



Southend-on-Sea & District Group - Newsletter

Group Meetings and Venues

This letter is being circulated for us by HQ, and has news for both existing and potential members of our Group. If you have friends you would like to invite to our activities, please do.

1. Monday 17 April: At SAVS: Local AGM;
After the AGM: discussing plans for rest of year
2. Monday 15 May: Guided walk in historic Rochford, and lunch
3. Renewing Group Membership or becoming a new member.

1. Monday 17 April: Our Local Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the AGM of our sixty-second year to be held in the Conference Room, 1st floor, of the SAVS Centre, 29-31, Alexandra Street (not far from bus station), Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1BW at 2pm for 2:15. All CSPA members in the SS postal area are welcome to come and be Group members. They can also bring friends who may be interested in joining, either as full members of CSPA, or as Associate Group members. See pages 2 and 3 for the AGM Agenda, a detachable slip for your nominations to the Group Committee, a short summary of the accounts for recent years, and proposed changes to our Group Constitution. A copy of the minutes of the 2022 AGM, and a full Statement of Accounts for 2021 and 2022 (including a reconciliation with the Group bank account) will be circulated at the AGM.

After the AGM your Committee expect to have a list of coach trips, other potential outings, and lunches from which we hope you will help us make selections for the rest of the year.

2. Monday 15 May: Guided walk in historic Rochford, and lunch

(This is on the third Monday in May as the second Monday is the Coronation Bank Holiday.) We will have a guided walk around the historic centre of Rochford. The tour takes about an hour and 15 mins. to an hour and 30 mins. It costs £2 per person, payable on the day. We think this will be enough walk for one day - we could come back another time, maybe next year, to do the tour of Rochford Old House. After the tour it is a short walk down the road from the Square to the Marlborough Head where places for lunch will be reserved for us.

Meeting point with our guide at Rochford: by the pump at Rochford Square (the square is on West Street).

Time to meet: 10.45 to 11 am.

Meeting point for those going to Rochford by bus from central Southend: Bus stop for No.8 bus at the back of Marks & Spencers **Bus times:** meet at 10 am for 10.05 bus arriving at Rochford Square 10.36. (Later bus No. 7 is at 10.20 and should arrive before 11 am, but some of us must be on the No.8 to collect someone to join us on the walk.)

How to book a place on tour and on the lunch afterwards: Please complete the booking form at the end of this letter, and post to Betty Anderson as soon as possible and definitely by Friday 5 May. She is at **15 Cromer Road, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 2DU**. For later bookings Email: iandbanderson@btinternet.com, or phone 01702 466335.

3. Renewing Group Membership or becoming a new member: The annual Group membership subscription for 2023 is £6.00. This Group subscription is for those expenses not met from the subscription to HQ, e.g. the occasional rent of a local conference room. It can be paid at a Group meeting or send a cheque - payable to CSPA (Southend & District) – to our Membership Secretary: Betty Anderson (15 Cromer Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2DU). Please include your address, phone number and email address (if you have one). By providing these, you confirm your wish to be a Group member, and agree to the Group officers contacting you, when appropriate, about Group activities or other CSPA matters. Please note any preference between post, phone, or email contact where possible. (Note: when we meet at the SAVS Centre, there is a separate entrance fee of £2 each meeting to help with the rent. Tea, coffee, etc, are always optional extras!)

Contact details:

If we may be able to help with further information, or you would just like to chat, our contact details are:

Chair and Secretary: Mary King Tel: (01268) 794790

Vice-Chair: Anthony Blinder Tel: (01268) 743023 Email: a.blinder@talktalk.net

Membership Secretary: Betty Anderson Tel: (01702) 466335 Email: ianbanderson@btinternet.com

Yours sincerely

Mary King (Group Chair and Secretary)

ANNEX 1: Agenda for the Local AGM on 17 April at SAVS at 2 pm

DRAFT AGM AGENDA

1. Chair to read the notice of the Meeting and report any apologies.
2. Minutes of the AGM of 6th April 2022 and matters arising.
3. Chair's Report (Annex 2 below).
4. Financial Statement by the Acting Treasurer (Short summary of transactions Annex 3).
5. Constitutional amendments (Annex 4).
6. Thanking the Accounts Examiners – Mr. M Jardine and Ms. B McCarthy.
7. Election of Accounts Examiners for next year.
8. Election of Officers and Committee Members: Nominations to be with Mary King*
By Thursday April 6th 2023. (See Annex 5)
9. Any other business of which notice has been given to Mary* by April 6th 2023.

