

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 15th August 2018 – www.bera.co.uk

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.

We will be bringing the alarms/signs that haven't yet been delivered/collected. The costs were:

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 have spares of all the above if any of you want to buy them and we also have free panic and personal alarms available for BERA members.

Which subscription logon details:

Username: burgesestate

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1. The Council is currently recruiting additional **Community Speed Watch (CSW)** volunteers to help run sessions throughout the Borough to record and report speeding vehicles. The coordination of CSW volunteers is now managed by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and more information about becoming a volunteer can be obtained by emailing community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk.
2. Footage of **dangerous driving** or anything that you feel would be of interest to the police can be downloaded through Extra Eyes - Saferessexroads.org/extraeyes. During June Essex Police received 289 video clips through the Extra Eyes campaign. Action was taken on 65 of these clips. 46 Clips could not be used as they did not include the vehicle registration plate.
3. Any reports of **rough sleepers** can be reported via the link below:
www.streetlink.org.uk
4. **Southend Carnival – 18th August 2018 - Road closures**

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A (SPECIAL EVENTS) (SOUTHEND CARNIVAL EVENT 2018)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, WAITING LOADING & UNLOADING ORDER & PARKING SUSPENSIONS & TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW - (VARIOUS ROADS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA) TEMPORARY ORDER 2018

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT to allow for the: **SOUTHEND CARNIVAL EVENT 2018** on **18th August 2018** and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public it made an Order under Section 16A of the *Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1991*, the effect of which will temporarily prohibit entry into various roads as detailed in the schedules below:

Schedule 1 - Temporary Road Closures

| Road | Duration of Closure |
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| Lifstan Way – Northumberland Crescent to Eastern Esplanade | 15.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs |
| Shaftesbury Avenue – Bryant Avenue to Plas Newydd | 15.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs |
| Victoria Road – Shaftesbury Avenue to Eastern Esplanade | 18.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs |
| Eastern Esplanade – Lifstan Way to Southchurch Avenue | 18.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs |
| Southchurch Avenue – Woodgrange Drive to Eastern Esplanade | 18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs |
| Marine Parade – in its entirety | 18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs |
| Western Esplanade – Marine Parade to Shorefield Road | 18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs |
| Western Esplanade – Shorefield Road to Grosvenor Road | 18.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs |
| Shorefield Road – Palmeira Avenue to Western Esplanade | 18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs |
| Pleasant Road – Marine Parade to Hartington Place | 18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs |

Schedule 2 - Temporary Closure of Parking Areas & Prohibition of Waiting, Loading & Unloading

| Road | Duration of Closure |
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| Fairheads Green Car Park 15 bays at western end of car park | 16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs |
| Western Esplanade Central Parking Area from lamp col. 61/62 to its eastern most point | 06.30 Hrs to 23.00 hrs |
| Western Esplanade – All Southern Carriageway bays between the Pier and Western Esplanade Central Area Car Park | 16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs |
| Western Esplanade – All On-Street bays between Grosvenor Road and Shorefield Road | 16.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs |
| Western Esplanade – the Loading Bay between Marine Parade and The Pier | 16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs |
| Marine Parade – All Loading Bays, Limited Waiting Bays & Disabled Parking Bay | 16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs |
| Lifstan Way – From its junction with Northumberland Crescent to Greenways | 14.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs |

Schedule 3 – Temporary Prohibition of Parking (Except Permit Holders)

| Road | Duration of Closure |
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| Eastern Esplanade – From 50m west of Victoria Road to Lifstan Way | 08.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs |

Schedule 4 – Temporary Suspension of One-Way Traffic Flow

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| Temporarily suspend the ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW, in PLEASANT ROAD & ROYAL TERRACE thereby introducing a temporary TWO WAY TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN 16.00 HOURS AND 22.00 HOURS |
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Nothing in the Order will apply to:

- (a). Any vehicle being used for **Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLI, Fire Brigade** or **Police services**;
- (b). anything done by a **Statutory Undertaker** vehicle in connection with an emergency repair;
- (c). anything done with the permission or at the direction of a **Civil Enforcement Officer, Event Organisers** or a **Police Constable in uniform**;

The prohibition and restrictions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by the Notice may be issued with a penalty charge notice and removed

5. Crime Information

a. A BERA member has unfortunately been scammed when having some roofing work carried out by a cold caller. Please always get at least 3 quotes before having any work carried out and always try and use tradespeople that have been recommended to you by others who have already had work carried out by them. If you ever want advice (eg if a tradesperson is demanding large amounts of money) please contact BERA (Ron Woodley on 01702 588662).

b. We were notified that an elderly lady was robbed recently. She had received a leaflet through the door regarding old shed disposal/new sheds and contacted the mobile number of the leaflet to have an old shed removed. Four men turned up with a child in tow, two went round the back to the garden, and 2 requested a deposit. She went upstairs to get the money and when she came back down they forced their way past her into the house.

They went upstairs and stole a substantial amount of cash, then all disappeared in a van. The Police were informed and naturally she was very distressed.

c. Another report is that pink sacks are being rifled through to steal details of bank accounts and other personal information. Ensure all personal papers are shredded before putting them out to be collected.

d. There have also been reports of motorbikes being stolen from driveways in the area.

BERA's advice, as always, is to lock all vehicles carefully, keep vehicle keys and anything of value out of view, keep sheds and garages locked at all times, even when you are in the house and shut and lock your house doors and windows even if you are only popping out for a few minutes.

6. Scourge' of litter increases

There has been a rise of over 40 per cent in the number of UK beauty spots where litter is a problem, a new survey by Keep Britain Tidy has revealed. The environmental campaign said that 14 per cent of 7,000 locations across Britain were "heavily littered" which represented a 40 per cent increase in the amount of litter in the environment since 2014. A spokesman for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said that it had introduced new

powers to fine people who drop rubbish and established a working group to tackle and reduce plastic waste.

To keep where we live tidy, we can all help by picking up any litter we see outside our house and putting it in the bin.

7. Environmental Petition Campaign:

A BERA member sent this petition to us and if any of you are interested in signing it, please click on the link below:

We call upon Walkers and other manufacturers to change the materials for their packets to one which is recyclable or even more preferably a non-plastic environmentally friendly material.

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/recyclable-crisp-packets>