

Early Help Community News

Bringing you the best community highlights happening across Southend

Autumn Half Term



Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn!

Are you ready for Pumpkins, Parades and Parties?

And.....fireworks....!?!

As usual, you will not be stuck for ideas, check out Visit Southend for all the latest events.

www.visitsouthend.co.uk/whatson/

Autumn is a wonderful time to get outside with the kids, check out these activities from the Royal Horticultural Society and the BBC to keep you exploring the great outdoors.

[10 nature activities to do this autumn / RHS](#)

[7 awesome autumn activities for younger kids](#)

[7 family-friendly autumn activities for younger kids to keep them entertained - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)



City of Southend Free fireworks Dates

8pm—Saturday 25th October

7.30pm—Saturday 1st November

7.30pm—Saturday 8th November

7.30pm Saturday 15th November





Scott's Pumpkin Barn 2025!

Get ready for a month of spook-tacular fun from 1st–31st October at Scott's of Southend!

Your ticket includes:

-  An indoor Pumpkin Barn packed with spooky scenes, photo station's and magical worlds to explore!
-  Outdoor pumpkin patch, pick your one free medium pumpkin per ticket, plus loads more to pick and buy!
-  A maize maze adventure to get lost in.
-  NEW FOR 2025 We have 3 adorable Highland Cows in a paddock inside the pumpkin patch! Watch them be adorable from outside of the paddock.

We are dog friendly and have food & refreshments available at weekends and during half term.

Our VR Ride will be running at weekends and during half term also.

Book your magical visit now or for more info visit- [Events at Scott's of Southend Essex – Scotts of Southend](#)

The Southend Halloween Parade is back for 2025 — and it's bigger, bolder, and spookier than ever!

Get ready for a night of thrills and chills as the seafront comes alive with spine-tingling street performers, live music, and a carnival of creepy characters. Perfect for families, this free event promises fun for all ages, with plenty of surprises lurking around every corner. So grab your best costume, gather your goblins, and join us for a wickedly good time!

Southend Halloween Parade

Southend Seafront

Saturday, 25 October 2025 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm



Family **HALLOWEEN** *Disco*

SATURDAY

25 OCTOBER, 2025

7 PM - 11PM

**PARK INN BY
RADISSON PALACE**

*FREE ENTRY
KIDS GAMES
COSTUME PRIZES*



SOUTHCHURCH LIBRARY'S SPOOKTACULAR ACTIVITIES

Join us for a fangtastic half-term
of Halloween events!

Age 3+ (Parent Supervision) | While Stocks Last
£1 per child

10am - 1pm & 2pm - 4 pm

Tuesday 28th October
Halloween Rock Painting

Thursday 30th October
Paper Plate Monsters

Friday 1st November
Brick Building (Free)

Saturday 1st November
Crafty Kids Club - Scarecrow Spoons

For More Information:
01702 212185



Southchurch Library
221 Lifstan Way
Southend-on-Sea
Essex SS1 2XG

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Pop down to Prittlewell Priory this October half term to choose your pumpkin for Halloween and pet some farmyard friends at our own specially created pumpkin patch!

Get into the autumnal spirit to choose a pumpkin to take home with you, meet and greet the animals at Stanton's Farm's visiting petting zoo and enjoy other family friendly seasonal activities including face painting, crafting, games, Halloween potion making and a children's trail.

Every ticket includes a pumpkin to take away, there are adult and child tickets available, and kids under 3 go free!

Info & tickets at <https://prittlewell-pumpkin-patch.eventbrite.com>

PRITTLEWELL PUMPKIN PATCH & PETTING FARM



25 & 26 OCTOBER



Welcome to Freedom!

Freedom club night is a full nightclub for anyone with a disability/different ability. We are into our 7th year and back into our original home that is now the new Popworld Southend!

Our age range is from 18 upwards and we have a full bar, are wheelchair accessible, have our own merchandise range and most importantly we are inclusive.

We run every Wednesday from 6.30-10pm and support the "Stay up Late" Campaign (#no bedtimes). Entry is £5 and carers come free.

We are fully insured and our Team have enhanced DBS checks.



