitmans Close public toilets – on the list for a police visit. Aware of the tents in place. Possible removal? Anita McGinley to provide an update from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
- Information regarding the town centre, specifically, can be requested by contacting T/Insp Ian Hughes on ian.hughes@essex.pnn.police.uk
- Operation Reflex – activity within the town centre; partnership approach. Operation Magpie is specifically for the night-time economy
- Two additional officers focusing on violence and vulnerability (not shoplifting) operating in the town centre since Tuesday 22nd May - external to the existing resources. Condensed hours to ensure maximum impact in the area covered: three early, 9am-6pm and three late, 12-8pm. Bolstered by other officers; visibility to try to be maintained up until 10pm. Specific tasks, including business engagement
- There are 10 “hotspot” locations: Farringdon Service Road, The Forum, High Street (top), Queens Road, Leather Lane, Pitmans Close, Royal Terrace, Marine Parade/side roads, Southchurch Avenue and York Road in various routes
- Public perception is key – police visibility must have a positive impact
- T/Ian Hughes Twitter handle: [@T_InspHughes](https://twitter.com/T_InspHughes)
- From a coordinated response perspective, both Bank Holiday weekends saw the least number of incidents in years; visibility increase from agencies

Rough Sleepers / Street Drinking

- Family Mosaic is now known as [Peabody](#)
- Ongoing patrols are being carried out. Outreach work to engage with rough sleepers and attempt to provide relevant support services and accommodation. Daily patrols with larger fortnightly multi-agency meets to include the drug and alcohol recovery service, [HARP](#) and [Mind](#) with the vast majority of the most complex needs individuals known to these groups
- Southend has one of the highest numbers of rough sleepers in the country. As a result, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has submitted a bid for additional Government funding to run intervention work and provide a dedicated team for a minimum of 12 months

Youth Anti-Social Behaviour

- Community Safety Partnership – responsibility of Essex Police and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's borough-wide priorities. The town centre is one of those and a meeting is now taking place with 25 agencies on how it can be improved, priorities and recurring issues to make a positive impact as a partnership. Also looking into how commissioned agencies deliver intervention and/or enforcement
- Week of Action: w/c Monday 2nd July. Visibility and emphasis on partnership – short, medium and long-term plans
- Day of Action: Friday 1st June. British Transport Police, SOS Bus, Youth Service, Southend Street Pastors, Street Rangers, parents, businesses, ASB and knife crime education, South Essex College, University of Essex and The Forum. Increased police and agency presence
- Operation Redbull – a borough-wide youth initiative working in conjunction the Special Constabulary to bolster resources and link in with the street engagement team who have the ability to engage with the town's youth community without barriers and feed information to the police
- Referrals are being made to the Southend Multi Agency Anti-social Behaviour Response (SMAART), street engagement and Anita's team – police looking at intervention, promoting positive alternatives, diversion techniques

AOB

- Leather Lane has a CCTV blind spot. The system is currently being reviewed. To arrange a CCTV control room visit, contact Manager, Barry Davis on 01702 212066 or barrydavis@southend.gov.uk
- John Simmons' Winter Night Shelter update can be viewed [here](#)
- Essex Guardian Angels – T/Ian Hughes suggests groups of this kind who wish to operate in Southend, look into alternatives e.g. Specials or Active Citizens. Active on social media. BID to discuss official response and joint agency message
- WellbeingMatters – a new mental health support group for those in paid employment in Southend. Meetings to take place at Twenty One, 6-8pm on Tuesday 5th June, Tuesday 10th July and the first Tuesday of the month thereafter. To RSVP, email Michelle Passfield on michelle.passfield@hotmail.co.uk
- If you know of an industrial unit remote from the High Street which may be used to accommodate a seven-day homeless night shelter throughout the year, email Peter Courtenay on peter@courtenay.org.uk

Next meeting: Tuesday 31st July at The Royal Hotel

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