

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 12th July 2018 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 20th September 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday. The alarms and signs have been delivered and we will be bringing any with us that haven't already been collected/delivered. Alternatively you can contact Ron on 01702 588662 and arrange to collect them from his house (91 Tyrone Road). The costs were: PIR sensor alarm £7.38 (the white one), Defender shock/contact alarm £9.94 (the grey one), and the garage and shed signs are £1.19 each.

Please let us know of any potholes and pavement trip hazards that you notice while out and about locally. We can then send the information to the appropriate council officers for their repair.

Which subscription logon details:

Username: burgesestate

Password: BERAResidents

1. Kent Elms junction

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

Eurovia will continue with the construction of the new London bound lane. The new lane extends from the pedestrian crossing near Mendip Crescent to the bus stop passed Kent Elms junction. London bound off peak lane closures will continue to be in place between 9:30 – 15:30. This will also have an impact on Bridgwater Drive as traffic management will be required to facilitate the installation of kerbs during off peak times.

Eurovia will continue 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.

2. Unauthorised camping on the highway

Members have advised us that there are people sleeping in mobile homes in various roads locally. The offence of unauthorised camping on the highway applies in these cases but there are just not the resources available for it to be dealt with on an

individual case. Therefore, it would be very helpful if members could collect evidence of any offences they notice over a period of a couple of weeks and send it to us at ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk and we will make sure this information is forwarded to the appropriate council officers.

3. Travellers

Travellers who set up camp last week on Thorpe Esplanade have now been moved on. Thank you very much all of you who advised us when they arrived. The sooner any information is passed to us, the sooner we can try and get it sorted.

4. Crime Data 2-8 July 2018

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO – filtered
Southchurch	42/93611/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	01/07/2018 21:21	30/06/2018 01:00	Riviera Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SLASHED TWO OF THE VICTIMS TYRES BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Southchurch	42/94241/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	03/07/2018 18:17	03/07/2018 00:00	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS ATTENDED THE ADDRESS AND KICKED THE FRONT DOOR CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE POST BOX.
Southchurch	42/95081/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	25/06/2018 20:58	23/06/2018 14:00	Steyning Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS CUT VICTIMS GARDEN PLANTS USING A STRIMMER WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Southchurch	42/94897/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	05/07/2018 10:36	05/07/2018 09:50	Hera Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CLIMBED UP THE WATER PIPE OUTSIDE VICTIMS PROPERTY SUSPECT THEN HAS BROKEN A LEDGE OF VICTIMS PROPERTY.

Southchurch	42/95004/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	05/07/2018 13:39	04/07/2018 20:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS BAG FROM THE EVENT LOCATION VICTIMS CARD HAS BEEN USED IN NUMEROUS STORES IN THE SOUTHEND AREA.
Southchurch	42/95990/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	06/07/2018 22:21	06/07/2018 14:30	Whittingham Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN A SET OF HOUSE KEYS FROM THE LOCK OF THE FRONT DOOR AND A CHAIR FROM THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE.
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Thorpe	42/94468/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	03/07/2018 13:12	30/06/2018 20:00	Brunswick Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY INTO WOODEN GARDEN CABIN WHICH WAS LEFT INSECURE AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM INSIDE.
Thorpe	42/94770/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	04/07/2018 12:33	04/07/2018 12:33	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED IS A TENANT IN THE ADDRESS AND HAS REMOVED THE BALCONY RAILINGS AND THROWN THEM TO THE

PAVEMENT THE
SUSPECT THEN
DAMAGED THE
LEAD FLASHING
AND BROKEN A
PANE OF GLASS TO
A DOUBLE GLAZED
WINDOW COSTING
APPROXIMATELY
2000 GBP.

Thorpe	42/94968/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	05/07/2018 12:46	04/07/2018 23:30	Kensington Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SCRATCHED VICTIMS BLACK VW TRANSPORTER BONNET BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Thorpe	42/95590/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	06/07/2018 15:18	05/07/2018 21:00	Kensington Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS SILVER HONDA CBR 1000 RR MOTORCYCLE BY TAKING OFF ITS COVER AND REMOVING THE LOCK BY MEANS UNKNOWN FROM THE DRIVEWAY OF THE ABOVE LOCATION.
Thorpe	42/95457/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	06/07/2018 10:07	05/07/2018 18:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO BLUE NISSAN ALMERA BY SCRATCHING A SWIRL PATTERN

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West Shoebury	42/95673/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	06/07/2018 18:55	06/07/2018 00:00	Blyth Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS BROKEN A DOOR BY REMOVING IT FROM THE HINGES.

