

## **BERA E-NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**

(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)

### **Reminders:**

New Which subscription logon details:

Email or Username: burgesestate

Password: BERA2019

“Which Garden” - 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](mailto:photos@bera.co.uk).

**BERA Coffee Morning** - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month). Please come along for free tea/coffee and biscuits and bring a friend. 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.

Please Note: There will be no coffee morning in August.

### **1) Information Corner**

#### **Rogue Gardeners**

It has been brought to our attention that a flyer is being posted through our doors, advertising a lady gardener. However, some of her previous clients have been spoken to and it appears this lady is a scam artist. She pops up every year or so in different areas of Essex.

People think they are going to get a lady gardener but they don't. They get a couple of male labourers who do not appear to know anything about gardening.

The woman turns up to do an estimate, undercharges to get the job, then the men turn up, they mess up the job and then demand more money than was agreed. They are extremely intimidating. Some people have been scared to not pay up when threatened.

Please be careful who you employ to do any type of works in your home or garden as gardeners, like all tradesman, should only be used on personal recommendation, etc. Most reputable gardeners are members of the Gardener's Guild,

which can be checked online at [www.thegardenersguild.co.uk](http://www.thegardenersguild.co.uk) and click on 'find a gardener'.

### **Green Spaces Lift Health And House Prices**

We have received this from Central Government stating that parks and lakes in towns provide health and environmental benefits worth more than £70 billion a year. Urban green spaces add £67.8 billion to house prices, and saves the nation £162.6 million in health costs by removing air pollutants. The report was released as part of the Government's 25-year Environment Plan which wants to place value on the services provided by nature.

This is why BERA concentrates on the importance of keeping parks and open spaces to a high standard.

### **Children Targeted By Gangs Through Free Food**

Children as young as seven are being targeted by gangs to sell drugs with the offer of free food. The tactic, dubbed "chicken shop grooming", was highlighted in written evidence submitted to the youth select committee as part of an investigation into the UK's knife crime epidemic.

### **Benefits Helpline Charges**

Helplines used by government agencies and some councils are charging people on benefits up to 70p a minute to call them, it is reported. This is despite promises to stop using premium rate 084 and 087 numbers. More than 50 local authorities charge up to 70p a minute to pay rent or council tax. Government agencies which fail to provide free numbers include HMRC, DVLA, Student Finance and Action Fraud.

### **Social Media Is Damaging Children's Mental Health And Affecting Their Sleep**

Social media is damaging children's mental health by affecting sleep and exposing them to cyber-bullying, a major study has shown. The findings come from a study of nearly 10,000 teenagers by University College London and Imperial College London. It found that there is a significant link between children who check their social media accounts more than three times a day and who later reported feeling psychologically distressed

## **2) Weekly List Of Planning Application – Week Ending 9th August 2019**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01442/FULH** Ward. **Southchurch**  
Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 5 August 2019 Area BORO  
**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION AND  
ALTER ELEVATIONS**  
**117 SHOEBURY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01445/CLP** Ward. **Southchurch**  
Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 5 August 2019 Area BORO  
**SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, EXTEND EXISTING PORCH TO FRONT AND  
INSTALL WINDOW TO SIDE ELEVATION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE -  
PROPOSED)**  
**117 SHOEBURY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01451/TPO** Ward. **Southchurch**  
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 5 August 2019 Area BORO  
**FELL ONE OAK TREE (APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO A TREE COVERED BY A TREE  
PRESERVATION ORDER)**  
**3 VAUGHAN AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01458/TPO** Ward. **Southchurch**  
Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 6 August 2019 Area BORO  
**REDUCE CROWN BY 1-1.5M, LIFT CROWN TO 4M, REMOVE DEADWOOD AND  
PRUNE TO 2 BEECH TREES (T1 AND T2) AND REMOVE DEADWOOD TO TWIN-  
STEMMED SYCAMORE TREE (T3)(APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES COVERED  
BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER)**  
**SOUTHCHURCH LAWN WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01463/CLE** Ward. **Southchurch**  
Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 6 August 2019 Area BORO

**USE LAND FOR MIXED USE FOR STORAGE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, STATIONING OF CONTAINERS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, STATIONING OF A MOBILE HOME FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, KEEPING OF HORSES AND PARKING OF VEHICLES INCIDENTAL TO USES AT LAWN COTTAGE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE -EXISTING)**

