

Reminders:

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 17th May 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday.

Which subscription logon details:

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Lost and found: Nothing reported this week

1. Kent Elms Update

Eurovia will continue with the construction of the new London bound lane. The new lane extends from the pedestrian crossing near Mendip Crescent to the bus stop past Kent Elms junction. London bound off peak lane closures will continue to be in place between 9:30 – 15:30.

Eurovia will continue to construct the footbridge foundations on the southern side, and parking restrictions remain in place on Broomfield Avenue between 8am and 5pm. This is to reduce the risk of construction vehicles causing damage to parked cars when accessing the site along this narrow street.

2. Shed/Garage Alarms

We have purchased 2 alarms, a “this shed is alarmed” sign and a “this garage is alarmed” sign. These 4 items will be available to view at the next BERA coffee morning on 17th May and we will be placing an order for those interested in buying them. The alarms cost £7.38 and £9.94 and the signs are £1.19 each.

3. The Tram Stop Shelter

Very Important News Update

We would like to now advise that we obtained planning permission and five quotations for the cost to build a new shelter which would be in the region of £475,000 (including VAT) as well as architect and surveyors’ fees to supervise the build. Our two retired chartered surveyors, supporting our Committee, have confirmed their support in respect to the five quotations we have obtained.

The Committee has a fund of £55,000 and a pledge for £25,000 as well as raising funding for the operational costs to date, which include a grant from the Lottery

Fund for recent professional fees. Due to this latter success and favourable discussions with the Lottery Fund personnel, it was hoped that the rest of the funding would have come mainly from the Lottery Fund. However, we have recently been informed that their criteria has changed, which limits their support for the Tram Stop Shelter up to £100,000. We would hope to meet their other additional terms, provided we were able to raise the balance required.

As members of the Committee have spent considerable effort over many years in trying to obtain grants, the Committee feel it is now faced with the unfortunate and difficult decision to abandon their vision of the Shelter, unless a significant pledge (or a number of pledges) of large donations can be obtained from the community - Ideally from a beneficiary who may like to provide this in memory of a loved family member, or a family or organisation, who are interested. The Committee would welcome them or their representative becoming a member of the Committee, to assist in achieving their ideals. If the donation comes from a tax paying person, it should be subject to gift aid benefits.

The Committee is extremely sad to have to announce this news and we are very grateful for the support from so many wonderful people and the organisations they may be involved in. It is hoped a pledge or pledges of support will be forthcoming, as there are so many organisations who have members who would benefit from the Shelter, as well as the people in our local community.

We would appreciate anyone who might be interested in assisting to contact our Chairman, Mike Stafford, by phone (07989 385594) or email (cllrstafford@southend.gov.uk) by 31st May.

Our AGM is planned to be held at the Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Thorpe Bay Broadway and Johnstone Road at 7.30pm on 5th June. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and would be welcome.

Sincerest regards,

Tram Stop Shelter Committee

Charity No. 1155260

The BERA Committee feels that it is a shame that the withdrawal of this facility may happen, especially after all the effort and work that has been put in over the years.

4. Southend NHW Crime Data 7th-13th May 2018

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO – filtered
Southchurch	42/63105/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	07/05/2018 02:13	07/05/2018 00:00	Southchurch Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS EXITED HIS VEHICLE AND SMASHED UP THE VEHICLE CAUSING SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO THE BODYWORK AND WINDOWS.
Southchurch	42/63931/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	09/05/2018 11:41	08/05/2018 18:30	Surbiton Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE FORCED OPEN VICTIMS PERSONAL POST BOX TO GAIN ENTRY UNKNOWN IF ITEMS REMOVED FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/64250/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	09/05/2018 20:46	02/05/2018 00:00	Surbiton Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS DAMAGED A BLACK MINI COOPER BY BREAKING THE AERIAL AND A SILVER MINI COOPER BY SCRATCHING THE REAR QUARTER PANEL BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Southchurch	42/64367/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	09/05/2018 16:31	09/05/2018 09:00	Wakering Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE THAT WAS LEFT SECURED BY PADLOCK AND

CHAIN BY MEANS
UNKNOWN.

