

# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS AND INFORMATION!

### Canvey Island Town Council Receives Funding For New Memorial Garden Plaques

Canvey Island Town Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the Essex County Council Locality Fund for replacement memorial plaques in the Labworth Memorial Gardens. The plaques are to commemorate the Canvey 2000 project volunteers and those who passed away in the 1953 floods.

The Town Council is very pleased to be able to install these replacement plaques as the originals had deteriorated over time and were no longer able to be used at the site.

Town Mayor Cllr Sherdian Sayes said "I am very pleased the Town Council has been successful in obtaining this funding, and the replacement plaques installed mean those who have passed can continue to be recognised and remembered."



### Night Safety Project

Canvey Island Town Council held the first of its events to promote night safety for pedestrians and cyclists on Friday 13th February. The event held in the Knightswick Centre was supported by Essex Police and Safer Essex Roads Partnership, and saw the Town Council and the two organisations give out free items to enhance the safety of road and pavement users during the darker hours.

The Town Council provided bicycle lights, torch keyrings and reflective keyrings to promote higher visibility, while Essex Police and Safer Essex Roads Partnership also had giveaways to promote personal safety and road safety. The event was very successful with a very positive response from residents.

The Town Council have been able to bring this project to residents by successfully obtaining £2831.00 of funding from Essex PFCC's Community Safety Fund. The Town Council will be delivering more events as part of this project and its' commitment to improving community safety.



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## Annual Town Meeting and Community Awards

Canvey Island Town Council held its Annual Town Meeting and Community Awards ceremony on Monday 9th March 2026 and residents had the opportunity to speak to Town Councillors about the Town Council's activities during the year.

For the Town Council's Community Awards, nominations were received under the categories of Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Community Group of the Year, Best Community Contribution from a Local Business and Youth Community Group of the Year, there were also two special recognition award winners this year.

Robert Baillie was successful as Citizen of the Year for his contribution and dedication to the local policing team. Young Person of the Year was presented to six-year-old, Isla Campling who grew and donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Community Group of the Year was won by the Heritage Centre with a special mention to Rosemary and Colin, who's support and efforts have helped the Heritage Centre thrive. The Best Community Contribution from a Local Business was awarded to NOVUS Care, for their continuous support to residents and the local community which was evident in the incredible things people had to say, and the Youth Community Group of the Year was awarded to the Ewan Lane Music Foundation for their support and opportunity they provide to local youth through music.

The two special recognition awards were awarded to Alison Harris for her dedication to the Dutch Cottage and to The Butterflies club for their incredible work and support they provide to local SEN families.

Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Sue Brooke said "I am extremely proud to have been able to present these well-deserved awards. The Town Council is pleased to be able to recognise the efforts of all these individuals, groups, and businesses. I would like to thank everyone for coming and all your continued support of the Town Council."

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk on 01268 683965 or [clerk@canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@canveyisland-tc.gov.uk)



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## Armed Forces Day

Canvey Island Town Council is organising its' annual Canvey Island Armed Forces Day on Saturday, 27th June to celebrate the contribution of the armed forces in the community.

The parade will start from Castle View School's car park, Foksville Road from 10.30am and will march through the town centre on Furtherwick Road down to Long Road then on to the Paddocks Community Centre. There will be a 30 minute road closure on the parade route from 10.30am to 11am on the Saturday, 27th June in the town centre.

The parade will include representatives from veteran groups and individuals, Essex Marching Corps, the Sutherland Pipes and Drums, current serving members of the armed forces, local scouts, girl guides, army cadets, youth groups and the emergency services.

A short service of celebration will be held at 11am outside at the Paddocks Community Centre War Memorial followed by an Armed Forces exhibition in Mercury Hall, in The Paddocks Community Centre.

Further information will be available on the website [www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk)

There will be free handheld flags given out on the day.



Canvey Island Town Council

# ARMED FORCES DAY



**Saturday 27th June 2026**

**Come and support our Armed Forces**  
**Everyone Welcome**




10:30 am Parade from Castleview School to the Paddocks Community Centre

11:00 am Words of Appreciation, outside the Paddocks Community Centre

12:00 pm Armed Forces Exhibition and Refreshments

visit: [www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk) or call 01268 683965

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## Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Grant

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance receive grant from Canvey Island Town Council.

Canvey Island Town Council recently awarded £500.00 as part of its' grants scheme to the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service towards the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed outside their newly opened shop in Canvey Island Town Centre.

Cllr Sheridan Sayes, Town Mayor of Canvey Island Town Council said "Congratulations to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service on their successful application for grant funding. The Town Council are pleased to be helping an organisation that offers an invaluable emergency service that is vital for those in need. Their commitment to ensuring all have access to a defibrillator through installing one on their shopfront is commendable and it is a pleasure to be able to present this funding to such a worthwhile organisation."

