

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 11th July 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details: Email or Username: burgeseestate Password: BERA2019
“Which Garden” - log on to Which as usual, but pick the “House and Garden” option at the top. Then pick “Garden” and you will find reviews for all types of gardening tools and accessories.

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.

BERA Coffee Morning - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 18th July 2019** at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday (unless we advise you otherwise it is always on the 3rd Thursday of the month). Please come along for free tea/coffee and biscuits and bring a friend. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms, contactless debit card blocking pouches, and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

Please Note: There will be no coffee morning in August but the next one will be on the 19th September.

1) Attempted Email Hack

It has been brought to our attention that someone has tried to hack our email system, so if you receive an email from Ron that says ‘message clipped Open entire message’ please DO NOT open it and DELETE it immediately, as it is not from us.

2) Hampton Court Flower Show

A team from Southend-on-Sea entered a show garden into the Hampton Court flower show recently. The garden was designed by Tony Wagstaff and built by several groups from Southend including young people and people suffering from Dementia. It was very rewarding to see such a mix of people working together and producing such a lovely garden. Sadly, the judges did not award the garden a medal but it deserved one. (pictures will go onto the website). The theme was The Therapeutic Garden and the Font comes from the Priory and a willow woven Cluniac Monk in the forefront was made by the team.

3) c2c services 20 July to 4 August, please plan your journey

What is happening?

TfL are extending the London Overground service to Barking Riverside to support more homes and economic growth in the region. This requires engineering work in the Rainham area to construct a junction between the existing railway line and the new extension. This limits c2c's access to Network Rail's track for the duration of the work, meaning we can only operate a restricted timetable.

When does this happen?

Work starts on Saturday 20 July and finishes on Sunday 4 August 2019.

What is the impact at my station?

The full weekday timetable can be found online at <https://www.c2c-online.co.uk/our-network/timetables-and-service-alterations/>

Why is this taking place during the week and not just at weekends?

TfL, Network Rail (NR) and c2c all understand that this will cause significant disruption to c2c passengers during these 16 days, but the alternative would be months of additional weekend closures instead. Feedback NR have from across the country suggests passengers prefer this approach.

Purfleet, Rainham and Dagenham Dock passengers – why am I affected?

This work means the London-bound track in your area is closed. Instead, all London-bound services are running via Grays and via Ockendon.

Because the line via Ockendon is a single track and has limited capacity, we can't operate our normal service frequency during the AM peak. As a result, the restricted timetable we're operating has 25% fewer AM peak services from your station. Journey times will be up to 30 minutes longer.

Stanford-le-Hope, East Tilbury, Tilbury Town and Grays passengers – why am I affected?

For the duration of the engineering work, all services towards London are running via Ockendon as the line via Rainham is closed. Because the line via Ockendon is a single track and has limited capacity, we cannot operate our normal service frequency during the AM peak.

As a result, the restricted timetable we are operating has 25% fewer AM peak services from your station. Some journey times will also be up to 10 minutes slower.

Ockendon and Chafford Hundred passengers – why am I affected?

For the duration of the work, throughout the day all services towards London are running via Ockendon as the line via Rainham is closed. Because the line via Ockendon is a single track and has limited capacity, this means a one-way system will be in operation with no trains running from Upminster towards Grays.

As a result, during the evening peak, all services from London will be running via Rainham and Grays. This means journey times to your station will be up to 30 minutes longer.

Southend and Basildon passengers – why am I affected?

For the duration of the engineering work, we are operating a different timetable. This may affect the departure time of services from your station, but not the frequency of service nor journey time.

Will there be replacement buses?

We will be running several bus services in addition to diverting trains. Full details of the bus service are available online. Station staff also have access to the timetable.

Do I receive compensation?

Compensation is not available because we are providing alternatives at affected stations to complete your journey, including diverted trains and rail replacement bus services.

If there are delays to our advertised services on the day, when compared against the special timetable, you would then be eligible for our normal levels of compensation.

Is parking impacted?

Upminster car park will lose one third of its spaces during this period. The machinery, supplies and vehicles supporting the work will be stored onsite at Upminster station car park. Car parking elsewhere is unaffected but where additional bus services are running, this may result in the entrance and exit to the car park taking a little longer.

