

# TDC Update – Manningtree – May 2018

## **TENDRING CELEBRATES BLUE FLAG SUCCESS**

Seven beaches in Tendring have been awarded prestigious awards.

The beaches at Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay, Harwich, Frinton, Walton-on-the-Naze and the town's Albion beach, and Martello Bay in Clacton have all been given Seaside Awards in recognition of their quality.

In addition the beaches at Dovercourt Bay and Brightlingsea retained their Blue Flag status, with no Tendring seafronts losing accreditation.

Mick Skeels, Tendring District Council (TDC) Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said the award was a reflection of the importance the authority placed on its seafronts.

“We know what a fantastic asset our beaches are right around the District, not only for our residents but in supporting the tourism industry,” he said.

“That is why we invest so much in them – whether it's providing the Beach Patrol in the holidays, improving our seafronts and promenades, or even creating beautiful new beaches as we did with the sea defence scheme in Holland-on-Sea.

“Being recognised in this way – and it is not easy to keep, let alone gain, Blue Flag and Seaside Award status – is a great advert for our District.

“But we will not sit back now, and TDC will carry on maintaining these beaches for the benefit of everyone.”

## **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE TENDRING BLUE RIBBON BUSINESS AWARDS**

Nominations have opened today (Monday, May 14) for the Tendring Blue Ribbon Business Awards.

Organisers are keen for people to start putting names of individuals, teams and companies forward for the various categories for 2018.

All the information anyone needs, including a nomination form, can be found on the new-look website at [www.tendringblueribbon.org](http://www.tendringblueribbon.org)

The awards were set up in 2016 to celebrate and reward excellence – highlighting the very best about businesses across the District

The awards are run by Jamesons Accountants, Barclays Bank and Tendring District Council (TDC).

After the closing date for entries on July 13 a panel of judges will work through the nominations to select the accolade winners, who will pick up their prizes at a glittering ceremony at Clacton's Princes Theatre on October 4.

Christine Brown, from Jamesons, said she is hoping for another year of very high standard entries.

"We had more than 300 packed into the Princes Theatre last year and it really was an outstanding success all round," she said.

"We know there is such a strength and breadth of business in Tendring, and I hope we can celebrate that once again with some top calibre winners."

Sadie Moore, from Barclays, said the organisers are working hard to freshen things up and offer another top class evening in October.

"It is great to see firms getting on board this year and backing the event and we had sponsors lined-up very quickly which is always the sign of success," she added.

"I believe companies are now well aware of the event and its standing and we hope that they will be getting their nominations in to give the judges another difficult time in choosing the winners."

This year's judging panel will once again be headed up by George Kieffer, Chairman of the Haven Gateway Partnership.

Zoe Fairley, TDC's Cabinet Member for Investment and Growth, said the awards were important to celebrate business success.

"There are so many firms in Tendring which are all so important to the District, providing countless jobs for our residents. We will do all we can as a Council to help them prosper and will continue to work closely with them."

Anyone wanting to know more should contact Christine Brown on 01255 220044 or at [Christine@tendringblueribbon.org](mailto:Christine@tendringblueribbon.org)

## **PEDAL PUSHERS HIT THE ROAD IN 25<sup>TH</sup> TOUR DE TENDRING**

Hundreds of riders hit the road for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Tour de Tendring bike event yesterday (Sunday, May 13).

The cyclists saddled up despite the gloomy skies to embark on a six-mile, 20-mile or 60-mile ride around the District.

As usual there was a mix of cyclists, from keen amateurs on racing machines to families riding together, and even a few in fancy dress, with many taking part to raise funds for good causes.

The ride is run by Bike Events in partnership with Tendring District Council (TDC).

Food and drink stalls and a bouncy castle provided entertainment at the start/finish line at Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles (DBL) leisure centre in Low Road.

Both DBL and Harwich Sports Centre also held open days to coincide with the event, hosting a number of free activities.

In total around 500 riders took part in the Tour de Tendring.

Mick Skeels, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said there was a great atmosphere at the ride.

“While the grey skies may have put some people off, there was still a delightful buzz at the start line as people embarked on their ride,” he said.

“We have such a beautiful District in Tendring, and what better way to enjoy it than on two wheels? The Tour de Tendring is a great opportunity to get some fresh air, get some exercise, and indulge in some scenery.

