

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)  
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)**

**Reminders:**

BERA AGM - Please make a note in your diaries so that we can get as many people to attend as possible. We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. We have an interesting and informative person coming along, the head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport. Also our second speaker will be discussing the new Care SOS Line that Ron has been working on with the company, where residents have a direct link for emergencies. Early in the new year we will send out more details as they come through for the new Care SOS Line.

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018** at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday. Please come along for a mince pie and a tea or coffee.

**We will be bringing alarms/signs in case any of you want to buy them. The costs are:**

PIR sensor alarm £7.38 (the white one)  
Defender shock/contact alarm £9.94 (the grey one)  
Garage and shed signs £1.19 each

We also have free panic and personal alarms and car key signal blocking pouches available for BERA members.

**Which subscription logon details:**

Username: burgesestate  
Password: BERAResidents

**1. Brief summary of the crime information for Southend-on-Sea for the past two months:**

|                              | <b>September 2018</b> | <b>October 2018</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| All crime                    | 273                   | 301                 |
| Anti-social behaviour        | 51                    | 49                  |
| Bicycle theft                | 6                     | 10                  |
| Burglary                     | 14                    | 14                  |
| Criminal damage and arson    | 27                    | 23                  |
| Drugs                        | 1                     | 8                   |
| Other crime                  | 2                     | 6                   |
| Other theft                  | 20                    | 18                  |
| Possession of weapons        | 3                     | 2                   |
| Public order                 | 15                    | 18                  |
| Robbery                      | 0                     | 3                   |
| Shoplifting                  | 10                    | 9                   |
| Theft from the person        | 0                     | 2                   |
| Vehicle crime                | 34                    | 39                  |
| Violence and sexual offences | 90                    | 100                 |

Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/xA0vx3/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team.

## 2. Southend NHW Crime Data (3rd to 9th December 2018)

| Ward        | Reference    | Offence Type                                  | Reported Date    | Committed From   | Street           | Town            | MO   |
|-------------|--------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Southchurch | 42/176669/18 | Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling   | 03/12/2018 08:57 | 02/12/2018 23:45 | Newington Avenue | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SMASH THE FRONT GLASS PANE IN VICTIMS FRONT DOOR BY MEANS UNKNOWN. NO ACCESS GAINED.  |
| Southchurch | 42/177318/18 | Theft from a motor vehicle                    | 04/12/2018 09:21 | 25/11/2018 18:00 | Fortescue Chase  | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECTS UNKNOWN STOLE A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES FROM VICTIMS MOTOR VEHICLE WHILST IT WAS PARKED UNATTENDED ON HER DRIVEWAY OVERNIGHT.  |
| Southchurch | 42/178903/18 | Theft from a motor vehicle                    | 06/12/2018 12:06 | 02/12/2018 19:30 | Archer Avenue    | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PURPLE FORD FOCUS BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE COMPLETED A MESSY SEARCH BEFORE STEALING VARIOUS HIGH VALUE ITEMS FROM INSIDE. |
| Southchurch | 42/178745/18 | Attempted - Theft if not classified elsewhere | 06/12/2018 15:18 | 27/11/2018 14:14 | Shoebury Road    | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DRILLED A HOLE INTO THE CASH COMPARTMENT LOCK IN A   |

PAYPHONE.  
NOTHING STOLEN.

| <b>Ward</b> | <b>Reference</b> | <b>Offence Type</b>               | <b>Reported Date</b> | <b>Committed From</b> | <b>Street</b>      | <b>Town</b>     | <b>MO</b>   |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Thorpe      | 42/176861/18     | Theft of a motor vehicle          | 03/12/2018 14:56     | 03/12/2018 09:00      | Camper Road        | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS GREY TOYOTA PRIUS INDEX WV09GH BY MEANS UNKNOWN.  |
| Thorpe      | 42/176902/18     | Theft of a motor vehicle          | 03/12/2018 15:42     | 29/11/2018 00:00      | Thorpe Hall Avenue | Thorpe Bay      | SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN A BLUE FORD FIESTA INDEX W63YHJ.   |
| Thorpe      | 42/178811/18     | Burglary - Residential - Dwelling | 07/12/2018 07:57     | 06/12/2018 18:30      | St. James Avenue   | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE LOCATION BY SMASHING THE PATIO DOORS. ONCE INSIDE THE PROPERTY SUSPECT HAS STOLEN WORK TOOLS VALUED AT GBP4000. SUSPECTS HAVE THEN FORCED THE GARAGE DOORS TO THE PROPERTY CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE DOORS. |
| Thorpe      | 42/179668/18     | Theft if not classified elsewhere | 21/05/2018 15:44     | 01/10/2015 00:00      | Lifstan Way        | Southend-on-Sea | SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS BIKE AND MOBILE PHONE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.   |

