

**Reminders:**

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday.

**1. Police Local Community Meeting (LCM) - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Report from BERA member, Martin Terry**

Last Monday I attended the Police LCM, Local Community Meeting, on behalf of BERA at St Augustine's Church. The LCM covers Thorpe, Southchurch, St Lukes, West Shoebury and Shoeburyness Wards. The meeting was very well attended with the overwhelming majority coming from Shoeburyness Ward.

I reported the current concerns in our ward: the issues of Anti-Social behaviour around the Burges Estate and in the newly resurfaced car park area in Southchurch Park and serious vandalism of cars in various locations. Burglary in Thorpe Ward has reduced, although even one burglary is too many. I was reassured the police are continuing to target dwelling burglaries as a priority.

It was reported that serious crimes are taking place in Shoeburyness on a regular basis. Numerous complaints and reports had been made to the police, although not much action has been seen. The police said they have very limited resources and are not able to comment on the politics of this, but it was very clearly inferred that they are overwhelmed and seriously under-resourced. References were made to contact your local MP, or the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner as the lack of resources is a political matter, and not one they can comment on, as they have to work with what they have. The comment was made "it is very difficult to get out to the edges of the borough"

There have already been sporadic car vandalism attacks in Thorpe Ward, including several cars having their windshields smashed in Fermoy Road in broad daylight. It was also reported that an attempted car robbery/jacking happened outside the Roslin Hotel recently. A topic being discussed locally and nationally is the impact of police cuts and the rise in crime. Southend now has, statistically, the highest levels of violent and sexual crime in the county of Essex.

We must do all we can to win the argument that community safety must not continue to be put at risk. Thankfully Thorpe Bay is very safe, at the moment. The shocking incidents in Southend and now the seemingly lawless situation in Shoeburyness mean we must use every argument available to protect and restore community safety at all costs, the alternative does not bear thinking about. We have a crisis in our borough which does need to be addressed urgently.

## 2. Recent Crimes 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Southchurch	42/44761/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	03/04/2018 03:57	03/04/2018 00:00	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS DURING AN ARGUMENT BROKEN THE VICTIMS LAPTOP CAUSING 100 POUND IN DAMAGE. THIS HAS OCCURRED AFTER THE COUPLE HAVE BEEN DRINKING ALCOHOL ALL EVENING WITH FRIENDS.
Southchurch	42/45469/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	04/04/2018 10:29	04/04/2018 00:00	Archer Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS NOT NAMED HAVE REMOVED VICTIMS NEW WASHING MACHINE FROM THE PROPERTY, SUSPECTS HAVE THEN RETURNED TO THE ADDRESS AND GIVEN MACHINE BACK ALTHOUGH THE MACHINE IS NOW DAMAGED.
Southchurch	42/45769/18	Attempted Burglary - Residential – Dwelling	04/04/2018 21:27	04/04/2018 02:00	Barnstaple Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY INTO VICTIMS DWELLING BY TRYING TO FORCE FRONT UPVC DOOR LEAVING MARKS AROUND BOTTOM OF DOOR AND SIDE FRAME.
Southchurch	42/45710/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	04/04/2018 19:27	28/03/2018 00:00	Southchurch Rectory Chase	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED SIX PAVING SLABS FROM THE VICTIMS GARDEN AND REPLACED THEM WITH DIRTY SLABS
Ward Thorpe	Reference 42/44956/18	Offence Type Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	Reported Date 03/04/2018 12:57	Committed From 01/03/2018 00:00	Street Thorpe Esplanade	Town Southend-on-Sea	MO - filtered SUSPECT UNKNOWN BETWEEN THE 1ST MARCH AND THE 20TH OF MARCH HAS USED BOLT CROPPERS TO CUT TO THE PADLOCK OFF THE VICTIMS BEACH HUT CAUSING DAMAGE, ONCE INSIDE MESSY SEARCH HAS BEEN MADE AND A NUMBER OF ITEMS HAVE BEEN STOLEN. SUSPECTS HAVE RETURNED AGAIN OVER THE WEEKEND OF THE 24TH MARCH AND AGAIN CUT THE PADLOCKS OFF CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH STOLEN A NUMBER OF ITEMS, URINATED IN THE VICTIMS BIN AND CUT THE HOSE TO THE GAS.

