

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 14th May 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

THE WHICH PASSWORD HAS BEEN CHANGED. PLEASE SEE NEW DETAILS BELOW.

New Which subscription logon details: Email or Username: burgesestate Password:
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Please note we now have the subscription to Which Garden which hopefully you will also find useful. 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 16th May 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. 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.

We were extremely upset to hear that our good friend and BERA Member, Jim Worsdale, sadly passed away last week. We will really miss hearing his views and seeing his smiling face at our coffee mornings. Jim, as some of you may be aware, was Editor of the Evening Echo for many years, where he was a very popular and respected boss. Our thoughts go out to Jim's wife Beryl and their family at this very sad time.

1. Dementia Awareness

Dementia Awareness Week starts on the 20th May and Home Instead Senior Care is running another free Alzheimer's and other Dementia workshop on Wednesday 22nd May from 9:30am until 1:30pm at Unit B2, The Seedbed Business Centre, Vanguard Way, Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea SS3 9QY.

Home Instead Senior Care is part of the local Dementia Action Alliance which aims to improve the lives of people living with Dementia.

Are you caring for an ageing parent or relative with Alzheimer's or Dementia?

Do you want to find out more about what causes dementia, and the signs to watch out for? Are you familiar with the behaviours –such as wandering and aggression- that can be caused by Alzheimer's and other dementias?

This workshop will help you:

1. Learn about the causes of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias
2. Recognise the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias
3. Discover how Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are diagnosed
4. Understand more about the behaviours that can be caused by the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias

Please call or email to reserve a place as space is limited.

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2. Southend NHW Crime Data (6th to 12th May 2019)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/71309/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	07/05/2019 17:28	06/05/2019 21:23	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS BLACK NISSAN JUKE VIA AN UNLOCKED DOOR AND ONCE INSIDE HAS CONDUCTED A TIDY SEARCH AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Southchurch	42/71859/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	08/05/2019 17:16	08/05/2019 00:00	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	NAMED SUSPECT HAS SPRAYED PINK GRAFFITI ON VICTIMS WALL AT THREE DIFFERENT POINTS BETWEEN THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE AND THE SIDE GATE RESULTING IN THE COUNCIL BEING CALLED TO CLEAN IT OFF.
Southchurch	42/72168/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	09/05/2019 10:21	08/05/2019 22:00	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED A WHITE FORD CAPRI INDEX A145JKN FROM A PRIVATE CAR PARK NEAR ALLOTMENTS BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Southchurch	42/73500/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	11/05/2019 13:26	10/05/2019 16:00	Broadclyst Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE FRONT AND REAR INDEX PLATE FROM THE VICTIMS BLACK TOYOTA AYGO BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/71669/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	08/05/2019 11:26	08/03/2019 00:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN ITEMS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE VICTIM AFTER HER DAUGHTERS DEATH AT THE LOCATION.
Thorpe	42/71495/19	Burglary - Business And Community	07/05/2019 12:21	04/05/2019 21:20	Woodgrange Drive	Southend-On-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE PREMISES BY FORCING THE BACK DOOR OPEN THEN SELECTING ITEMS AND LEAVING THE PREMISES.
Thorpe	42/73645/19	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	11/05/2019 16:58	22/04/2019 00:00	Marcus Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS SUMMER HOUSE BY UNKNOWN MEANS. ONCE INSIDE THE SUSPECT HAS

REMOVED
PROPERTY BY
UNKNOWN
MEANS.

Thorpe	42/73924/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	12/05/2019 07:26	11/05/2019 00:00	Maplin Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ENTERED THE INFORMANTS PORCH AND REMOVED TWO CERAMIC PLANT POTS.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/71130/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	07/05/2019 12:43	01/05/2019 15:45	Vincent Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS STOLEN A CAR BATTERY FROM A SILVER NISSAN MICRA AND THE CAR KEY FROM THE VICTIM.
West Shoebury	42/71574/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	06/05/2019 13:06	05/05/2019 00:00	Saxon Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE REMOVED VICTIMS BLACK TOYOTA PRIUS INDEX FV06PWO BY MEANS UNKOWN.
West Shoebury	42/71882/19	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken')	08/05/2019 18:05	25/03/2019 00:00	Avon Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS BLACK HYUNDAI SANTA FE INDEX LK04MYX WITHOUT CONSENT AND HAS FAILED TO

RETURN THE
VEHICLE TO THE
VICTIM.

West Shoebury	42/72256/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	08/05/2019 19:41	08/05/2019 01:30	Church Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS VEHICLE UNKNOWN INDEX AT THE TIME OF RECORDING BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN.
West Shoebury	42/74308/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	12/05/2019 19:34	12/05/2019 01:50	Bishopsteignton	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE PUSHED THE SPOILER OF THE WHITE FORD FOCUS UPWARDS SHEARING THE SCREWS AND CAUSING THE SPOILER OF THE CAR TO FALL OFF. THEY HAVE THEN TAKEN THE SPOILER. THIS HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE BOLTS AND BODYWORK OF THE VEHICLE.

3. If you have any **unwanted callers** knocking at your door who will not leave, pull the panic alarm by your door, if you have one, or your personal alarm. These are available to you from BERA if you require them.

On the subject of crime, we have had a report that a gang have pushed a pole with a strong magnet through a letterbox and have taken their car keys from a hall table and stolen the occupiers car. Please do not leave keys in sight or within easy access of a window or door.

4. **Test results show 'good' water quality at Southchurch Park lake**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and the Environment Agency are urging residents to refrain from dumping fish in a local park lake following a spate of deceased fish appearing recently.

Over the past eight weeks, residents have contacted the council over concerns of chemicals being added to the water, causing fish to die. However, following testing of the water by the Environment Agency, the results showed the water quality is not the problem.

The lake at Southchurch Park was not stocked with fish by the council and the inspection by the Environment Agency found a mixture of feral goldfish, koi and carp, which have most likely been dumped in the lake by people who no longer want them in their home pond. A number of the fish are showing signs of bacterial and fungal infection.

The Council said: "Across the borough, the council's parks team work hard to maintain the high standards we set ourselves in our parks, which has led to Southend having five Green Flag parks, including Southchurch Park.

The welfare of the fish placed in the lake is important to us and we are working with the Environment Agency on the best way to address the problems at Southchurch Park. I would like to confirm that parks team do not use any chemicals in ponds or lakes that would endanger wildlife.

Introducing fish into a lake can spread disease and sadly, this is what appears to have happened in Southchurch Park.

We kindly ask that unwanted fish are rehomed appropriately and not released into our lakes and ponds. We also would ask that people do not place native species including tadpoles in our ponds and lakes as this can spread diseases."