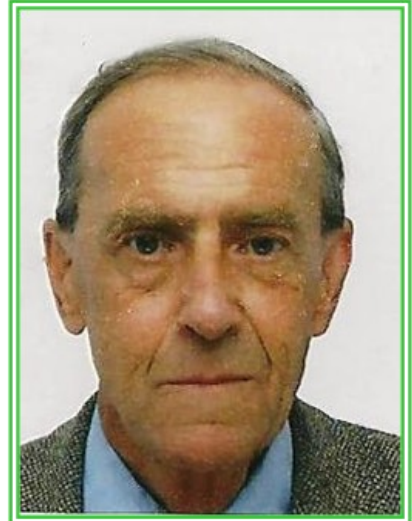


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## HON. MIKE DOLBY - VICE CHAIRMAN

I became a member of Southend Older People's Assembly in early 2014 and subsequently accepted the post of Vice Chairman in the autumn of the same year. In August 2015 due to other commitments I reluctantly relinquished the Vice Chairmanship but continue as an active member of the committee.



No doubt many of you will already know me as I have been involved in so much in Southend over the years and I continue to be a staunch supporter of numerous good causes and organisations—including Southend Older Peoples Assembly.

Now retired, but previously a local businessman running Never Never Land on Southend seafront for many years. I was was a cub master of a Leigh pack and subsequently served at district level.

I have been a Southend Borough Councillor, and also elected to Leigh Town Council which I chaired until stepping down. I am a school governor, active supporter of Southend Carnival Organisation and for a time chair of their committee, a Salvation Army member and Auxiliary HM Coastguard.

As a coastguard at Southend pier head I have spent many night-times on duty and in particular have fond memories of being authorised to ride a motor bike in the pitch black at night along the wooden pier walkway to reach the coastguard station - at night no pier trains ran and so a mile and a quarter hike for the duty coastguards was not practical so the motor bike became our mode of transport!!

Another of my passions is the Leigh on Sea Endeavour Trust, I am an active committee member of this registered charity that has restored the only surviving example of a pre-war Leigh working fishing vessel. If you would like to know more about The Endeavour Trust and how you can support keeping her afloat then please contact me.

As an 'oldie' myself I have a vested interest in ensuring that services and facilities here in Southend meet our needs and expectations and so its important that our voice is heard. The OPA is an excellent platform to do just this and I believe that my knowledge, experience and previous service with the local authority and other organisations will enable me to work on behalf of our membership and effectively help make a difference.

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