Southchurch	42/64399/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	10/05/2018 06:24	10/05/2018 01:30	Riviera Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE BY SMASHING THE DRIVERS SIDE WINDOW WHICH WAS PARKED NEAREST TO THE KERB. ONCE ENTRY HAS BEEN OBTAINED VARIOUS ITEMS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
Southchurch	42/64995/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	11/05/2018 07:56	10/05/2018 23:00	Newington Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS Poured A CHEMICAL PAINT STRIPPER OVER THE VICTIMS VEHICLE CREAM MINI COOPER WHICH WAS PARKED ON THE VICTIMS DRIVEWAY CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE BODYWORK.
Southchurch	42/65639/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	12/05/2018 10:31	11/05/2018 18:00	Dalmatia Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE FORCED ENTRY TO A BLACK VOLKSWAGEN GOLF AND STOLEN

A WALLET AND CONTENTS INCLUDING A LLOYD'S BANK CARD WHICH HAS BEEN USED A NUMBER OF TIMES IN AREA.

Southchurch	42/66110/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	13/05/2018 08:26	12/05/2018 21:00	Willingale Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO VICTIMS BLACK BMW BY MEANS UNKNOWN, ONCE INSIDE THE VEHICLE THE SUSPECT HAS RIPPED THE DASHBOARD OUT AND STOLEN A COMPUTER SCREEN AND INBUILT SAT NAV SYSTEM AND COMPUTER HARD DRIVE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Southchurch	42/66283/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	13/05/2018 11:41	12/05/2018 00:00	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, BLACK BMW COUPE, WHICH WAS PARKED ON THE DRIVEWAY AND SECURELY LOCKED, BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE THEN REMOVED ITEMS

WITHOUT
PERMISSION.
THERE ARE NO
BROKEN
WINDOWS AND
THE VEHICLE WAS
LOCKED WHEN
VICTIM ATTENDED
IT.

Southchurch

42/66444/18

Theft if not
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elsewhere

12/05/2018 10:24

30/04/2018 11:00

Newington Avenue

Southend-on-Sea

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WAS A PROBLEM
WITH THE VICTIMS
SOLAR PANELS
AND THEY
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THE VICTIM AFTER
THE EVENT THE
AUTHENTIC SOLAR
COMPANY
CONTACTED THE
VICTIM TO
INFORM THEM
THERE WAS A
PROBLEM AND

THE VICTIM THEN
REALISED THEY
HAD BEEN
SCAMMED.

Southchurch	42/66351/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	13/05/2018 12:50	12/05/2018 16:00	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE PARKED ON THE DRIVEWAY, WHITE BMW COUPE, BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE THEN REMOVED VEHICLES PARTS WITHOUT PERMISSION.NO DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED TO GAIN ENTRY.
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Thorpe	42/63008/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	07/05/2018 18:51	03/05/2018 18:30	Parkanaur Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE GARAGE BY PICKING THE LOCK, NO FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE, ONCE SUSPECT HAS ENTERED THE GARAGE A PAIR OF CORDLESS HEDGE TRIMMERS HAVE BEEN STOLEN.

Thorpe	42/63877/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	09/05/2018 09:31	07/05/2018 15:30	Brunswick Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE REAR PLATE FROM THE VICTIMS VEHICLE.
Thorpe	42/64039/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	09/05/2018 14:32	03/05/2018 00:00	Parkanaur Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FORCED OPEN BOLT ON GARAGE WOODEN DOOR GAINED ENTRY INTO THE GARAGE AND REMOVED PROPERTY.
Thorpe	42/64006/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	09/05/2018 13:57	05/05/2018 23:05	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS PROPERTY LEFT INSIDE THE TAXI CAR WHICH VICTIM TRAVELLED IN.
Thorpe	42/64312/18	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	09/05/2018 22:42	09/05/2018 00:00	Chelsworth Crescent	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS TO A SECURE PREMISES BY FORCING OPEN THE REAR DOOR BY SMASHING THE LOCK.
Thorpe	42/65090/18	Aggravated vehicle taking where the only aggravating factor is criminal damage of £5000 or under	10/05/2018 05:45	10/05/2018 00:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS INSECURE VEHICLE AND CONDUCTED A TIDY SEARCH

WITHIN SUSPECT HAS STOLEN KEYS AND A LOG BOOK FROM WITHIN. HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY THEN USED THE STOLEN KEY TO GAIN ENTRY TO VICTIMS FORD TRANSIT CONNECT AND HAS DRIVEN IT IMMEDIATELY INTO A GARDEN WALL, DAMAGING TWO OTHER VEHICLES AND THEN HITTING A THIRD VEHICLE BEFORE MAKING OFF.

