



**HARE ALL ABOUT IT!
NEW TRAIL DATES ANNOUNCED!
1ST July 2021 for 10 weeks**

Hares About Town, a spectacular free art event that was due to be hopping onto the streets of Southend this year will now take place **next Summer 2021**.

The Hospice, which during coronavirus has been on the front line of supporting terminally ill people and their families in Southend and the surrounding area, took the decision to postpone the trail back in March. The decision to move the trail was to ensure the safety of residents and tourists and to enable the Hospice to prioritise its patients and local people being diagnosed with a terminal illness and needing care and support during the pandemic.

The team are very excited to announce the new trail dates: **on the 1st July 2021 the streets of Southend will be brought alive with these beautiful sculptures.**

Louise Gloyne, Head of Philanthropy, Grants and Partnerships at Havens Hospices said: 'It was obviously a huge disappointment to everyone involved but we plan to still make this incredible project come together. Everything is place for this to be a hugely successful event and Summer 2021 seems an apt time for this to happen; we feel confident that the public will embrace the trail even more so than this year – especially as more and more people are taking 'Staycations' there is no better a town to visit than Southend on Sea! We are confident the trail will be every bit as amazing despite the postponement.'

The Hares About Town team are still very much looking forward to bringing colour and conversations to the streets over the months ahead.

Charlie Langhorne, Co-founder and Managing Director of Wild in Art said, “We passionately champion the importance of art for everybody and the social, cultural and educational benefits which it provides. Our events are designed to bring the enjoyment of public art to everyone and they have a proven track record of encouraging residents and visitors to get active, to enjoy being outdoors and to explore parts of towns and cities that they may not have visited before.”

“Hares about Town will give everyone a reason to smile and we look forward to seeing everyone out on the streets once again, walking, running and cycling the trail and discovering all the wonderfully painted Hares.”

To keep up to date with all the information see www.haresabouttown.co.uk
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Notes to Editor

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Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic their hospices remained open to care for patients at the end of their life and they supported the NHS by taking patients in from hospitals to free up beds.

The charity had to suspend all face to face respite because it was safer for their vulnerable patients to stay at home and shield.

Their Fair Havens Hospice at Home service is still running and at full capacity. Since April, demand for that service increased by 30% meaning that they added additional home visits.

The charity has also been diversifying the type of care they provide – if patients and families chose to not have people in their home, they helped with collecting prescriptions, shopping and signposting to other support networks.

They have also been offering telephone and video call support where they can so they are still there for their patients and families, even if they can't be there in person.

Havens Hospices like so many have suffered huge financial losses this year – if you would be interested in sponsoring one of the remaining hares – do get in touch! info@haresaboutown.co.uk