4) Southend NHW Crime Data (1st to 7th July 2019)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/105314/19	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	03/07/2019 06:55	02/07/2019 00:00	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO PREMISES BY SMASHING A BACK WINDOW TO GAIN ACCESS. KEYS TAKEN FROM INSIDE THE PROPERTY. TOOLS BELONGING TO A COLLEAGUE AND MACHINERY HAVE BEEN TAKEN.
Southchurch	42/105196/19	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	04/07/2019 13:55	03/07/2019 20:30	Burlescoombe Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS OUTER BUILDING THEY USE. HAVE A STUDIO AND STOLEN ITEMS BY MEANS OF THE ENTRANCE

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Southchurch	42/105812/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	05/07/2019 12:45	05/07/2019 00:00	Hera Close	Southend-on-Sea	DOOR THAT WAS UNLOCK. SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PUT THEIR HAND THROUGH THE LETTER BOX AND REMOVED LETTERS NO DAMAGE CAUSED.
Thorpe	42/103317/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	01/07/2019 10:37	29/06/2019 15:00	Parkanaur Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED AN UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO REMOVE A SECURE RED HONDA CBR 1000 FIREBLADE INDEX EK67YHO, FITTED WITH A HONDA HISS SECURITY SYSTEM, WHILST VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON THE ROADSIDE.

Thorpe	42/103867/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	02/07/2019 05:51	01/07/2019 21:00	Huntingdon Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS BLACK RANGE ROVER EVOQUE INDEX CN63 OGW BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Thorpe	42/105400/19	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	04/07/2019 19:05	04/07/2019 13:30	The Broadway	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS BLACK AND BLUE GIANT FATHOM PEDAL CYCLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN FROM OUT SIDE THE LOCATION.
Thorpe	42/107304/19	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	07/07/2019 18:33	07/07/2019 18:30	Thorpe Bay Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS LUMINOUS ORANGE MOUNTAIN BIKE. THE VICTIM FOLLOWED THE SUSPECT AFTER THEY TOOK THE

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West Shoebury	42/104476/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	30/06/2019 09:01	29/06/2019 21:15	Saxon Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	BIKE AS IT WAS NOT PADLOCKED. SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS BLUE VAUXHALL VECTRA BY SMASHING THE REAR NEARSIDE PASSENGER WINDOW BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/106035/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	05/07/2019 19:38	03/07/2019 10:30	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED GLASS OF GROUND FLOOR FRENCH DOORS. ENTRANCE GAINED. IT IS NOT BELIEVED ANYTHING HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM INSIDE. AN OUTSIDE LIGHT WAS STOLEN

West Shoebury	42/106481/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	06/07/2019 14:12	04/07/2019 00:00	Jena Close	Southend- on-Sea	WHICH BELONGS TO THE ASSOCIATED VICTIM. SUSPECT UNKNOWN STOLE THE VICTIMS DRIVING LICENSE FROM THE VICTIMS WALLET AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION AND UNKNOWN TIME.
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However in spite of the above Crime Data, Southend has the highest all crime solved rate in the Force (at 15.3%) Southend has solved 377 more victim based crimes (20% increase on previous year) and Southend has solved 3,157 crimes – (highest total in the Force).

Police and partners continue to work very hard to tackle crime and disorder in the Borough. Co-located partnership teams (including the Councils new Community Safety Team) are based at the Community Safety Hub at Southend Police Station. Daily intelligence briefings take place in order that key information is shared across the teams and a robust partner response can be deployed to tackle issues such as crime spikes or need wider focus than just policing response. Furthermore, new powers such as Community Protection Warnings and Community Protection Notices have been bestowed on the Council’s Community Safety Officers who now have delegated authority to use them.

Policing numbers in Southend are due to increase in the summer and the Council has invested in its CCTV camera network – upgrading all cameras and deploying new cameras in new locations across the Borough.

5) Messages from Residents

A Possible Scam

A resident has informed us that over the last week they received calls from "visa" 001452616696 requesting that they urgently contact them regarding £600 payment that they did not request. It is an automated message which states they urgently needed to contact them but they did not leave a phone number. The resident got their telephone number by dialling 1471. Please be aware of these types of calls and check with your bank/credit card company before you give out any of your details over the phone if you are unsure.

Unlocked Cars

A resident has video footage of someone entering their driveway at night and trying the handles of theirs and their neighbours' cars. Please do not leave anything valuable on show and ensure that all your windows are shut and doors are locked.

6) For Your Information

HPV vaccine for boys 'will prevent thousands of cancers'

Boys will be eligible for the HPV vaccine from the start of the new school year, 11 years after girls were first vaccinated. Health officials say the vaccine for 12 to 13-year-old boys will prevent 29,000 cancers in UK men in the next 40 years.

Council agrees to protect libraries

Essex County Council has agreed to keep open 25 libraries after its public consultation drew more than 21,000 responses. The council decided there would be no closures for five years and £3 million would be spent on its libraries to make them "fit for the 21st century."

Street lighting

Residents asked us to investigate street lighting, so the chair attended a committee meeting on Monday 8th July and one of the items discussed was the installation of street lights in dark areas. Unfortunately, the main objectors to this, was the Southchurch Ward Conservative Councillors, as they felt £9k revenue cost for this year was too expensive. Personally, the chairman feels residents' safety is valued more than £9k and felt that you would be interested in this fact.

