

District Guide

Southbourne

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"A desirable district situated to the south east of Boscombe, known for its tree lined roads, vibrant high street with many local independant shops and the beautiful cliff tops overlooking the sea"

Key Facts



1901

saw Southbourne become part of Bournemouth



BH5 & BH6

Postcodes covered
Christchurch to the east, Iford to the north, and Boscombe to the west



18,960

Population
Recorded in 2011

Southbourne's stunning beach



Area History

- Thomas Compton, an entrepreneurial doctor set up a GP in Bournemouth in 1866, seeing the potential to create a health resort locally. He purchased an area of cliff top land in 1871, which was part of Tuckton Farm, and became known as Southbourne-on-Sea.
- Compton's company built a pier at Southbourne in 1888, costing £4000 to construct and was 300 feet long. It was short lived however as it was heavily damaged in late 1900/early 1901 by severe storms.
- Bournemouth Council purchased a turbarry common in 1906, which became Seafeld Gardens, a popular bowling green and tennis courts, which continues today as a quiet green space, winning a Green Flag Award in 2001.
- Britain's first international aviation meeting was held on 11th July 1910, in a specially built aerodrome near Tuckton and Hengistbury Head. Budding pilots from across the world competed in challenges like spot landing, altitude tests and speed trials.
- Fisherman's Walk was purchased by the council in 1912, transforming it from dunes and cliff top vegetation to a rest garden/walk, and was opened in 1937. The name comes from the old trails made by local fisherman, using this route to the sea front.
- Today, Southbourne is a still very much a desirable suburb of Bournemouth offering plenty for resident and tourist alike. Music and vintage festivals, plenty of eateries and independent coffee shops, tree lined walks to the sea and the evolving high street and surrounding areas still sing words of rest, relaxation and enjoyment.

Stats & House Prices



BH6 Property Prices
Avg Value **£346,492**
Avg paid **£338,162**
Year increase **-1.54%**
Based on last 12 months activity*



BH5 Property Prices
Avg Value **£284,328**
Avg paid **£248,403**
Year increase **-0.41%**
Based on last 12 months activity*



500

Total Sales
across the 2 post codes on Zoopla over 12 months*



3 Parks

Seafeld Gardens, Fishermans Walk, Hengistbury Head (only a short walk or cycle away)



5+

Places of Worship
Covering most faiths



30+

Places to Eat
in Town Centre



2+

Places to get Fit
Plus many more if you travel 1-3 miles



9

7 Primary & 2 Secondary Schools
within easy reach

Local Trivia



Seafeld Gardens has its own water tower. This is a privately owned Grade II Listed Building and was built in 1898 to supply drinking water to Southbourne-on-sea after the pumping station at Iford stopped working.



An iconic landmark, sadly demolished in 2001, was the **Shell House** created by hotelier George Howard. It was an entire garden of shell sculptures and statues. Over the 50 years it existed they raised thousands for charity.



On July 12, 1910, aviation pioneer **Charles Rolls** (co-founder of Rolls Royce) unfortunately become the first British man to die in an aircraft crash at Southbourne Aerodrome.

The **Fisherman's Walk Cliff Railway** was opened in 1935, and made it into the 2015 Guinness World Records as the world's shortest funicular railway.



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