* Address: Miss M King, 130 Essex Way, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1LP

Annex 2: Southend-on-Sea and District Group - Chair's Report on 2022

Your Group Committee met about 10 times during the year. Dr David Owen, our new Greater London Regional Representative on the National Executive Council (NEC) held several Zoom meetings at which Betty Anderson, and another, represent us. They also attended the London Regional Meeting in July. These are opportunities to be briefed by HQ, and discuss Group experiences. In October, Mary King represented us at National AGM.

The Group's social activities included illustrated talks on places in and around our area (Ian Yearsley), and a where is this in GB Quiz (Mary King). We had two coach outings on sunny summer days using block bookings on Cooks regular coach trips. One was to historic Cressing Temple Barns, including lunch, and a surprise afternoon stop at Maldon for ice-cream or a cup of tea. The second was to Faversham. The walk in Rochford planned for July had to be deferred, due to the extreme temperatures, but we ate the lunch planned for afterwards! In October we had a walk or train ride down Southend's mile and a quarter long pier to lunch. We

also had the traditional Spring and Christmas lunches at Tomassi's in Southend and a Summer lunch at Brewers Fayre on the Eastern Esplanade.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Mary King (Chair)

ANNEX 3: Short Summary of Accounts' Transactions

	2019	2020	2021	2022
General Fund: Subscriptions	175.00	130.00	170.00	100.00
Other income	251.13	128.38	34.73	79.12
Rent and teas to SAVS	240.00	40.00	60.00	180.00
Other expenses	225.78	107.81	51.21	101.15
Net	- 39.65	+110.57	+ 93.52	- 102.03
Social Fund Net	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overall net Surplus/deficit	- 39.65	+110.57	+ 93.52	-102.03

ANNEX 4: Proposal from the Committee amend our Local Constitution

In Rules 2 and 6 amend "Alliance" to read "CSPA" (to bring into line with Motion A1 passed at National AGM). In Rules 3 and 8 delete "man" after "Chair" and "Vice-Chair" (as in Motion A13 at National AGM 2022).

In Rule 3 add to the end "The Treasurer and the holder of any group post with access to membership details must be Full Members of CSPA as defined in National CSPA Rules". (Motion A6 at National AGM). Rule 7, line 5, after "annual basis" add ",except where excluded by Rule 3 above" (Consequent on Motion A6). HQ's explanation for their Motion A6 at National AGM 2022 was to avoid problems under GDPR (Data Protection Regulations) with regard to protecting the data records of CSPA members' personal financial data, eg a bank account numbers, or contact details. Associate Group members could, eg act as the Committee's Minutes Secretary where the issues of concern to HQ were unlikely to arise.

ANNEX 5: Nominations for new Group Committee

Existing Committee members: Mary King (Chair and Secretary), Anthony Blinder (Vice Chair), Betty Anderson (Membership Secretary), and Richard Rubin (Other Committee Member) are willing to stand again for re-election. Another member or two would be helpful.

Detachable slip for Nominations for the new Committee for Election at the Local AGM

Please complete and return by 6 April 2023, to Miss M King, 130 Essex Way, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1LP

Chair: _____ Vice-Chair: _____ Secretary: _____

Membership Secretary: _____ Treasurer: _____

Other Committee Members, up to 3 names: _____

Signed by: _____ Name (in capital letters, please): _____

DETACHABLE BOOKING FORM FOR ROCHFORD 15 MAY

Please complete and return so that it arrives by end of June if possible, if later phone or email later to Betty Anderson (See item 3 on previous page, or contact details above.)

Names _____ Phone(s) Home _____ Mobile _____