7) Cycling sculpture takes centre stage at Village Green Festival

Students at South Essex College have worked with artist Nik Ramage to create a moving sculpture, made of recycled bikes, which will be on display in the ForwardMotion area at the Village Green Festival.

The sculpture was created at Metal in Chalkwell Hall, by using the frames, wheels and pedals of recycled bikes. The final design aims to encourage people to think differently about the way they travel around south Essex.

By working on the sculpture together, the workshops were designed to foster a sense of community, inviting participants to think about sustainability and the environmental impact of people's current travel habits.

The Council stated:

"It's great that so many young people lent their creative minds to this project and helped design a sculpture that encourages all of us to think carefully about how we travel on a daily basis.

"The levels of pollution and congestion in south Essex are two of our most important priorities, which is why we created our ForwardMotion campaign to help people think more about how they can use more sustainable methods to get to work, training or education. We hope this sculpture will serve as a useful conversation starter."

Nik Ramage, whose previous work has been displayed at The Fine Art Society, commented:

"As artists, we have a responsibility to reflect the concerns of society and spark considered and informed debate. We hope that the interactive sculpture created for Village Green will be fun to use and contribute to the conversations around today's climate emergency and impact festival-goers to think more about what they can do to improve the world we all live in."

Velda Pond, who is currently studying for a BA in Fine Art at South Essex College and was involved in creating the sculpture, added:

"The experience was engaging, innovative, thought provoking and fun. It has left a lasting impression and I am very happy that I participated and am grateful to have had the opportunity to take part." The sculpture will be unveiled at the Village Green Festival this weekend.

8) Open Garden Event

Due to the success of last years' open garden event, a suggested date for next year is the 3rd weekend in June. If anyone is interested in helping or able to open their garden, please email ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk and it will be forwarded onto the relevant member.

9) Temporary Road Closure – Hamstel Road - To commence in phases from 29th July 2019 till 18th October 2019

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from;-

1. Proceeding on Hamstel Road between the junctions of Philpott Avenue & Trinity Road
2. Entering & exiting on Poynings Avenue at the junction with Hamstel Road
3. Entering & exiting on Trinity Road at the junction with Hamstel Road
4. Entering & exiting on Stornoway Road at the junction with Hamstel Road
5. Entering South Avenue at the junction with Hamstel Road
6. Entering North Avenue at the junction with Hamstel Road
7. Exiting Central Avenue at the junction with Hamstel Road
8. Entering & exiting Philpott Avenue at the junction with Hamstel Road
9. Proceeding southbound on Hamstel Road from its junction with Cokefield Avenue & Cumberland Avenue
10. Entering & exiting Eastcote Grove at the junction with Hamstel Road
11. Entering & exiting Archer Avenue at the junction with Hamstel Road

The Order will also;

12. Stopping, waiting, loading & unloading on Hamstel Road from outside No56 to the junction with Trinity Avenue
13. Stopping, waiting, loading & unloading on Hamstel Road from outside No179 to the junction with Crossfield Road
14. Stopping, waiting, loading & unloading on Hamstel Road from outside No212 to junction with Newington Avenue.

The works is scheduled to commence in phases from 29th July 2019 till 18th October 2019 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be;

1. Hamstel Road Closure (Diversion 1) Trinity Avenue, Lonsdale Road, Durham Road, Hamstel Road, (Diversion 2) North Avenue, Lonsdale Road, Trinity Road (Diversion 3), Castleton Road, Vaughan Avenue, Hamstel Road.
2. Stornoway Road & Trinity Road Closure (Diversion 1) Lonsdale Road, Durham Road, Hamstel Road, (Diversion 2) Hamstel Road, North Avenue, Lonsdale Road, (Diversion 3) Beaufort Street, Glenmore Street, Hamstel Road.
3. Philpott Avenue closure;- Hamstel Road, Newington Avenue, Whittingham Avenue and vice versa
4. Eastcote Grove closure;- Eastcote Grove, Lonsdale Road, Cumberland Avenue
5. Hamstel Road (Directional Closure) Hamstel Road, Eastern Avenue roundabout, Royal Artillery Way, Southchurch Boulevard, Hamstel Road
6. Archer Avenue; - Archer Avenue, Canterbury Avenue & Newington Avenue.

The Order will come into effect on 29th July 2019 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst gas main replacement works take place. Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure. The prohibitions or restrictions will apply only during such time and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs prescribed by the **TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2016**. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction/prohibition imposed by this Notice may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice and removed under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Temporary Road Closure – Carlton Avenue – To commence on 5th August 2019 till 30th August 2019

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from stopping, waiting, loading or unloading on Carlton Avenue between its junctions of Westbourne Grove & Southbourne Grove.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 5th August 2019 till 30th August 2019 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

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