Thorpe	42/65382/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	11/05/2018 17:50	10/05/2018 21:00	Acacia Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY VIA THE REAR WINDOW TIDY SEARCH MONEY STOLEN.
Thorpe	42/65790/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	12/05/2018 12:58	12/05/2018 00:01	Kensington Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS RED SYM ARMAS MOPED FROM OUTSIDE THE LOCATION.
Thorpe	42/65691/18	Burglary - Business And Community	12/05/2018 12:34	11/05/2018 15:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE

CUT A HOLE IN THE FENCE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE MESS ROOM. THEY HAVE THEN GONE INTO THE GARAGE AREA AND STOLEN A CUSHMAN BUGGY, WHICH IS A PARKS MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.

Thorpe	42/66405/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	12/05/2018 14:48	08/05/2018 00:00	Woodgrange Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED GAINED ENTRY TO SECURE PREMISES BY SMASHING GARAGE WINDOW AND FORCING GARAGE DOOR TIDY SEARCH NOTHING STOLEN.
Thorpe	42/66390/18	Burglary - Business And Community	12/05/2018 08:36	11/05/2018 00:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE PARK KEEPERS YARD AND THE OFFICE AND HAVE TAKEN PLANT MACHINERY.
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West Shoebury	42/63493/18	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	08/05/2018 15:06	08/05/2018 09:10	Leitrim Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN TO VICTIMS WORKSHOP BY SMASHING ONE PANE OF GLASS OF A DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOW WITH UNKNOWN TOOL AND REMOVING THE OTHER PART OF THE WINDOW.
West Shoebury	42/64204/18	Burglary - Business And Community	09/05/2018 12:41	05/05/2018 18:30	Delaware Crescent	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SHED BY PULLING THE METAL CLASP FROM THE PADLOCK ON THE DOOR AND HAS TAKEN SEVERAL ITEMS INCLUDING A CLAW HAMMER, SMALL AXE AND SECURITY LIGHT.
West Shoebury	42/64225/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	09/05/2018 17:53	09/05/2018 17:53	Shoebury Common Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED CAUSED DAMAGE TO ABOVE PREMISES BY USING THE AREA AS A SKATE BOARD PARK DOING TRICKS CAUSING THE METAL SHUTTER AND THE CONCRETE STEPS.

West Shoebury	42/64272/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	09/05/2018 18:47	09/05/2018 18:30	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY AND THROWN PAINT ALL OVER THE HOUSE.
West Shoebury	42/65068/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	11/05/2018 10:56	10/05/2018 10:20	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FOUND THE VICTIMS BANK CARD WHICH SHE DROPPED EITHER IN OR OUTSIDE THE SHOP AND HAS THEN USED THE CARD IN THE SHOP TO MAKE A PURCHASE OF APPROX GBP17.29.

5. Traffic Issues- Thorpe Hall Avenue Closure – Officer update following recent flooding

Officers have worked with Anglian Water to manage the situation with least disruptions as far as possible. Site works are in progress, necessary surveys to assess extent of the damaged asset are in process and essential repairs to these as well as reinstatement of the damaged highways have been planned. It is expected the required works will be carried out well before the end of this month. We are keeping a close eye on a daily basis and there will be regular progress reports. The traffic management arrangements have already been reviewed to ensure we manage the situation on a continuous basis to rescue disruptions. Officers have also instigated action to place “Access Only” signs at Gloucester Terrace to deter drivers using this residential street.

We will keep an eye on the situation to ensure necessary works can be undertaken with minimum disruption to traffic and maintain public safety.

6. CCTV

We have had discussions with the Council about the installation of CCTV cameras at certain junctions and in principle they cannot see a reason why not. We have to be very careful about people’s privacy and making sure that no damage is done to the lamp columns.

7. BERA Newsletters

If you ever have problems reading or printing these newsletters, please don’t forget we put them all on our website www.bera.co.uk under the Newsletter heading.