“The open days at the leisure centres also proved popular, and I hope those who tried out activities come back again to take part in more fun and frolics in the future.”

### **AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME OF WORK SET OUT BY TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

An exciting programme of projects designed to improve the lives of Tendring residents has been confirmed by senior councillors today.

The Priorities and Projects for 2018/19 were approved by Tendring District Council’s Cabinet during its meeting. They were set out before full Council in January, and since then have been refined and informed by the recent Local Government Association Peer Challenge.

Among the schemes listed are the building of ten homes in Jaywick Sands – work on which has already begun – beginning work on the Holland-on-Sea cliff stabilisation project, and completing repairs to the Venetian Bridge near to Clacton Pier before the summer.

Also included are continuing support on the Mayflower 400 commemorations, making sure the £9million broadband investment programme stays on track and completion of the Local Plan.

Potential projects for enhancing Holland Haven and on the Harwich and Dovercourt public realm scheme will be identified. Lobbying will continue for road and rail improvements in Manningtree.

Some of the projects look at the Council itself, such as the ongoing Transformation Programme, and by March 2019 Tendring District Council (TDC) aims to have completed refurbishment of its Pier Avenue and Barnes House offices.

Others look more externally, such as the Council's partnership working with Active Essex and other councils on a Sport England pilot to get more people active, and on Garden Communities.

Neil Stock OBE, TDC Leader, said the programme was a good indicator of the strength of the Authority.

"This is an ambitious programme of commitments at a time when local authority funding from government continues to fall," he said.

"That we are able to set ourselves so much positive work to do is testament to the work done in previous years to ensure we remain on a stable financial footing for the years to come.

"Our financial prudence coupled with a can-do attitude means Tendring District Council is not just surviving, but thriving, and doing all it can to improve the quality of lives of its residents, the support it offers to local businesses and the economy, and enhance our offering to visitors to our wonderful District."

### **POPULAR E-SAFETY INFORMATION EVENT TO RETURN**

An e-safety information evening for parents is returning to Clacton's Princes Theatre this summer.

The Tendring Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is putting on the sessions to help parents, guardians and carers get up to date with the Dark Web and internet safety.

It includes facts and figures, and information on popular apps and how to make sure your children use them safely – and which to avoid. It is aimed at parents with children in, or about to go into, school years 1-9.

Two popular events were held last month, but the first and most-booked session had to be cancelled due to heavy snowfall.

It has now been re-booked for **Tuesday, July 24**, allowing parents who missed out first time around to attend.

Lynda McWilliams, chairwoman of Tendring CSP, urged parents to come along.

"Feedback from the first two sessions tells us just how useful – and eye-opening – this event is to parents," she said.

"As technology and social media evolves, it is important that parents learn about the best ways to allow children to use it, in order to keep them safe."

The event is free, but tickets should be booked by using the link [princestheatre.ticketsolve.com](http://princestheatre.ticketsolve.com)

## **TENDRING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES REMINDED OF ADVERTISING LAW**

Both residents and small businesses are being reminded by Tendring District Council (TDC) of the rules around advertising after a surge in the number of unauthorised signs being displayed.

An increasing number of boards advertising services are being displayed on properties around the District, usually falling into two categories – people advertising businesses they run from their homes, or tradespeople acknowledging work they are doing at the property.

While it is acceptable for trades businesses to display a sign while work is taking place, keeping the sign up after work is completed would need advertisement consent from TDC's planning department.

Such signs displayed without consent are illegal, and enforcement action could be taken. TDC is looking to clampdown on unauthorised signs from May, and action can be taken against both the property owners and the trader.

Fred Nicholls, TDC Cabinet Member for Corporate Enforcement, said the Council was taking a common sense approach to the issue.

“We understand traders wanting to be recognised for their work, and such signs are one way in which they can generate future jobs – we are not trying to stop that,” he said.

“There are clear rules about advertising, drawn up by government and policed locally, to make sure that any signs do not clutter or detract from the area. This is particularly the case in, for example, a Conservation Area, but too many signs or the wrong type of advertisements can make any area look unsightly.

“In some instances it can also be a danger to road users, either by being distracting or by obscuring existing road signs.

“That is why we are reminding people of the rules, and urging them to take down any adverts displayed without the relevant consent.

“If however people continue to flout the rules, we will be forced to consider taking formal enforcement action.”

### **General Information:**

**If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.**

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