**LAWN COTTAGE WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01464/CLE**

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Scott Davison

Date Valid. 6 August 2019

Area BORO

**USE AS DWELLINGHOUSE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE -EXISTING)**

**LAWN COTTAGE WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

**APPLN. NO: 19/01003/FUL**

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Peter Lang

Date Valid. 6 August 2019

Area BORO

**INSTALL VEHICULAR ACCESS ONTO STATION ROAD**

**97 STATION ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

### **3) Open Garden Event**

Due to the success of last years' open garden event, BERA are thinking of running the same event next year. Thank you to the two people who have already replied but we need more please. We would like you to let us know of any local charity or charities that you feel are in need and would benefit from our raised funds.

### **4) Temporary Road Closures**

#### **a) Kingswood Chase – 8.00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – 17.00pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – New Electrical Supply Installed**

**The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from:-**

1. Proceed on Kingswood Chase between Bonchurch Avenue & Blenheim Chase
2. Stopping, waiting, loading & unloading on Kingswood Chase between No's 153-141 & 143-134.

The closure is scheduled to commence from **08.00am 2nd September 2019 till 17.00pm 9th September 2019** or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be via Blenheim Chase, Tankerville Drive, Bonchurch Avenue & Kingswood Chase or Bonchurch Avenue, St Clements Drive Blenheim Chase.

The Order will come into effect on 2nd September 2019 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

#### **b) Lifstan Way – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 For 1 week - Emergency Water Leak Repairs**

**Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:**

Proceeding on Lifstan Way from the junction with Woodgrange Drive, Southchurch Road & Southchurch Boulevard.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 13th August 2019. This notice will remain in force for a period of 21 days or the duration of the works whichever is the earliest. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

Whilst this section of Lifstan Way is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

#### **c) Belton Way East Leigh -On-Sea - 18:00pm 15th August 2019 – For 3 Days - Emergency Maintenance Repairs**

**Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:**

1. Proceeding on Belton Way East from its junction with Marine Parade & Belton Gardens

2. Parking, waiting, loading or unloading on Belton Way East from its junction with Marine Parade & Belton Gardens

3. These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect from 18:00pm 15th August 2019. This notice will remain in force for a period of 21 days or the duration of the works whichever is the earliest. It is anticipated that the works will last for 3 days.

**d) Lancaster Gardens, Lancaster Crescent & Hastings Road, Southend-On-Sea – 2nd September 2019 till 29th November 2019 - Gas Main Replacement Works**

**The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from;-**

1. Stopping, waiting, loading or unloading on Lancaster Gardens from Southchurch Road to No 19
2. Stopping, waiting, loading or unloading on Lancaster crescent from Lancaster Gardens to No1
3. Stopping, waiting, loading or unloading on Hastings Road from No43 to junction with Hillcrest Road.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 2nd September 2019 till 29th November 2019 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting. The Order will come into effect on 2nd September 2019 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst gas main replacement works take place.

**5) Lane Closures at A127 The Bell Junction – 21.00hrs on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to 06.00hrs 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

There will be a series of lane closures on the Bell Junction of the A127 during August and early September in order to carry out urgent patch resurfacing and investigate the location of underground gas pipes.

Highways workers will resurface part of the road overnight between 2100hrs on 14 August and 0600hrs on 15 August in order to address a rutted and uneven surface thought to be causing noise and safety issues.

In order to carry this work out safely, the following closures will be necessary:

Closure of A127 Prince Avenue westbound from its junction with Cuckoo Corner to 152 Prince Avenue.

Closure of the right hand turn lane from A127 into Hobleythick Lane.

Closure of the right turn lane from Rochford Road onto A127 westbound lane.

Closure of Hobleythick Lane from A127 The Bell junction to the junction with Midhurst Avenue.

Then from **Tuesday 27 August until Monday 2 September**, workers from gas company, Cadent / Triio, will be digging trenches in the central reserve of the A127 at The Bell in Prittlewell in order to investigate the location of their pipes beneath the road. This work will require lane closures for approximately seven days along the London-bound carriageway. Importantly, it will help inform how the gas pipes can be relocated in future to allow the junction to be upgraded.