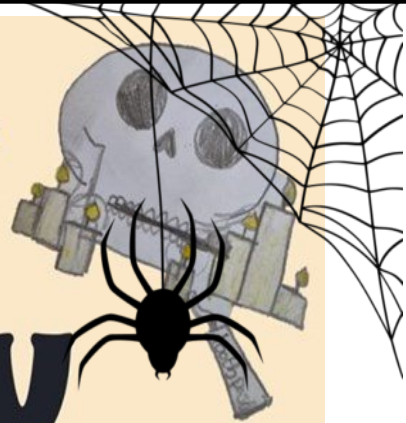
FREEDOM KIDS is the under 18's version of the ever popular Freedom Club Nights! All disabilities are welcome, we are accessible, have a large disabled toilet and adjusted sound and lighting and most importantly we are inclusive!

Date: 26th October 2025.

Location: Popworld Southend

Cost: £5 Carers free





FREE EVENT

SHOEBURY

SPOOKY SMILES STROLL & FRIGHTENING FANG FEST

**FREE
DRINKS**

31 OCTOBER 2025



3:00 PM – HALLOWEEN TRAIL

**TAKE THE SPOOKY SMILES STROLL • FREE GOODY BAGS WITH
TOOTHBRUSHES & DENTAL SUPPLIES!!**

**PRIZE FOR
BEST COSTUME**



3:45–6:30 PM – INDOOR FUN

**CRAFTS • TATTOOS • ORIGAMI • “PIN THE SMILE ON THE CELEBRITY”
FREE PORTRAITS!!**

**NO NEED
TO BOOK,
JUST COME
ALONG!**



CART & WAGON SHED

(SS3 9PZ - ON THE GARRISON, OPPOSITE THE TODDLER PARK)

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE,
FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART!**



Big Sparks



Southend SEND Information Day

Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF), and the SEND Local Offer Team invite parent carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), and professionals to a SEND Information Day.

Date and time: 6 November 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (drop in anytime)

Venue: Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER

Attendees will be able to meet a range of local services and organisations at our SEND Marketplace, and attend information talks:

10am to 11am: Transitions from the Children with Disabilities Team to adult social care
11.30am to 12.30pm: Health information session; Decision making; young people with additional needs

1pm to 2pm: Collaboration Counts: Supporting your young person with SEND in education

No booking needed, just drop-in any time. Further information is available at: www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDInformationDay

SOUTHEND SEND INFORMATION DAY

An event for parent carers and professionals
Stalls | Talks | Discover teams and services



Thursday 6 November 2025

9am to 3pm



Southend Civic Centre,
Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER



www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDInformationDay

October Half Term

with the Wilder Learning Team

Den Building

Tuesday 28th October
11am-12pm ; 1pm-2pm ; 2pm-3pm
£5.64 per person



Creepy Crawlies Bug Hunt



Wednesday 29th October
10am-12pm
£5.64 per person

Forest Fairies and Woodland Wizards

Thursday 30th October
10am-12pm ; 2pm-4pm
£8.80 per person



Wilder Holiday Club

Friday 31st October
9am-3pm
£37 per child



Scan the QR Code for
more info and bookings.

Or head to our website

www.essexwt.org.uk/events and filter
location for Belfairs

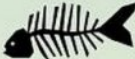


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Wildlife Trust



THE SPOOKY ANIMAL TRAIL AT GARON PARK

 Take a walk round our spooky trail 

 Hunt for hidden animal skeletons 

 Take pumpkin-perfect family photos 

 Join in with creepy crafts and colouring 

 Certificate for all successful skeleton hunters 

SPECIAL OPENING DAY OFFER

FACEPAINTING

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE

CREEPY GUESTS

SPOOKY STORY SESSIONS

WHEN: OCTOBER 27TH - OCTOBER 31ST 10 AM - 3PM DAILY

WHERE: WELLBEING AT GARON PARK, EASTERN AVENUE, SOUTHEND

COST: MINIMUM DONATION £1 PER CHILD
(£3 ON OPENING DAY WITH EXTRAS)



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YOUTH DAY

THE VICTORIA CENTRE

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 25

11AM TO 4PM



LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM ALL IN MUSIC



JOIN US FOR A FUN HALLOWEEN-THEMED DAY
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES!

DISCOVER WHAT'S ON FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT YOUTH CLUBS
GET ADVICE & SUPPORT



DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