Leila Clarke, Retail Director for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance said:

"We're so grateful to the Council for this grant and for its recognition of how important it is to equip the local community with these life-saving devices. Every minute without CPR reduces the chance of survival by 10% making early intervention critical. It's so important to ensure people have easy access to defibrillators if someone nearby goes into cardiac arrest. We're so proud that all our charity shops are now fitted with defibrillators".

If there are other community or charity organisations working on Canvey Island who feel they would benefit from the grants scheme, they are asked to contact the Town Council. Every year the Town Council sets aside money within the budget for grants, aimed to benefit people and projects on Canvey Island. Applications will be considered for financial assistance from organisations towards a specific project, item or activity which is non commercial. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk or download an application form and further details from the Town Council's website.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### HEALTH AND WELLBEING EVENT

Indoor event with local businesses and organisations in the Health and Wellbeing Sector.

📍 The Paddocks Community Centre, Long Road, SS8 0JA 🕒 10:00am – 4:00pm

JUNE



### ARMED FORCES DAY

Parade through the Town at 10:30am to The Paddocks, followed by words of appreciation and a small indoor exhibition

📍 The Paddocks Community Centre, Long Road, SS8 0JA 🕒 10:30am – 2:00pm

JULY



### CHARITY GARDEN TRAIL

Local residents open their gardens up to the public for charity. [www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk) for more information

📍 Various Gardens 🕒 10:00am - 4:00pm

JULY



### CHALK ART EVENT

Free event for those young creative residents. Buckets of chalk available for use and artistic expression.

📍 Canvey Island Bandstand, SS8 7DL 🕒 11:00am – 3:00pm

AUG



### WILDLIFE PICNIC

Residents are invited to picnic by the Wild Flower Meadow, where local wildlife organisations will be present. Free animal experience.

📍 Tewkes Creek Recreation Ground, SS8 8EJ 🕒 10:00am – 3:00pm

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## SEN BY THE SEA

Local SEN organisations come together to give advice and information to SEN families at this outdoor summer event.

Canvey Island Bandstand, SS8 7DL

11:00am – 3:00pm

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## COMMUNITY DAY

Outdoor event with a range of local organisations bringing information and assistance to residents.

Outside Canvey Library, SS8 7RB

10:00am – 3:00pm

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## SENIOR WELLNESS AND SAFETY

In the lead up to Winter, Canvey Island Town Council are bringing organisations together to assist the senior residents in staying well and safe.

The Paddocks Community Centre,  
Long Road, SS8 0JA

10:00am - 3:00pm

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## CHRISTMAS EVENT

Free event for the local community to start off the Christmas Festivities. Grotto, Attractions, Music and a Christmas light switch on, plus much more....

Canvey Island Town Centre, SS8 7RB

12:00pm – 4:00pm



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## Canvey Lake – Early Surrender of the Lease

Castle Point Borough Council agreed the early surrender of the Town Councils lease for Canvey Lake at its Cabinet meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The Town Council is committed to its vision for Canvey Lake and will continue to support the Borough Council by providing the financial support for the remaining Ground Maintenance contract until the end of its term whilst honoring residents' wishes to surrender the day-to-day management of the lake to the Borough Council



## Free Bill Review!

*No obligation to switch*

Energy - Broadband - Mobile - Insurance

Have a quick chat with me today and make sure you are on the right plans for your lifestyle.

With everything on the increase, we want you to be confident you are not paying too much.

**Wednesdays, 12-3**

The Paddocks, Long Road,  
Canvey Island SS8 0JA



Canvey Town council, The Paddocks,  
Long Road, SS8 0JA

### **E plus will hold a drop-in service at Canvey Town Council**

**Each Thursday – 1pm-3pm**

We can offer you support with a range of services including:

- Assistance with accessing benefits.
- Guidance with housing / tenancy issues.
- Money management:
  - ❖ Budgeting tips.
  - ❖ Debt guidance & referral.
- Free internet access.
  - ❖ Digital inclusion.
- Employability Skills:
  - ❖ CV support
  - ❖ Job search skills.
  - ❖ Careers guidance.
- Connection to local volunteer opportunities.

You can speak in confidence with our colleague:

Sam (07831 138981)

Or you can email your questions to:

[EmploymentPlusR4@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:EmploymentPlusR4@salvationarmy.org.uk)

Supported by:

Employment Plus

Freephone: 0800 652 4276

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## LEARN IT SKILLS

Free IT Sessions are being held in the Canvey Island Town Council offices on Thursday and Friday mornings. These sessions are one to one and last for an hour. If you are interested in booking a session please contact the Deputy Clerk on 01268 683965, emailing [admin@canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@canveyisland-tc.gov.uk)



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### OPENING TIMES

MONDAY - CLOSED  
TUESDAY - 9.30AM TO 12NOON  
WEDNESDAY - 12.30PM TO 2.30PM  
THURSDAY 9.30AM TO 12NOON  
FRIDAY - CLOSED

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

27.04.26- POLICY AND FINANCE

18.05.26 - ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7.00PM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - FULL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S WEBSITE