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| Thorpe                       | 42/179662/18                     | Burglary - Residential - Dwelling                                  | 18/11/2018 09:10                         | 01/01/2011 00:00                          | Lifstan Way               | Southend-on-Sea                | SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY MEANS UNKNOWN.   |
| <b>Ward</b><br>West Shoebury | <b>Reference</b><br>42/176835/18 | <b>Offence Type</b><br>Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000) | <b>Reported Date</b><br>03/12/2018 14:31 | <b>Committed From</b><br>02/12/2018 19:30 | <b>Street</b><br>Elm Road | <b>Town</b><br>Southend-on-Sea | <b>MO</b><br>SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DAMAGED A CABINET TO GAIN ENTRY AND THEY HAVE STOLEN A BAG WHICH CONTAINED JEWELLERY AND TRINKET BOXES FROM PAST RESIDENTS.       |
| West Shoebury                | 42/177219/18                     | Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)                        | 22/11/2018 12:07                         | 21/11/2018 00:00                          | Caulfield Road            | Southend-on-Sea                | SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED, WHO ARE THREE WHITE FEMALES KNOWN TO SCHOOL STAFF, HAVE ATTENDED LOCATION VIA AN OPEN DOOR AND SET THE FIRE ALARM OFF BY BREAKING FIRE GLASS. |
| West Shoebury                | 42/179189/18                     | Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)                  | 07/12/2018 18:18                         | 06/12/2018 00:41                          | Caulfield Road            | Southend-on-Sea                | SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PUNCTURED TWO TYRES ON THE VICTIMS WHITE RANGE ROVER WITH AN UNKNOWN ARTICLE.  |

### **3. Aerials being stolen**

Message from a BERA member:

On Saturday 1st December my son had the aerial stolen from his car whilst on our driveway in Acacia Drive, and yesterday the aerials were stolen from both my car and my husband's car. What fun for whoever stole them, we're now off to Halfords to buy three more but we'll probably have to take them inside every night or lose them again...

### **4. Advanced Tree Care And Services**

A flyer for Advanced Tree Care And Services was delivered to Residents in Benfleet & Thundersley and possibly other Castlepoint areas, offering special rates for senior citizens. The address on the flyer allegedly does not exist according to Castlepoint District Council.

Essex Trading Standards have tried to engage with the trader but they have not returned our calls.

Please only use traders on the buy with confidence scheme or who have been recommended to you.

### **5. Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme**

#### **a) Below are the views from the Shoeburyness Residents Association**

Dear Members -

Believe it or not, it was around June 2012 that we were first fighting the Council over the so called "Mud Wall" and it was due to your determination that the mud was eventually dumped on Gunners Park. The new Consultants (Mott Mc Donald) have said that if the Council had proceeded with this design, not only would it not be fit for purpose, but it would cost considerably more than the budgets suggested. We started with 14 options, but these were narrowed down because many were not viable or did not comply with the Technical, Environmental, Social or Economic criteria.

We have been part of the Stakeholders group ever since, supporting the Council & attending meetings with the Consultants, so this time we were able to look at your interests as well. Despite having said that, we then find out that three consultation meetings have been planned and we have only just been told. Basically the design has been split into 3 sections:

- 1 - Yacht Club to Shoebury Common
- 2 - The Shoebury common Promenade
- 3 - The MOD / Gunners Park from Shoebury Common to the Heavy Fire Battery.

