

FROM DEAN MURPHY AND YOUR LOCAL LIB DEM TEAM

Help Keep Belfairs Green!

Local Lib Dems need your help to keep it Green!



Belfairs Ward has the most tree coverage of any area in Southend and we want to keep it that way.

Trees are an essential part of the environment and vital to healthy urban living. At a time of growing awareness of climate change trees and their care, are more important than ever. Through Lib Dem councillor Carole Mulrone (Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning) the Council is committed to the responsible management of the borough's trees.

In October 2019 the canopy cover of the entire borough was measured at 12%. This includes both council and privately-owned trees. Belfairs at 23.3% is top of the leader board reflecting the high-density tree population growing in Belfairs Park and Nature Reserve.

But we can't rest on our laurels, we need to make sure that the trees around the ward are looked after and any issues reported as soon as possible so that the correct action can be taken.

Our aim as a local party is to not only maintain but improve the number of trees and bushes in the local area and you can play your part. Even by planting one tree in your garden or on the grounds of your local business will make a huge difference. If you don't have space to plant one yourself why not donate a tree to be planted in the local area.

You can do this by visiting:

www.southend.gov.uk and search donate a tree.

Fly-tipping rise



During the peak of the Covid-19 Pandemic the nation saw arise in fly-tipping.

Local Lib Dem candidate for Belfairs, Dean Murphy, took a trip into some of the local woodlands and parks to see the impact for himself.

The Council teams do a great job of attacking the problem but they can't be everywhere all the time.

Dean says "Our local parks and woodland are something we should be proud of and help to take care of so I would like to arrange a Community Action Day on October 31st 12:00 meeting in the main carpark off Eastwood Road North.

And you can join him if you would like to help by contacting him at:

BelfairsLD@outlook.com

What has the council been doing during the coronavirus crisis?

Southend Councils Joint Administration, that includes Liberal Democrat councillors, have been working non-stop throughout lockdown and helping in many ways including:

- Southend Coronavirus Action supported over 1,100 households with tasks including delivering emergency food parcels, shopping and medication.
- Over 120 rough sleepers found emergency accommodation.
- 200,000 items of PPE sourced and distributed.
- Supported local Covid testing at Southend Airport
- £35 million in grants paid out to small businesses.
- Support given to known previous sufferers of domestic abuse.
- Your waste collection maintained throughout lockdown.



We want to say a huge thank you to everybody who has helped keep the country going during this incredibly difficult time - health workers, retailers, waste collectors and many others. Also a huge thank you to everybody who has and continues to follow the social distancing guidelines and helping in preventing the situation from being even worse.

Can the trust be trusted?



On 1st April this year Southend Hospital became part of the Mid and South Essex Hospital Trust. We fear that many services for Southend residents will start being provided at Basildon or Broomfield Hospitals rather than here at Southend.

Already a significant number of critical care beds at Southend are being transferred to Basildon. Southend's 14 beds across the Intensive Therapy and High Dependency Units are already reducing and staff will have to work at Basildon on rotation at the new 'Super Covid ITU' accommodating up to 26 Covid positive patients.

The worry for all of us is that Southend Hospital risks gradually being dismantled, as we feared would happen following the merger, and that there will be a move to transfer blue light, A&E, renal and respiratory care to Basildon.

Your Liberal Democrat team will do our damndest to keep services in Southend, wherever possible.



News



We are pleased to announce that Dean Murphy has been selected to stand in the next local elections for Belfairs Ward.

Dean is a passionate Lib Dem supporter who puts the community at the heart of everything he does.

He works in the NHS for the local Primary Care Network in Belfairs and surrounding areas.

Dean took a 3 year break from working for the NHS and was one of the founding members of Southend's Community Safety Team.

If you wish to contact Dean with any local issues you can email him at: BelfairsLD@outlook.com

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