

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 10th January 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)**

Reminders:

BERA AGM - We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21st March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. The head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport will be speaking at this event. Our second speaker will be discussing the new Care SOS Line, where residents can have a direct link for emergencies.

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 17th January 2019** at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday. Please come along for a biscuit and a tea or coffee. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms and car key signal blocking pouches which are available for BERA members.

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NEW: If any of you have taken photos locally that you would like displayed on the BERA website, please send them by email to: photos@bera.co.uk

1. BERA renewals are now due for January to December 2019 if you wish to remain a member. The cost this year is again £10 per year, per household, and we hope you feel this is value for money. Renewals can be done online on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk or by printing off a membership form (also on the homepage) and returning it with your payment to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way. We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals before the end of February.

Below are some of the benefits of BERA membership:

Monthly coffee morning on the 3rd Thursday of every month – free to members
Weekly newsletters with local news
Free signal blocking pouches for car keys, and free personal and panic alarms
Free basic advice on property covenants and planning issues
We arrange and pay for the planting of trees and bushes outside your property
We pay for the Christmas lights in The Broadway

2. Kent Elms

The foundations for the footbridge recommenced on 2nd January outside Kent Elms Health Centre. Whilst the works are being undertaken the carriageway on the Southend bound lane 1 will remain closed for safety reasons.

From the 7th January the Contractor recommenced with the installation of the bollards on the Southend bound verge, the works are expected to last no longer than a week and the traffic management will be restricted to off peak working (09:00 – 15:00).

3. The Bell

Trial holes in the carriageway will commence in late January/early February, however the dates for these have not been finalised. Once they are confirmed, a further update will be sent.

4. 193/195 Thorpe Hall Avenue - Churchill have appealed against a decision for the refusal of their planning application for 33 retirement flats, with only 11 parking spaces. BERA will be responding accordingly to the planning inspectorate.

5. Litter Picking

We have had a member contact us who has applied to the council to be a litter picker, as he regularly walks around the area, and we thought it would be a good idea to find out whether any of our members would be interested in doing the same for their local street. If you are, please send Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road (Tel: 01702 588662) your name, address and phone number and he will pass it to the appropriate council officer.

6. Tree Removal Fermoy Road

Further to a recent site visit and an arboricultural inspection, please be aware that the following trees are scheduled for removal:-

Location: Outside 29, 33, 41, 103, Rear of 55 Marcus Avenue, Side of 106 St James Avenue

Species: Italian and Grey Alder

Reason for removal: On-going significant root damage to adjacent highway areas, unsuitable species to retain in this street.

Where a tree is removed the location is recorded for replanting, ensuring that tree cover within the town is maintained and extended in line with Council policy. The precise location for the replanting is subject to a number of constraints such as existing underground/overhead services, continued presence of tree roots/old stumps/soil pathogens and the maintenance of safe sight lines etc.

7. Roadworks

You can look up any roadworks taking place locally by going on <https://www.roadworks.org>

8. Southend NHW Crime Data 31st December 2018 to 6th January 2019

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/2827/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	06/01/2019 07:06	05/01/2019 23:20	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS GREY FORD FIESTA ST-LINE INDEX EA17DVN BY USING AN UNKNOWN DEVICE TO START THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/2963/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	06/01/2019 13:56	05/01/2019 14:00	Chinchilla Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY INTO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE A BLUE VOLKSWAGEN GOLF BY MEANS UNKNOWN. NO DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO THE VEHICLE. ONCE INSIDE SUSPECT HAS CONDUCTED A SEARCH, HOWEVER, DID NOT REMOVE ANYTHING AND LEFT, LEAVING THE VEHICLE DOOR AJAR.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/191672/18	Other criminal damage to a	29/12/2018 19:30	29/12/2018 19:30	Kensington Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS ATTENDED

		dwelling (Under £5,000)					THE VICTIMS PROPERTY AND HAS SMASHED THE FRONT WINDOW WITH A BRICK.
Thorpe	42/152/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	01/01/2019 06:44	01/01/2019 06:06	Parkanaur Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS BLACK LANDROVER DEFENDER BY TRYING THE VEHICLES DOOR HANDLE BEFORE LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS GREY FIAT 500 NO ENTRY WAS GAINED AND NO PROPERTY REMOVED.
Thorpe	42/291/19	Burglary - Business And Community	01/01/2019 13:47	01/12/2018 00:00	Northumberland Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED A SECURE SHED BY MEANS UNKNOWN. ONCE INSIDE HAS CONDUCTED A TIDY SEARCH BEFORE REMOVING ITEMS.
Thorpe	42/2128/19	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	04/01/2019 19:14	03/01/2019 00:00	Burges Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED REAR WINDOW GLASS IN AN ATTEMPT

TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS HOUSE. OUTER GLASS PANE HAD BEEN SMASHED ONLY AND ENTRY WAS NOT GAINED.

Thorpe	42/2884/19	Burglary - Business And Community	06/01/2019 10:52	05/01/2019 07:00	Northumberland Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE CHURCH BY MEANS OF KICKING THROUGH THE WOODEN CHURCH DOOR. ONCE INSIDE SUSPECTS HAVE PULLED OFF TWO KITCHEN CUPBOARD DOORS AND A DOOR HANDLE.
Thorpe	42/2938/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	01/01/2019 01:04	01/01/2019 00:00	Lifstan Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS DAMAGED THE VEHICLE THAT IS JOINTLY OWNED BY THE COUPLE DURING ANOTHER INCIDENT.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/241/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	01/01/2019 11:27	31/12/2018 21:00	Thorpedene Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS SILVER VAUXHALL DESIGN BY SMASHING THE

FRONT OFFSIDE
QUARTER LIGHT
WINDOW,
CAUSING
DAMAGE.

West Shoebury	42/1230/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	03/01/2019 10:38	01/01/2019 18:00	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TAKEN VICTIMS MONEY FROM THE TIN WITHOUT PERMISSION.
West Shoebury	42/1841/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	04/01/2019 09:08	30/11/2018 00:00	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS GIVEN VICTIMS DOG TO ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE VICTIM.
West Shoebury	42/2561/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	05/01/2019 13:37	05/01/2019 06:37	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM PROPERTY BY POLICE EARLY HOURS OF 5TH JANUARY. HE HAS SINCE RETURNED AND WAS BANGING ON THE DOOR AND THEN DISAPPEARED. ON POLICE ATTENDANCE HE HAS BEEN FOUND HIDING IN THE BATHROOM.