

BERA E-Newsletter 16th January 2018 – www.bera.co.uk

BERA AGM – TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MARCH FROM 8PM IN ST AUGUSTINE’S CHURCH – please make a note in your diaries.

1. We are sorry to have to advise you that ex-BERA member and Independent Councillor Tony Delaney passed away on Sunday following a long illness. Tony will always be remembered smiling and chuckling, no matter what was thrown at him, and just getting on with the job of being a councillor. He was a lovely man and a good supporter of the Association.

2. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who has been out delivering our new BERA booklet. We still have a lot more to deliver, so if we haven't got to you yet, we are on our way! Inside the booklet is a membership renewal form for 2018. If members prefer to renew their membership online via bank transfer, a link can be found on the home page of www.bera.co.uk.

3. Our next **BERA sponsored coffee morning** will be taking place on **Thursday, 18th January** at The Methodist Church (on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway) from 10.00am to midday. Please join us if you are able to.

3. Members may be aware that it was suggested in the latest draft budget proposals to have pay and display parking along Eastern Esplanade. Having contacted the Council they have advised that this is a mistake and the proposal will be removed from the budget.

4. A message from a concerned BERA member

Is it possible that you could remind residents with dogs, that after picking up their poo and placing it in a bag, they should not dispose of it under the shrubs and hedges at the side of the road? It's such a shame that they cannot carry the responsibility on and dispose of the mess properly. I do a lot of local walking and lately have noticed that roads in our area seem to be full of litter in the hedges and shrubs, and there are a lot of cans and bottles being left actually in the shrubs themselves.

As a reminder, if there is not a dog poo bin nearby, you can always use a normal rubbish bin to put your bag in.

5. Please find below details of major road works in the borough with associated **road closures** for the week of 15th – 21st January 2018.

Anglian Water.	LA Ref- 79590.
Victoria Road.	15/01/2018 – 09/02/2018.
Replace screens and pressure plate inside chamber.	

UKPN
Brighton Road.
New Supply

LA Ref- 79090.
02/01/2018 – 29/01/2018.

Network Rail.
Thorpe Hall Avenue
Tree Pruning

LA Ref- 80198.
21/01/2018 – 21/01/2018

Please note, if you require further information regarding these work's or any road works in the Borough, information is available via www.roadworks.org

Also, the paving on the north side of Burges Road is currently under re-construction (hopefully it will be a better job than the south side which will have to be re-worked).

Don't forget to let us know of any **dangerous paving slabs or potholes** by emailing Ron Woodley on ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk. Please give full details of the location eg outside number 91 Tyrone Road.

6. **Reminder**

Save Southend NHS Rally

Saturday, 27 January 2018 at 12:00 PM

Pier Hill
Southend-on-Sea, England, SS1
United Kingdom

This is a non-political, family friendly, peaceful, community rally to highlight the general NHS Crisis and current proposals in the Mid and South Essex STP public consultation.

7. **Southend Raft Race**

The Thorpe Bay Rotary Club is delighted to be repeating this very popular event, free for spectators, following the enormous success of the 2017 Race.

Sunday 29th July 2018

That is the date, starting at 10:00 on Thorpe Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea SS1 3BG.

Up to 50 sponsored rafts will race along the coast towards Southend and will raise funds for the local RNLI station and other charities. There will be prizes for the fastest raft; the most attractive raft; the best dressed all male crew; the best dressed all female crew, and other classes that we think of!

Rafts may have up to eight crew members, all of whom must be over the age of 18. The cost of each raft entry is £200 so, with up to eight crew, that's just £25 per member. Crews may elect on entry to raise funds for either the local RNLI station or their own favourite registered charity.

To enter you must have read and agreed to the Rules and Regulations shown on the Raft Race Application page. The crew captain will then receive by post details of where and when to attend, a copy of the Rules and Regulations that he/she has agreed, and these must be shared with the other members of the crew. On the day, every crew member will have to sign to confirm their acceptance of the Rules and Regulations.

Enjoy refreshments and entertainment on the green opposite the beach where toilet facilities will also be available. There will be a dedicated viewing area from where disabled persons can watch the races and parking for spectators. We give our sincere thanks to all members of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club who have made it possible to return this event to the Southend-on-Sea list of attractions.

8. Recent crime information for Thorpe Ward

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Thorpe	42/3880/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	09/01/2018 09:37	08/01/2018 22:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE CAR PARK VIA THE ELECTRIC GATES THAT ARE CURRENTLY STUCK OPEN, SUSPECT HAS THEN USED UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO SMASH THE DRIVER SIDE WINDOW TO VICTIMS GREY SKODA SUPERB.NO ITEMS HAVE BEEN STOLEN.
Thorpe	42/3893/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	09/01/2018 10:12	07/12/2017 03:15	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO SMASH THE PASSENGER SIDE WINDOW TO VICTIMS GREY SKODA SUPERB , ONCE INSIDE SEARCH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BUT NO ITEMS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN AT THIS STAGE.
Thorpe	42/5722/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	12/01/2018 21:15	12/01/2018 00:00	Marcus Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	UNKNOWN PERSONS HAVE PULLED DOWN THE WALL OUTSIDE THE FRONT OF THE VICTIMS ADDRESS.
Thorpe	42/5864/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	13/01/2018 07:55	10/01/2018 06:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS HAS PULLED THE VICTIMS PASSENGER SIDE WING MIRROR OFF OF HER VEHICLE AND THE DRIVERS SIDE HAS ALSO BEEN DAMAGED, ON BOTH OCCASIONS THE MIRRORS WERE KERB SIDE, PEUGEOT 206.
Thorpe	42/6373/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	14/01/2018 08:55	13/01/2018 00:30	St. James Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS SHED AND MOVE ITEMS AROUND. THE SUSPECT HAS TURNED ONE OF THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLES ON ITS HANDLES AND REMOVED A WHEEL. THE WHEEL HAS BEEN LEFT BY THE SIDE OF THE CYCLE.
Thorpe	42/6516/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	14/01/2018 13:57	12/01/2018 00:00	St. Augustines Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THROUGH THE VICTIMS GARDEN GATE AND STOLEN HIS PEDAL CYCLE FROM THE GARDEN.
Thorpe	42/6545/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	14/01/2018 14:52	13/01/2018 19:30	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED VICTIMS BLACK MERCEDES 350 SL WHICH WAS PARKED AT THE LOCATION OVERNIGHT