5. A127 The Bell Junction Improvement – Public Consultation Events

The Bell Junction Improvement public consultation commences online from 16 July. There will be two local public consultation events to allow you to discuss this project with the team and see the plans for highways improvements at The Bell junction. These works are part of the ongoing works to improve the main junctions leading to and from the A127, the main route into the town.

The consultations will take place on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 17 July - Prince Avenue Academy, Hornby Avenue, SS0 0LG – 3pm until 8pm
- Wednesday 18 July – Earls Hall Primary School, Carlton Avenue, SS0 0QH – 3pm until 8pm

Residents are welcome to go along and view the three highways options that the council is proposing, all varying in road layout and level of pedestrian facilities.

If you have any queries regarding the consultations, please email betersouthend@southend.gov.uk alternatively, call 01702 215408.

6. Works to rejuvenate Shoebury Common North begin

Wednesday 11 July 2018

Works to rejuvenate a popular visitor location in the east of the town have now begun and are expected to be completed by October 2019.

Shoebury Common North is now undergoing a make-over after the Council ran a public consultation in 2016 to see what residents would like to see in open space, and now works have begun with the first phase of the works seeing the removal of the Tamarisk that surrounds the site, creating a more open feel and helping increase awareness of the area.

Working with the Shoeburyness coastal community team, plans for the space pick up on the results of the consultation and will include, a children's play area with exciting equipment aimed at young people under 12, outdoor fitness equipment to help promote healthy, active lifestyles, coastal planting and picnic tables. Other plans include an outdoor games table and pedestrian pathways.

£300,000 funding was earmarked in the Council's 2017/18 budget for Shoebury Common North.

7. Special Constables

Below are the minutes of a meeting that took place on 10th July 2018 regarding Special Constables. Thank you very much to those that produced this document.

A meeting hosted by the Burges Estate Residents Association (BERA) was held at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, 10th July 2018 in the Independent Office at the Southend Civic Centre.

In attendance was the Specials Supported Policing Coordinator for Essex who provided details on the Special Constables programme. He is a retired Essex police sergeant with 27 years' experience, and assumed his current position in October 2017.

Also in attendance were representatives of: BERA, Shoeburyness Residents Association and Southend Beach Hut Owners Association (SBHOA)

Special Constables Programme:

It was explained that the Special Constables programme is a relatively new concept; although there is interest from several Essex councils, only one (Witham) is actually active with 3 Specials. Leigh Town Council wishes to recruit 5 Specials, but so far this year, there have been no volunteers interested in the programme.

Recruitment/Training:

It was made clear that the Specials recruiting responsibility is solely actioned by the Parish/Town Council/Associations; a website link will be provided for volunteers interested in our specific area, but nothing more. It is extremely hard to recruit volunteers for the programme. All vetting, assessments, etc., take place in Chelmsford which is the focal point for the programme. Training generally takes place on weekends and can take anywhere from 3 months to 2 years to complete where a Special can patrol independently. Ian Hughes, Southend Community Policing Team T/Inspector would be the point of contact for any Special Constables from our area. https://twitter.com/t_insphughes?lang=en

Expenses/Duty Allowance:

Although we had previously been advised that the cost of each volunteer Special Constable would be a one off payment of £1,000, it was clarified this is not the case. The £1,000 cost is the top end per Special. Funding for Special Constables can be capped, i.e., if your organisations' only wish to spend, £200, £500, £800, etc., this can be arranged. A Special is required to do a minimum 16 hours per month, which includes travel. On average, a Special would patrol operationally 500 hours per year. The Parish/Town Council/Associations would only be responsible for

paying for Special expenses. For example, a Special on a 10 hour duty would receive an Expenses/Duty Allowance of £14 and .45p per mile travel paid for by the Parish/Town Council/Associations. Specials are only paid for time on duty in the area.

Special Payments:

The Parish (or in our case, the Associations – preferably only 1 point of contact) would be billed on a quarterly basis for Special expenses – but only for the time spent patrolling our particular area; the Special files a report detailing where their duties took place. It was emphasised that there are no costs involved until the Special Constables actually start the position of patrolling our area.

Special Constable Duty/Patrols:

As the Special is a volunteer, they have the choice as to when they wish to patrol during the day. Should a requirement arise elsewhere, they can be pulled away from their patrol as necessary.

Thorpe Bay/Shoeburyness Special Constables:

It was suggested that for our area, a minimum of 2 Specials be recruited but it really depends on where we define our area to be patrolled.

The members thanked the co-ordinator for his time in clarifying the Special Constable programme.

A message from our Chairman: If we go down this route we will need to involve all householders and businesses in the recruitment and funding of our Special Constables, as the costs associated with this cannot be borne solely by members of the relevant resident associations.

What we have to do is to define the size of the area which will require more than 2 specials.