

NEXT COFFEE MORNING – THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2017 10am-12noon AT THE METHODIST CHURCH ON THE CORNER OF JOHNSTONE AND THE BROADWAY

1. A brief summary of the **Southend-on-Sea crime information** for the past two months:

| | July 2017 | August 2017 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| All crime | 255 | 310 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 85 | 94 |
| Bicycle theft | 2 | 2 |
| Burglary | 9 | 19 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 24 | 26 |
| Drugs | 4 | 2 |
| Other crime | 3 | 5 |
| Other theft | 21 | 20 |
| Possession of weapons | 1 | 1 |
| Public order | 14 | 22 |
| Robbery | 0 | 1 |
| Shoplifting | 3 | 8 |
| Theft from the person | 0 | 2 |
| Vehicle crime | 26 | 40 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 63 | 68 |

Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/xA0vx3/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team.

2. Tram Talk

Richard Delahoy is giving a talk about Southend's Trams 1902 to 1942 at St Augustine's Church Hall on Saturday 11th November at 2.30pm. Admission is £5, and proceeds will be donated to the Tram Stop project.

3. Uneven Pavements/Potholes

Be our eyes and ears and let us know of any problems with pavements and roads so that we can get them fixed. Contact Ron Woodley on 01702 588662.

4. Mission Creep

This article has appeared on Facebook under the Save Southend NHS page. We are sharing it with you as we are worried about its contents. This is what Ron was concerned about when he wrote an Oracle article recently.

Save Southend NHS

7 October at 10:33 ·

URGENT _ PLEASE READ AND SHARE! We have received an anonymous email update from someone who works at Southend Hospital (SGH) who attended a staff briefing on Friday by Chief Exec Claire Panniker regarding the reorganisation of acute hospital services.

"Options to be presented to clinical senate mid Oct. All 3 will have emergency for peads/ maternity and 24hr A&E but see and treat only.

All emergency medicine will be Basildon - all emergency surgery will be Broomfield.

Cancer... to be Southend General Hospital .

Vascular surgery at Broomfield.

There is more detail on the slides which should be on staffnet soon. Looks like acute stroke unit all 3 hospitals but Hyper acute stroke unit at Broomfield. Not clear yet regarding thrombectomy.

£118 million bid for capital for reconfiguration of which £40 mil is Southend General Hospital. They went through the options slides very quickly so can't tell u where most elective surgery is.

So for Southend patientss all emergency work will not be here after A&E see and treat - unless frailty/ cancer related.

Goal is to implement end of 2018.

They commented that room and mood was very flat and staff must try to join them on their journey."

We need to establish exactly what they mean by 'see and treat' for the A&E - which will probably be people's initial gravest concern.

At this point we have no more detail than you can read here. If indeed this is all correct - which we have no reason to doubt - then this does not bode well for patients in our area nor for the future of Southend Hospital as a whole.

The #SaveSouthendNHS team will of course be establishing the nuts and bolts of all the proposals and will un-ravel and explain in due course once we know more. All we can say at this point is that YOU ALL need to remain engaged with the campaign to ensure you are fully aware of the implications and all respond to the imminent public consultation. If you have any more information that you would like to share - please email the team at savesouthendemergency@gmail.com. We have never revealed sources of information as you are all well aware by now.

5. 20's Plenty for built up areas

Something for you all to think about. Are the current speed limits the reason why so many people cycle on the pavements as they are worried about excessive speeds on our roads. A consequence of this is that a cyclist could hit a pedestrian and cause serious injury, especially as you walk out from your path on to the pavement.

30mph is Unjust and Unjustified: Choose 20mph

**A 20's Plenty for Us
Briefing Oct 2017**

http://www.20splenty.org/30mph_unjust

The 30mph limit for built up areas was decided over 80 years ago in 1934. 30mph was chosen in an arbitrary way without evidence or research on survivability.

Of the 129,837 reported casualties on built up roads in 2016, 105,981 were on 30mph roads. 588 (11 a week) were killed and a further 12,849 (246 a week) were seriously injured on 30mph roads. **This is unacceptable.**

Some say that *"it's 30 for a reason"*, but with so many casualties this is not a safe speed for our modern, congested urban roads where motor vehicles and vulnerable road users mix. In fact, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says *"A safe speed on roads with possible conflicts between cars and pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users is 30 km/h (20mph)"*

Neither does a 30mph limit satisfy the "sustainable system" approach that looks for a road environment where mistakes do not end in death for either those making them or their innocent victims.

When serious injuries happen at work, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigates how many were predictable and preventable. A change to well enforced 20mph limits could prevent 20% of casualties - about 21,000 casualties p.a. fewer. The policy costs about £2 p/head for individual local authorities to implement and £1 p/head if implemented nationally by central government.

Depending on age, survivability at 20mph vs 30mph is about 7-10 times higher and stopping distances are halved (12m vs 23m or 3 vs 6 car lengths). We all, as drivers or pedestrians, favour near misses to being hit.

Urban speeds above 20mph are also unjust because excessive speed is the main reason that many people fear using roads to walk or cycle. Our young, elderly and many others are losing their active mobility because 30mph vehicle speeds are currently endorsed where people live, work, shop and learn. This has huge implications for our nation's health and the cost of obesity and cardio-vascular treatments.

Rod King MBE, Founder of 20's Plenty for Us commented:

"Across the world 30mph (50kmh) limits are being replaced by 20mph (30kmh) as the right standard where motor vehicles mix with pedestrians and cyclists. The 30mph limit that was plucked out of the air in 1934 as being better than no limit is no longer fit for purpose. It is unjust, unjustifiable and needs to be consigned to history. A routinely enforced 20mph limit should be the new urban norm with higher speeds only allowed on those roads that protect pedestrians and cyclists with appropriate crossing and segregated facilities. It would transform our urban environment and be the foundation for a healthier and more productive nation."

6. A new senior living community and associated infrastructure

We have heard about this exhibition and thought it may be of interest to some of you. This is one of Ron's visions when he set up the Southend Care Company.

Cherry Orchard Homes and Villages are inviting people to view the plans for a new senior living community and associated infrastructure, proposed for a site on land off Cherry Orchard Way, Rochford. On display will be details about the site layout, architectural design, benefits and case studies of existing residents of other Cherry Orchard Homes and Villages schemes.

They will also be joined by a guest speaker for the evening, Ann Widdecombe.

The details for the exhibition are as follows:

- **When:** *Thursday 12 October 2017 from 6pm – 8.30pm*
- **Where:** *Saxon Hall, Aviation Way, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6UN*

Some key benefits of the proposals include:

- A 93-bedroom nursing home
- 30 Assisted living homes
- 35 Sheltered living apartments
- 63 Independent homes for over-55s
- A children's nursery
- Doctors Surgery / Medical Centre
- Community facilities and landscaped open spaces
- Age Concern Office
- Onsite Parking, Shuttle Bus and Car Club Spaces
- Comprehensive management and security

If you would like to receive further information, please contact: Telephone: 01245 355625 or by e-mail: andrewansell@newingtoncomms.co.uk