# **Shotley Pier Update August 2020**

### **Sponsor a Plank for £100**

68 planks have already been sponsored, and as we only have 200 available in phase one, we are sure we will allocate all of them. Thank you to the new subscribers who have got involved and decided to sponsor a plank, your £100 sponsorship will stay on the plank until it is replaced and the funds raised will help us get on with more works.

We decided that existing investors would have first priority to sponsor a plank, so please apply by the end of August if you are an investor and wish to have your name on a plank in phase one.

You can put one or more names on the plank plaque, with 18 characters available on each of two lines, so some of our sponsors are listing their whole family.

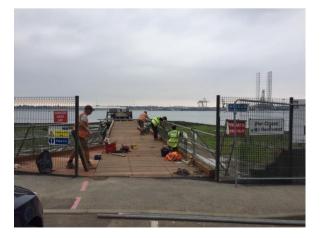
If you would like to apply, email <u>shotleypier@gmail.com</u> for a form, or ask for one at Pierside Snacks. It's been great to meet so many people popping by to ask for a form.

Pier Railing Plaques are also available from £150 where up to 5 lines of messages and images or photos can be etched.

The plank plaques will look like this:



### **Progress at the Pier**



It's very tempting to just step on the first renovated section of the Pier! Patience is a virtue they say, and we need to show a little more restraint while the last minor aspects are completed. The contractor will be returning when some ordered items arrive after a Covid supply-chain delay.

We expect to be announcing limited opening in the next few weeks, so watch this space. Due to the limited space and Covid19 social distancing, we will have to restrict numbers initially, so our apologies in advance for holding back.

A reminder of the look of the temporary railings. The lower section is filled with recycled mesh. This is a temporary look while we raise funds for permanent railings.



## Please help our fundraising by sharing this

#### newsletter

Please share your newsletter with family and friends by forwarding this email, or share our postings on FaceBook and other social media.

It's hard to imagine there are still people who don't know about our pier and fundraising efforts, but we are still being contacted by people who have only just become aware. You can help us reach more people.



#### **Pierside Snacks**

Pierside Snacks has returned to its usual place next to the Pier entrance, now that the builder's temporary compound has been removed.

Weather permitting, we expect to be there from 9.30am to 3pm every Saturday and Sunday during the summer, and we are trialling Fridays from 9.30am to 2pm for the summertime only. All profits from Pierside Snacks are for the pier.



### Please buy Community Shares. Help raise funds for the next stage of works

Shares continue to be available for purchase with the minimum share purchase being £25 and the maximum purchase per person £10,000.

If you have started by sponsoring a plank, why not buy one or more shares too, so that you get a vote in our decisions, and become part owner of the pier.

You should only purchase community shares if your main reason is to support the project because the charitable constitution does not allow the payment of a dividend.

If you are already a shareholder, please buy additional shares to help us raise the money for phase two of the renovations.

Donations would also be very welcome. As a charitable society, we can claim GiftAid to increase the donation. Do get in touch with us for more detailed information or we would be happy to respond to your questions.

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