The sea wall in section 3 (Gunners Park) is already the highest defence in Southend, so other than the revetments, which have caused serious problems with inferior repairs by the Developer, no plans have been made to change what we have now.

Under section 2 (Shoebury Common), which was the problem area before, you have the choice of (a) - Rock Armour at the toe of the existing sea wall, new groynes & replacing steel dowels or (b) - remove existing sand and install "geotextile" bags filled with clay soil at the base then replace the existing sand on top, thus raising the beach level, new groynes & replace steel dowels or (c)- a beach recharge using imported sand with new timber groynes & replace steel dowels.

Under section 1 (Yacht Club) you have the choice of (a) -just replacing the existing groynes & leave existing wall or (b) - replace existing groynes & raise sea wall along this section.

At the last meeting most of us went for options (2b) or (2c) & (1b). Geo textile has not been used for many years, therefore there is limited history over wear, but very long geotextile tubes have been very successful in maintaining coastlines, because it is cheap & the tubes hold the sand in place rather than allow the loose sand previous to erode. In our case, we have 55,000 tons of London Clay sitting down the road. If we chose option 2C then the only real difference is the cost of importing the sand rather than using a load of mud that is free and replacing the existing sand on top. The choice is yours.

There is a consultation at the Yacht Club today from 10.00 to 1900 hours. If you cannot make this date then make a note in your diary for the other two dates Thursday 10th January 2019 or Tuesday 5th February 2019.

You can find all the details on [www.bettersouthend.co.uk](http://www.bettersouthend.co.uk)

b) **Below are the views from The Friends of Shoebury Common (FoSC):**

**Urgent .....Shoebury Sea Defences.....**

**Notice of Public Drop in events at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens SS3 3NW:**

**Wednesday 12th December 2018      10.00 - 19.00hrs**

**Thursday 10th January 2019              10.00 - 19.00hrs**

**Tuesday 5th February 2019              10.00 - 19.00hrs**

The consultation process concludes 18th February 2019

The Public are invited to view and discuss with Southend Borough officers & their technical consultants the results of a 'Table Top review of a number of pre existing options arising out of the cancellation of the Seven foot high Seawall scheme at Shoebury Common.

Please come along...Come early & stay late to establish what the Technical team have come up with that hopefully will be a satisfactory Sea flood prevention scheme that will be acceptable to locals & visitors alike.

For those not able to make the dates in person, the Council website [www.bettersouthend.co.uk](http://www.bettersouthend.co.uk) holds the detail of the Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme, a Non -Technical Study.

There is an opportunity to complete an online Southend Borough Council [Consultation Portal](#) questionnaire based on the content of the study.

Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme a Non Technical study, is a distillation of the alternative options available following the cancellation of the original Seawall proposal for Shoebury Common.

Its content was first presented for consideration by a steering committee that included representatives from Friends of Shoebury Common (FoSC), Garrison Residents, Shoebury Residents Association & Beach Hut Association during the summer of 2017.

Although subsequent meetings were planned to be held, regrettably, since summer 2017 there has been no contact from Southend Borough Council until public notification of the Yacht Club road shows.

The Council PR Department have arranged the above meetings & they would appear to be heavily weighted towards an internet response....this may not be convenient or even possible for all members of the community.

**On a positive note, Friends of Shoebury Common (FoSC) were pleased with a proposed overall scheme at the summer 2017 meeting that might include a mixed and balanced approach to solving the Sea Flood problem at Shoebury Common.**

namely:-

A Beach recharge (similar to Jubilee beach) incorporating additional Wooden Sea Groynes to resist shoreline drift.

Also, geotextile bags would be sunk beneath the beach to strengthen the existing front of the seawall at Shoebury Common Beach.

A small section of raised seawall would be needed, but only in an area between Yacht Club slipway to the groyne between the beach huts on the beach and those on the promenade.....(an area of already obstructed sea views)

Additional pedestrian crossover points from the promenade to the beach would be provided.

Possibly, promenade lighting would be included.



