



Winter 2025

EAST BEACH EDITION

Brought to you by East Beach Residents' Association



Photo by Sally Horrigan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Carols
from St Peters Choir
13th December 11.30
at the Shoebury Hotel

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EBRA AGM
Sat 25th April 2026
3pm
St Peters Hall
Hinguar St.

Litter Picks
Second Saturday of
each month 10am
at Shoebury Hotel

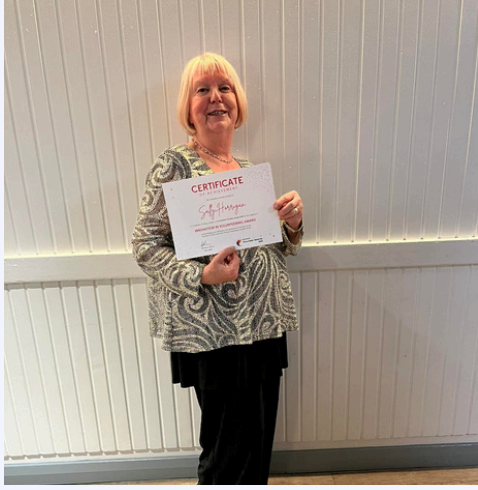
Shoebury Community Meetings
First Monday of each
Month
Shoebury Youth
Centre/Library 10-12

EBRA NEWS

This Autumn we have had two very successful events, our regular fundraising meal at the Khan Tandoori Restaurant, attended by 40 of our members where we raised £470, half of which went to the wonderful Shoebury Ark charity.

The Autumn Fayre was a great success. Opened by Sammy the Shrimp we had a wonderful array of stalls and activities. We raised £160 for EBRA funds while Breast Cancer Now raised a further £367 as well as raising awareness. The Prize winner for guessing the shells, of which there were 1202, was Susan. The Ordnance was found by Judith McMahon with near misses by Gordon, Tricia, Nick, Birgitta and a young person.

EBRA have also been busy this summer representing our members at various meetings and events and raising issues of concern. We regularly attend the Local Community Police meetings as well as having a place on the Police Independent Advisory Board. This is why it is important for you to let us know if there are any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour that you would like us to raise on your behalf. We also attend various other community meetings to raise our profile and residents issues.



SOUTHEND VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2025

Our long serving volunteer, Sally Horrigan, was nominated for a SAVS volunteer of the year awards and was actually shortlisted.

Sally is our Membership Secretary and Events Coordinator and is so welcoming and hardworking and very supportive of all the committee members.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member for EBRA, please contact Sally on ebrarenquiries@outlook.com

News from our partners

If you are a pensioner you may be interested in attending the Southend and District Pensioners Action Group which meets monthly at the Balmoral Centre, Westcliff. See the poster for more information.

The High Street cleanup continues to thrive. Just turn up outside the Shoebury Hotel at 10am on every second Saturday of the month. Thanks to all the regular volunteers and welcome new ones!

EBRA committee members regularly represent you at Police Meetings, Bus User Group and other community and council meetings. If you would like us to raise any specific issues contact Tricia at ebracomms@gmail.com Join our Facebook page East Beach Residents Association for more information about our partners.

Southend & District Pensioners Campaign



CAMPAIGNING GROUP PROMOTING HEALTH & WELLBEING OF PENSIONERS

3RD WEDS OF EVERY MONTH
2PM - 4PM

Would you like to join a sociable group, with like-minded people, which entertains as well as informs?

£12 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

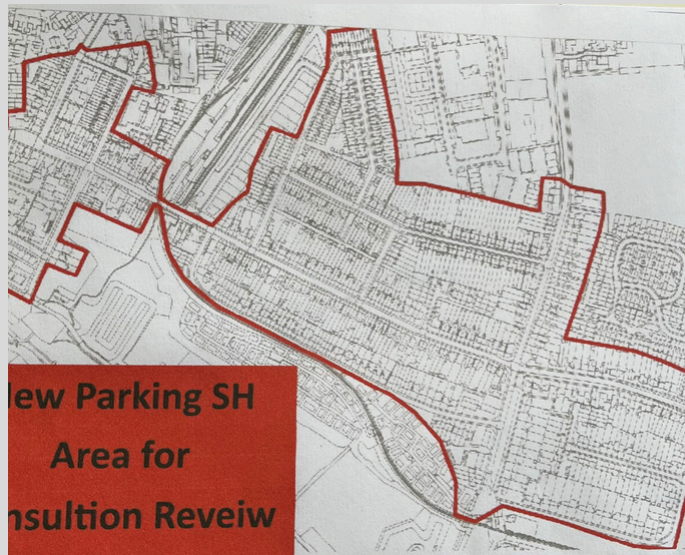
ESTABLISHED 1985

MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

BALMORAL CENTRE,
SALISBURY AVENUE,
WESTCLIFF, SS0 7AU

Why not come along, be informed and make some new friends?

