

BERA – E-NEWSLETTER 14th February 2017

1. We would encourage all BERA members to report crimes that affect them, however small, to enable the police to have a true picture of the amount of crime that takes place in our area. We have heard from members that they don't bother reporting minor crimes any more, as they believe the police do not have the time to deal with these offences. Regarding items stolen from cars etc, if the item is subsequently found, there could be a problem with reclaiming it, if it was never reported in the first place. Below is some recent crime information published on Police.uk for the Southend-on-Sea area:

	November 2016	December 2016
All crime	269	244
Anti-social behaviour	70	71
Bicycle theft	5	2
Burglary	21	23
Criminal damage and arson	25	16
Drugs	3	5
Other crime	3	1
Other theft	23	19
Possession of weapons	1	2
Public order	9	12
Robbery	1	1
Shoplifting	10	4
Theft from the person	2	1
Vehicle crime	44	40
Violence and sexual offences	52	47

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. We have a new link on the front page of the BERA website which shows where roadworks are taking place over the whole country on a day-to-day basis. It gives details of who is carrying out the work, for how long and what it is for <http://www.roadworks.org>

3. We have found a few items of interest from the council website that we thought may be of interest to you:

[Over 100 step up to volunteer for iconic ceramic Poppies](#)

[Libraries looking for Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers](#)

[Vacant unit could be transformed into cultural venue](#)

[Get on track and find your happy pace](#)

[Half Term Activities](#)

4. Trenitalia completes acquisition of c2c – a letter from the Head of Communications

Following on from our announcement last month, we can confirm that Trenitalia has now completed its acquisition of c2c from National Express Group, so we are now under new ownership.

These are very exciting times for c2c and we see this as really good news for our customers. Trenitalia have told us they intend to retain our traditional strengths of punctuality, reliability and popularity, plus they also want to introduce some of the top ticketing and technology systems for which they are renowned in Italy. This means c2c passengers will gain some of the best features in Europe in the coming months and years.

Trenitalia have also announced they intend to bid for more contracts in the UK, including the forthcoming HS2 line, and so they want to use c2c to showcase the best they have to offer – so we will get the benefits here first.

We will have more details on these plans in the future but for now the intention is our passengers will notice very few changes in the short term. Julian Drury is continuing as c2c's Managing Director and all of our current leadership team, staff, trains and stations transfer to the new ownership. This announcement does not change our focus on running the best day-to-day service we can for our customers.

5. Finally, don't forget to come along to the BERA sponsored coffee morning this Thursday 16th February from 10:00am to midday at Thorpe Bay Methodist Church (on the corner of Johnstone Road and the Broadway).