**6) Southend NHW Crime Data - 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/124905/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	05/08/2019 07:02	04/08/2019 23:00	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS THROWN A HAZARDOUS LIQUID OVER A GREY BMW 3 SERIES CAUSING SEVERE PAINT DAMAGE OVER THE MAJORITY OF THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/125852/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	04/08/2019 08:56	03/08/2019 11:00	Riviera Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE IN THE FORM OF SCRATCHES

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Southchurch	42/126447/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	07/08/2019 13:30	06/08/2019 19:00	Little Thorpe	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PRISED THE GLASS OUT OF THE WING MIRROR OF THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, GREY VAUXHALL ZAFIRA AND THROWN IT ON THE GROUND.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/125426/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	05/08/2019 20:10	02/08/2019 15:00	Marlborough Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE

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Thorpe	42/125924/1 9	Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	20/07/2019 20:39	20/07/2019 20:37	St. Augustines Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED HOUSE ARMED WITH A GUN AND STOLEN JEWELLERY FROM THE VICTIMS PERSON AND A BAG CONTAINING JEWELLERY FROM THE ADDRESS. VICTIM HAS BEEN PUSHED TO FLOOR BUT HAS NO
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INJURIES.

Thorpe	42/126041/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	06/08/2019 19:54	03/08/2019 00:00	Rutland Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED VICTIMS RED FIAT 500 BY SCRATCHIN G ALL NEARSIDE PANELS WITH A SHARP OBJECT.
Thorpe	42/126048/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	06/08/2019 20:07	03/08/2019 00:00	Rutland Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED VICTIMS RED RENAULT CLIO BY SCRATCHIN G THE FRONT NEARSIDE WING WITH

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OBJECT.

Thorpe	42/126236/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	04/08/2019 17:03	03/08/2019 20:00	Rutland Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED AN UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO CAUSE SCRATCH MARKS ALONG THE DRIVER SIDE OF A FORD FIESTA WHILST PARKED ON THE ROADSIDE. ESTIMATED VALUE OF DAMAGE GBP200.
Thorpe	42/126367/1 9	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	04/08/2019 15:51	02/08/2019 19:30	Victoria Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN SCRATCHED THE NEAR SIDE OF THE VICTIMS

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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/126595/1 9	Theft if not classified elsewhere	04/08/2019 15:00	03/08/2019 14:00	Thorpe Esplanade	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED 2 MOBILE PHONES FROM THE VICTIMS HAND BAG THAT SHE LEFT ON A BEACH UNATTENDE D WHILST SHE AND HER PARTNER WERE IN THE SEA.
Thorpe	42/126854/1 9	Other criminal damage to a	05/08/2019 11:39	02/08/2019 22:00	Marlborough Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY

		vehicle (Under £5,000)					MEANS UNKNOWN DAMAGED THE VICTIMS BLUE FORD FIESTA.
Thorpe	42/126826/1 9	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	08/08/2019 07:48	07/08/2019 17:00	Woodgrange Drive	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS THROWN A BRICK THROUGH THE GLASS IN THE DOOR, CAUSING THE GLASS TO SHATTER.
Thorpe	42/127616/1 9	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	09/08/2019 13:11	24/07/2019 07:00	Butterys	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN FORCED THE VICTIMS FRONT DOOR, IN AN

ATTEMPT  
TO GAIN  
ENTRY.

Thorpe	42/127624/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	06/08/2019 14:27	02/08/2019 00:01	Chester Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS KIA VENGA VEHCILE BY USING AN UNKNOWN INSTRUMEN T TO SCRATCH THE PAINTWORK ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PASSENGER DOORS.
West Shoebury	42/127066/1 9	Theft if not classified elsewhere	05/08/2019 20:07	04/08/2019 00:00	Chelmer Way	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS STOLEN FOUR CATS BY

UNKNOWN  
MEANS.

West Shoebury	42/128080/1 9	Theft or Unauthorise d Taking of a Pedal Cycle	07/08/2019 13:32	02/08/2019 19:00	Victoria Road	Southend on Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN A SECURED BLACK AND WHITE MOUNTAIN BIKE BY MEANS UNKNOWN. THERE IS CCTV SHOWING 3 MALES TAKING THE BIKE ALONG WITH ANOTHER.
West Shoebury	42/128916/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	11/08/2019 17:32	11/08/2019 00:00	Ness Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS KICKED THE VICTIMS BLACK FORD

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