Thorpe	42/45381/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	04/04/2018 08:33	25/03/2018 00:00	Thorpe Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FORCED THE HASP OFF THE VICTIMS BEACH HUT AND ENTERED. NOTHING KNOWN STOLEN NOTHING OF VALUE INSIDE. IT APPEARS THAT SEVERAL OTHER BEACH HUTS HAVE ALSO BEEN BROKEN INTO.
Thorpe	42/45498/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	04/04/2018 12:40	27/03/2018 13:00	Thorpe Esplanade	Thorpe Bay	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO A BEACH HUT BY WRENCHING OFF THE PADLOCK AND FIXINGS WITH UNKNOWN OBJECT ONCE INSIDE SUSPECT HAS PLACED BEDDING INSIDE AND LIT CANDLES STAYING IN THE BEACH HUT OVERNIGHT SUSPECT LEFT ALL OF THE ITEMS BEHIND ON THE FLOOR REMOVING NO OTHER ITEMS.
Thorpe	42/47553/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	07/04/2018 22:13	07/04/2018 00:00	Butterys	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS HIT THE VICTIMS CAR WINDSCREEN, JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE CAUSING IT TO SMASH.
Ward West Shoebury	Reference 42/45760/18	Offence Type Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	Reported Date 04/04/2018 13:31	Committed From 02/04/2018 17:00	Street Shoebury Common Road	Town Southend-on-Sea	MO - filtered SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS BEACH HUT BY SHEARING OFF TWO BRENTON BOLTS TO ALLOW THE PADLOCKS TO BE REMOVED WHEN INSIDE SUSPECTS HAVE STOLEN A BOX CONTAINING BINOCULARS VALUED AT 20GBP THE PADLOCKS HAVE ALSO BEEN STOLEN VALUED AT 20GBP.
West Shoebury	42/45570/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	04/04/2018 10:01	03/04/2018 00:00	Shoebury Common Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CUT THE PADLOCKS OFF OF THE VICTIM BEACH HUT AND GAINED ENTRY. NO DAMAGE OR PROPERTY REMOVED FROM THE INSIDE.
West Shoebury	42/45885/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	04/04/2018 18:39	02/03/2018 00:00	Shoebury Common Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS BEACH HUT BY UNKNOWN MEANS DURING DATES STATED.

West Shoebury	42/46141/18	Burglary - Residential - Non- Dwelling	05/04/2018 16:22	02/04/2018 12:00	Cranley Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO A SECURE SUMMER HOUSE BY FORCING THE HASP BACK THEN UNSCREWING IT FROM THE DOOR THEN ONCE INSIDE DID A TIDY SEARCH AND HAVE REMOVED GOLFING EQUIPMENT FROM WITHIN.
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If you are a victim of crime or attempted crime, please report it to the police as we need to make sure the statistics are complete. Although the report by Martin Terry from the police community meeting is worrying, the Committee at our next meeting will be discussing ways to protect our area even more. You can get panic and personal alarms from Ron Woodley or Mike Stafford if needed.

### **3. Rogue landlords targeted**

A crackdown on rogue landlords starts this week, with measures including banning orders and a national database of offenders. Landlords convicted of housing or immigration offences will be added to the database so that councils can share information about them.

### **4. Kent Elms Update**

Please see below the latest update and progress so far on the council website, which can be found [here](#).

Openreach have completed their works in the southern verge, and the contractor, Eurovia, are gearing up to recommence with the construction of the new London-bound lane from 16<sup>th</sup> April. The new lane extends from the pedestrian crossing near Mendip Crescent to the bus stop past Kent Elms junction. Local residents and businesses will shortly be advised of the recommencement of the works.

Eurovia is continuing to construct the footbridge foundations on the southern side and parking restrictions remain in place on Broomfield Avenue between 8am and 5pm. This is to reduce the risk of construction vehicles causing damage to parked cars when accessing the site along this narrow street.

There are no planned lane closures on both the east-bound and west-bound carriageways this week.

### **5. Major road works in the borough associated road closure's for the 12th April – 15th April 2018.**

Anglian Water.	LA Ref- 82306.
Victoria Avenue, Southend.	12/04/2018 – 12/04/2018.
Break out and replace 2 x man hole frame and covers in carriageway, junction of West & East Street – out of hours working.	

Southend Borough Council.	LA Ref- 84541.
Milton Place.	13/04/2018 – 13/04/2018.
Tree works.	

Please note, if you require further information regarding these work's or any road works in the Borough, information is available via [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

### **6. Drivers face £70 fine for parking on the pavement**

New plans being considered by the Department for Transport could soon see drivers fined for parking on the pavement. Currently London is the only part of the country where motorists are

banned from parking on pavements, with a £70 fine handed out to those breaking the law. Cllr Martin Tett, the LGA's Transport spokesperson said: "Councils in the capital have been able to ban pavement parking for many years and it seems a nonsense that local authorities outside London remain unable to do this. Local authorities need this power to respond to concerns raised by their communities, for example if a street is becoming dangerously congested or pedestrians are being forced to step out into the street to get round parked vehicles. In addition, repairing kerbs, verges and pavements damaged by pavement parking is expensive."

## **7. Waste bag deliveries**

People have been asking Ron when pink recycling sacks and green food waste bags are being delivered. Please follow this link to find out:

[http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200327/rubbish\\_and\\_recycling/223/collection\\_days\\_delivery\\_dates\\_and\\_getting\\_additional\\_sacks](http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200327/rubbish_and_recycling/223/collection_days_delivery_dates_and_getting_additional_sacks)

## **8. Highway damage and repairs caused by carrying out planning applications**

You should be aware that in cases where damage occurs during construction works to the highway in implementing this permission, that Council may seek to recover the cost of repairing public highways and footpaths from any party responsible for damaging them. This includes damage carried out when implementing a planning permission or other works to buildings or land. Please take care when carrying out works on or near the public highways and footpaths in the borough.

In other words, either the builder or the house owner will be responsible for any repairs that are needed. Photos will be taken before any works commence and again when the works are finished.

Another success for BERA in trying to maintain and keep our pavements safe for people to walk on.