

# NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

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## FESTIVE SUCCESS!!

Despite the wet start Canvey Island saw over a thousand people attend the Council's Christmas event in Canvey Island's town centre on Saturday 29th November 2025. The event started at 12 noon and had an array of free Christmas activities. Families thoroughly enjoyed the Helter Skelter, Santa's grotto, soft play bus, Gingerbread man decorating, a Chair-o-plane ride and Santa letter writing. The Town Council also introduced a small stage for local singers to add to the ambience of a Christmas market and were extremely impressed by the local talent, a special thank you to Brianna Louise who did a fantastic job comparing the event talent.

Cllr Sheridan Sayes, Town Mayor of Canvey Island Town Council excitedly switched on the lights at 4:00pm. The Town Mayor commented: "We are really pleased with how the day flowed and seeing the community come together despite the weather just enhanced the aesthetic for a perfect wintry, festive event".

There was an incredible atmosphere in the town centre, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We extended the road closure again this year in the town centre so that more of the shops would continue to benefit from the event and this really worked well. Thank you to all who contributed including the volunteers who helped with the smooth running of the event".

The Town Council would like to thank all the very generous sponsors for the event. Stibbards & Sons sponsored this year's Christmas Tree and Knightswick Shopping Centre sponsored the grotto and gifts. The Town Council would also like to thank GB Vehicles and First Fence for sponsoring and assisting with the events barriers.



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## Community Day

The Town Council rescheduled its Community Day, on Wednesday 29th October 2025 which was held in the Knightswick Centre. The day brought together organisations from all aspects of the community including Essex Police, Fire, NHS and voluntary organisations.

Town Mayor Cllr Sheridan Sayes said, "It was a great event, and what a wonderful opportunity for so many community organisations to come together and showcase what they offer."

The event will return August 2026.



### Notice of Conclusion of Audit

#### Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2025

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Section 16 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

The audit of accounts for **Canvey Island Town Council** for the year ended 31 March 2025 has been completed and the accounts have been published. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of **Canvey Island Town Council** on application to Mrs E. De Can at the Councils address or on its website [www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk).



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## Christmas Shopfront competition

Canvey Island Town Council invited local shops to enter the Christmas Shopfront competition and wow the community with their incredible window displays. The talent was evident and the deliberations were difficult. Canvey Island Town Council's Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor were thoroughly impressed with all entries, however, there was one entry that we felt wasn't just creative, it was unique and extremely well executed. Canvey Island Town Council would like to congratulate the winner of this year's competition, Cherish Beauty, for their wonderful handmade snowman display. We would like to thank all the participants for their time and effort and for sharing their displays with us.



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## Community Awards 2026 - Press Release

### Town Council's Annual Town Meeting and Community Awards

Canvey Island Town Council will be holding its Annual Town Meeting on Monday, 9th March 2024 from 7.00pm (to start at 7.30pm) in The Paddocks Community Centre, Long Road, Canvey Island. There will be an opportunity to engage with your local councillors regarding Town Council activities.

Cllr Sheridan Sayes, Town Mayor said: "The Town Council invites residents to attend this meeting to find out about what the Council has achieved in the past year and what it's aspirations are for the future and will also have an opportunity to ask questions about any issues that affect them on the island. We look forward to seeing you there."

The Town Council will also be presenting its Community Awards at the Annual Town Meeting, which have been created to recognise those who make a significant contribution to improving the quality of life for residents of Canvey Island.

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



**Canvey Island Town Council**

## Community Awards 2026

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Based on the below categories

- Citizen of the Year (over 18 years)
- Young Person of the Year (18 years or under)
- Community/Charity Group of the Year
- Youth Community/Group of the Year (benefitting those 18 and under)
- Best Community Contribution from a Local Business

**VOTING CLOSSES 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Nomination forms are available online - please see [www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk)



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 138881)

**Or you can email your questions to:**  
[EmploymentPlusR4@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:EmploymentPlusR4@salvationarmy.org.uk)

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Website: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/employment-plus>



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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

19.01.26 – FULL COUNCIL – BUDGET

09.02.26 – POLICY AND FINANCE

23.02.26 – FULL COUNCIL

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