

**Southend-on-Sea & District Group
Newsletter - September 2026**

Group Meetings and Venues Autumn 2026

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 12 October: Visit to the Wetherspoon's Pub in Basildon
2. Monday 9 November: At SAVS: Talk –to be arranged
3. Monday 14 December: Christmas lunch at Tomassi's
4. Looking forward to Spring 2027
5. Renewing Group Membership or becoming a new member.

1 Monday 12 October: Visit to the Sigered King of Essex Pub in Basildon

We are planning to meet for lunch at about 12.00 noon at the Wetherspoons pub at 10 East Walk, Basildon SS14 1JJ. Hopefully we may be joined by some other CSPA HQ members who are unable to attend our social meetings in Southend.

For those coming from Southend, you can either take the 10.22 am First Bus No25 from Stop D at Southend Travel Centre (this takes approximately one and a half hours) and then walk about 5 minutes to the pub, or if you would prefer to go by train the 11.20am from Southend Central arrives Basildon Station at 11.38 am followed by approximately a 10 minute walk to the pub.

If you wish to join us then please let Betty Anderson know by 9 October her contact details are at the end of this letter.

2. Monday 9 November: At SAVS: Talk

We will meet at our main venue, the SAVS Centre, at 2pm for 2:15 to about 4 pm. Unfortunately the talk which was planned has been cancelled due to ill health. We will endeavour to find an alternative, possibly someone from Southend Museums and let local group members know as soon as possible. The SAVS Centre is the HQ of Southend Association of Voluntary Services, of which our Group is a member. It is located at 29-31, Alexandra Street, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1BW. We use the good-sized, light and airy, conference room on the 1st floor, which can be reached by a small lift near the reception desk. Please note that when we meet at SAVS there is a separate entrance fee of £2 to help with the rent. Optional items are tea and coffee at £2 per person (refills free), and a raffle at £0.50. (These should be paid for on the day by cash or cheque.)

3. Monday 14 December: Christmas lunch at Tomassi's

Time and Venue: We will meet at 12.00 noon for 12.15 pm. at Tomassi's, 7-9 High Street, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1JE, opposite the Royals shopping centre.

To book a place for the lunch, please email or telephone Betty Anderson, as soon as possible or by 31st October. (see her contact details below)

4. Looking forward to Spring 2027

As usual, the Group will not meet in January.

For February to April we suggest the following activities:

8 February - meet at 2.15 pm for refreshments at Patisserie Valerie

8 March - Spring lunch, probably at Tomassi's

12 April - Local AGM at SAVS

5. Renewing Group Membership or becoming a new member:

The annual Group membership subscription for 2027 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 for 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 e-mail address (if you have one). By providing these details, 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 e-mail 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:

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Yours sincerely

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