

NEWSLETTER

CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL



OCTOBER 2026

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NEWS AND INFORMATION!

NOTICE OF THE AUDIT AND RIGHT TO INSPECT THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2026

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 2026 has been carried out but cannot be completed for the reasons stated in the external auditor report. 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.



Christmas Light Switch on Event, Canvey Island Saturday 28th November 2026



Canvey Island Town Council is putting the final preparations in place for its annual Christmas Event, taking place on Saturday, 28 November 2026, in the town centre. The free-entry event will officially begin at 12 noon and will take place along Furtherwick Road and the top of the High Street, with a wide range of Christmas stalls, children's activities and festive attractions for the whole family to enjoy. The town's Christmas Tree has been kindly sponsored by Stibbards, with the countdown to the Christmas Tree light switch-on beginning at 5.00pm.

This year, the Town Council has arranged for Infinity Circus to join the celebrations, with performers walking around the event on stilts and entertaining visitors throughout the day. Also providing a free circus workshop. There will also be a range of free children's activities, including storytelling, Santa letter writing, a soft play bus and gingerbread decorating, ensuring there is plenty to keep younger visitors entertained throughout the event.

A FREE Santa's Grotto will also be returning outside the Knightswick Centre, helping to provide a special experience for local children.

Town Mayor Cllr Sue Brooke said: "The Town Council is very excited about this upcoming Christmas Event, and very pleased to yet again be offering so many free activities to families. We look forward to seeing many of you there to get into the festive Christmas spirit and support our local businesses."

For public safety and to allow participating businesses and contractors to set up and dismantle equipment, Furtherwick Road, from the junction of Foksville Road to Waarden Road, will be closed from 7.00am until 7.30pm.

- A diversion route will be in place for the duration of the road closure.
- First Bus services will be diverted during the temporary road closure.
- Bus diversions will operate from 7.00am until 7.30pm on the day, with details published on the First Bus website and displayed at bus stops.
- Taxis will be available from Lionel Road and from a designated pick-up/drop-off point within the Knightswick Shopping Centre.
- Visitors travelling by car can use the town centre car parks, including Knightswick Shopping Centre and Oak Road Car Park, subject to availability.

Canvey Island Town Council looks forward to welcoming residents and visitors to the town centre for a fun-filled day of festive entertainment and activities, while encouraging everyone to support the local businesses taking part in this year's Christmas celebrations.

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CHALK ART AND CIRCUS SKILLS EVENT – WEDNESDAY 29th July 2026

Canvey Island Town Council's 'Chalk Art and Circus Skills Event' saw local artist Tracey Wakeling impress the public with her artistry, and children enjoy a free circus skills workshop as part of the Town Council's free summer events programme.

Canvey Island bandstand had residents and visitors of all ages show off their circus skills and was beautifully bright with many chalk drawings. Canvey Island Town Council would like to thank everyone that took part and enjoyed the day.

Town Mayor Cllr Sue Brooks was extremely impressed with the excitement and enthusiasm for everyone for this event. Cllr Sue Brooks said 'We have been very lucky with the weather, and I enjoy seeing all the children having such fun'.



WILDLIFE PICNIC SUCCESS

Canvey Island Town Council held a Wildlife Picnic at Tewkes Creek picnic area on Wednesday 12th August 2026, providing free activities, craft and giveaways. Residents were able to enjoy a free animal encounter experience, which was very well received. The weather was beautiful, and there were many adults and children joining in the fun and enjoying the day.

Town Mayor Cllr Susan Brooke said "The event went brilliantly, and I am very happy that so many people turned out to support the event and we were lucky to have great weather. The animal encounters were great and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying the day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event such a success."

The Town Council would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who joined and helped out at the event, Bugs Life, Birds Alive, Essex Wildlife Trust, Animal Workshops Mobile Zoo and Scoopy's Ice Creams

'SEN BY THE SEA' EVENT

Canvey Island Town Council held its 'SEN by the SEA' event at the Canvey Island Bandstand on Wednesday 26th August 2026.

This wonderful summer event saw ECL, STRM Support, The Butterflies Club, Messy Church and NHS Inclusive Communication join the Town Council to engage and inform the public on a wide range of programs and tools available across all age groups within the SEND sector. There was an incredible response from the public and the Town Council are very thankful to the services that took part in the event, it was very well received and highly appreciated.

For more information, please contact the Town Council office on 01268 683965.



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SENIOR WELLNESS EVENT

The Town Council held its Senior Wellness Event on Saturday 3rd October which was a great success with many residents enjoying the free sit and move and chair yoga taster sessions from the Castle Point Leisure team. There was a variety of organisations from all aspects of the community including the Essex Fire Service, Peabody, Castle Point Housing, Essex County Council Library, Re-Engage, Homelium, Clear UK and Daily Assist UK.

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

For more information regarding other Town Council events, please contact the Community & Events Officer on 01268 683965 or visit www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk



TOWN MAYOR'S ACTIVITIES

- 23.10.26 - Canvey Primary School Opening
- 11.10.26 - High Sheriff of Essex - Justice Service, Chelmsford Cathedral
- 04.10.26 - Museum 60's event, Castle Point Transport Museum
- 24.09.26 - Trust Links 1st Anniversary, The Gunny
- 11.30am - Museum Heritage Day, Castle Point Transport Museum
- 10am - 3pm - CISCA House Open Services Day



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Christmas Event

12.00 - 5.00PM

28TH NOVEMBER 2026

CANVEY ISLAND TOWN CENTRE

LIVE MUSIC | MARKET
CIRCUS SKILLS | FOOD & DRINK
GINGERBREAD DECORATING
SOFT PLAY BUS | SANTA'S GROTTO

FREE
ENTRY

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Canvey Island Town Council Appoints New Community & Events Officer

Canvey Island Town Council has recently appointed a new Community & Events Officer, Sam Monk. Sam will be organising the Town Council's events programme and strengthening links with the community.

Sam can be contacted on events@canveyisland-tc.gov.uk or by calling 01268 683965



CONNECT TO WORK

Funded by UK Government

CONNECT TO WORK FOR LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS

EVERY TUESDAY 9.20 – 12NOON AT THE PADDOCKS

Are you thinking about finding work?
WE CAN HELP

employability

Essex IPS Employment Service

Delivered by:

Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

Working in partnership:

Southend-on-Sea City Council

thurrock.gov.uk

Essex County Council



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

Supported by:

Employment Plus
Freephone: 0800 652 4276

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



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COMMUNITY & EVENTS OFFICER - SAM MONK
COMMUNITY OFFICER - ADELE WAKENELL

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY - CLOSED
TUESDAY - 9.30AM TO 4.30PM
WEDNESDAY - 9.30AM TO 4.30PM
THURSDAY 9.30AM TO 4.30PM
FRIDAY - CLOSED

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.11.26 - POLICY & FINANCE - BUDGET

14.12.26 - COUNCIL - BUDGET

18.01.27 - COUNCIL

08.02.27 - POLICY & FINANCE

22.02.27 - COUNCIL

15.03.27 - ANNUAL TOWN 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