**Please note & be aware:-**

1) Unfortunately, there is a problem with some of the content accuracy of the non technical report!

2) On the questionnaire, for some of the questions asked, the option yes or no is not enough.....  
So Please use the box to provide more information.

For your assistance & clarification.....Further notes to be read alongside the Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme Non -Technical Study are attached to this message.

**6. CHESTER AVENUE SOUTHEND ON SEA – According to our information, the road will be closed for the rest of the day for highway repairs. However, this may extend for further days so it may pay to avoid the area.**

**7. JOINT PRESS STATEMENT SBC AND SOUTHEND CCG - Southend services for children with special needs and disabilities inspected**

Wednesday 12 December

A report into the quality of the services supplied to children in Southend with special educational needs and disabilities has been published.

OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission today (12 December) publish their findings following a joint inspection in the services supplied by the area, consisting of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Public Health and schools and settings in October.

The aim of the inspection was to check the implementation of the 2014 special education needs and disability (SEND) reforms. The week-long inspection revealed that whilst many improvements had been made since 2017, the changes had not been implemented as quickly as required.

Several individual services received recognition for the high quality support they offer, but there needs to be more done to listen and to act upon, the views of families and children with SEND and promote what services are available. Organisations also need to build up their collaboration to jointly commission services to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.

Inspectors recognised that services were already aware of the issues addressed in the report. A joint written statement of action is now being prepared to explain how the Council, Southend CCG and Public Health, will work together with schools to address the concerns outlined in the report.

Cllr Helen Boyd, cabinet member for children and learning, said: “Inspections like this one provide a vital role in assessing what is working well and where improvements need to be made.

We're confident we are addressing the concerns highlighted in the report, especially with regard to improving communication with parents, who have every right to expect the highest quality services for their children. The Council, schools, and its CCG partners welcome this report and are fully committed to putting the right plans in place to support learners with SEND.

"The inspection involved visits to several settings and conversations with officers, clinicians, practitioners and stakeholders, parents and learners. The inspection took in all aspects of physical health, mental health and educational services for SEND children, across a variety of providers in the borough."

Chief Nurse at Southend CCG, Tricia D'Orsi, commented; "Whilst we were disappointed at some of the findings, we acknowledge that implementation in some areas has been more time consuming than we would have liked. However it is reassuring to know that we are very much on the right path and improvements have already been seen in a number of areas.

"The key to this lies with parents, as they are the experts living with children with special needs 24/7. We must continue to work closely with them to ensure there is co-production in finding and implementing the solutions required.

"We hope the culture of parents and professionals working together, as equal partners, will be routine practice in future to achieve better outcomes for children.

"The report findings will galvanise the increasing close work being undertaken between parents, children, health, schools, public health and local authority services, to support the parents and children in our local community."

The full report can be found [here](#).

#### **BERA COMMENT:**

Although the council's press release appears to be positive, the summary of the report concluded that "the inspection raises significant concerns about the effectiveness of the local area"

1. The emerging leadership of the SCCG, public health, the local authority and education providers has not developed quickly enough to ensure precisely coordinated priorities, accountabilities and joint commissioning to improve the outcomes for children and young people.
2. The local offer does not provide a service that is fit for purpose to meet the obligations in the code of practice. Local partners in health, social care and education, including schools, are not proactive in promoting co-production of the local offer. They are not ensuring that the local offer is adapted according to the views, needs and achievements of the children, young people and their families.

3. Leaders have not worked together to ensure that EHC plans provide a meaningful multi-agency approach to meeting children and young people's academic, social, health and care needs. There are no clear accountabilities between agencies to make sure that children and young people's outcomes are well assessed, planned for, met and reviewed.

4. Leaders have not developed a strategic partnership that makes sure that children and young people are in provisions that give them good-quality, full-time education. This particularly includes those educated at home, in post-16 provisions, and in out-of-borough provisions. Additionally, within the local area, too many pupils access part-time education for too long. Leaders of the local area do not know the extent of the impact of part-time programmes on the outcomes for children and young people. This lack of information is detrimental to the work of joint commissioning.

Therefore, there is a lot to be done.