The great parking debate- Meeting with our city councillors



The EBRA Committee regularly communicate with our councillors about a number of issues and there are often common themes. One of these is parking. We are pleased that the petition to allow paid for parking in Rampart Street, to help local businesses, was accepted and the changes are now in place. Thanks to all who signed.

Cllr Wakefield distributed an informal consultation to create a Controlled Parking Zone across a large area of the east of Shoeburyness. Many residents raised concerns: the impact of this on the current scheme; the cost of visitor tickets; displacement and no guarantee of parking close to home. The lack of response to the consultation means this will not go ahead.

Twig Tree Working and Installation Group

EBRA was very pleased to receive £5,000 following a successful bid to the Big Sparks fund. The aim of the group is to bring together residents in Shoeburyness ward to protect our existing trees, plant new ones and raise awareness of how important this work is to our community.

We need to recruit residents to a steering group, to help plan and deliver these aims. We then need volunteers to help plant and tend new trees and tree wardens to keep an eye on all of our trees going forward.

If you have some spare time and an interest in trees and supporting our community, please consider becoming a Twig volunteer

Saving Our Green Belt, the fight goes on.

Following our public meeting in June this year, when those present were clear that they wanted EBRA to represent their opposition to Green Belt development, EBRA has been very active.

Since then, we have spoken at three well attended protests and continue to post information on our Facebook page about any planning applications.

However, we continue to see major planning applications right across Rochford and Castle Point and, in particular Great Wakering.

We decided join forces with Residents' Associations and Community Groups across South Essex, to make sure we could support and learn from each other. This group is called the Green Belters and is meeting regularly to share knowledge and plan for future campaigns.

We have submitted our objections to the recent Expression of Interest for building 2000 homes on the land behind Bournes Green. We await the next stage of the process.

We will let you all know when there are meetings or other events members can attend. Please spread the word and help save our precious green belt.

We need volunteers:

- Steering group members
- Tree Installation and maintenance volunteers
- Tree Wardens

To express your interest or find out more contact Louise at:

shoeburytreegroup@gmail.com

EBRA Tree Working & Installation Group
TWIG

EBRA WINS BIG FOR SHOEBURYNESS - £5000 TO PROTECT OUR TREES!

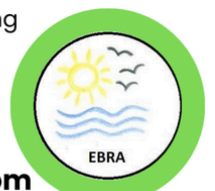
Let's work together to plant new trees and protect our existing ones.

Do you have a little spare time, some interest in trees or some useful skills?

We have some great volunteer positions available to residents including Steering Group members, volunteers and tree Wardens

If yes, please contact us at:

shoeburytreegroup@gmail.com



Protect our East Beach

East Beach continues to hold its Blue Flag. It is a shame to see the beach at Shoebury Common lose theirs.

This is why it is so important to remain vigilant regarding dogs, litter and BBQ's. Also to report any suspect discharge in the Estuary.



What a load of rubbish



The new bin collections began in October but we are aware some residents are still struggling. Many have appealed and are still awaiting the outcome. We are still seeing missed collections and pavement blockages.

Many residents are very happy with the new situation but we would like to hear from those who are experiencing difficulties as we regularly attend the SUEZ Customer Liaison Group meetings.

Public Transport Update

Great news for the East of Shoeburyness as our number 9 is reinstated to a more regular timetable. We now also have the 21 First Bus which connects us to the Hospital and Canvey Island

We have also seen the real bus information screen at Shoeburyness station repaired and it is now showing both First and Arriva buses. We still await repairs to the one at the Renown.

Arriva has published new prices but the £3 cap remains. This does mean we can save money on shorter journeys.

We are liaising with C2C to bring back the community garden



Southend Area Bus Users Group (SABUG)
REPRESENTING BUS USERS ACROSS SOUTHEND, ROCHFORD AND CASTLE POINT

We aim to be the voice of local bus users across Southend, Rochford and Castle Point, including Shoeburyness, Great Wakering, Rayleigh and Canvey Island

Meeting regularly with bus companies we are able to raise your issues and concerns with them and ensure that our members have the most up to date information about any changes to routes or fares through our regular newsletters and email updates.

Join us today!

Membership only
£5 for 1 year or
£12 for 3 years



email: denisesimmonett@hotmail.com
or write to: Membership Secretary, 34 East Beach Park, Shoeburyness, SS3 9SG



**Seasons Greetings to all our members
and best wishes for 2026**



Become an official EBRA Member

Stay up to date with local news and community events though our regular newsletter
Attend our EBRA events and activities
Come along to member only events
Have a voice with our local councillors and MP
Only £5 per household per year.
contact Sally at ebraenquiries@outlook.com