

BERA – E-Newsletter 14th July 2017

1. Southend Hospital A&E Department

We have heard a rumour that there has been a u-turn on the decision to downgrade Southend Hospital A&E Department. BERA have been campaigning vigorously against this from the moment we heard about it, so we will be delighted if this proves to be true. You can read more on this subject in the next Oracle magazine as Ron will be writing an article about it.

2. Kent Elms Update

The completed Southend-bound carriageway providing three lanes inbound and new pedestrian crossings near Mendip Crescent and on Rayleigh Road are being monitored.

The SCOOT Loop Cutting programme has been completed from Bellhouse Lane to Kent Elms. The Traffic signal contractor will be on site jointing the SCOOT loops over the next few weeks and the traffic signals will then be validated and calibrated to ensure optimum efficiency at the junction.

Some off-peak daytime lane closures may still be necessary whilst work continues to be undertaken supporting the utility works.

Further information can be found [here](#).

3. **Coaches and heavy goods vehicles have been causing a nuisance** by parking in local side streets. We are aware of this problem and have made sure the necessary Council officers know about it. The Council are looking to put emergency parking orders in place.

4. Arrangements are in place, subject to weather conditions, to commence **resurfacing works in Thorpe Hall Avenue** (from Burges Road down to Thorpe Esplanade) on 26th/27th July. Ron has been chasing this, as it was due to take place a while ago.

5. The next BERA **coffee morning** will take place on Thursday 20th July from 10:00am to midday, at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone and The Broadway. Please make a note of it in your diary and bring along a friend if you don't want to come on your own. Previous coffee mornings have been a huge success and it is a great chance to come and meet friends and neighbours for a chat and a drink.

6. Just in case you missed it in a previous newsletter, BERA have become a member of **Which** to enable members to use the facility. For access go to:

Webpage: www.which.co.uk – click on log in

Email address or username: burgesestate

Password: BERAResidents

7. There is work being carried out under the Digital Cities Programme to link all the schools together. Following the work, **pavements** are being repaired by the council and we have heard that in some places this is to a very poor standard. If you come across any repairs that you think need improving, please let one of your local councillors know and we will chase this up. For Thorpe Ward the contacts are Martin Terry, Mike Stafford or Ron Woodley.