

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 18th July 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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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.

BERA Coffee Morning - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 19th 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 3rd 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

Diabetes rise in under-25s

The number of young people being treated for Type 2 diabetes has almost doubled in five years, figures from the Local Government Association show. Some 745 patients were treated in specialist diabetes clinics last year, a 47 per cent rise from 2013/14. Of the under-25s who received treatment, 85 per cent were obese and nearly half also had high blood pressure. Chairman of the LGA's Community Wellbeing Board, said: “Childhood obesity is one of the biggest public health challenges we face and these figures are another sad indictment of how we have failed as a society to tackle it. The Government's childhood obesity plan set out bold ambitions to halve the number of obese children by 2030 but we need urgent action now”. The LGA also called on the Government to reverse £700 million cuts to public health funding and provide specialised support for the most seriously obese children.

Billions of air pollution particles in young people

New research has revealed that the hearts of young people in cities contain billions of air pollution particles. Lancaster University said that iron-rich particles, produced by vehicles and industry, could be the underlying cause of the link between dirty air and heart disease. Previous research from the University in 2016 found that the same nanoparticles were also present in human brains and were associated with Alzheimer's-like damage, another disease linked to air pollution.

Small towns brace for influx of older people leaving cities

A new study by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and the Centre Towns think-tank has warned that England's small towns are likely to swell with increasing numbers of older people as they reject city living amid a hidden housing crisis caused by a lack of appropriate homes for a rapidly ageing population. RIBA is calling on the Government to make it mandatory for all new homes to be accessible for older and disabled people.

Pensions savings warning

Older people are at risk of losing their pension if they save too much, it is reported. According to Department for Work and Pensions rules, people can only save up to £16,000 before they are ineligible for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. Should they save more they may be liable to repay the benefits they received.

2) Hampton Court Flower Show

In last weeks newsletter we advised you that the photos of the garden that was entered by Southend on Sea would be published onto the website and you can now find these under the 'community notices' section.

3) Concerned About Your Tax?

Andrew Clarke, one of our members, is offering a free tax consultation by telephone to all BERA members for the rest of August or in September. Only basic matters can be discussed in a 10 – 15 minute conversation. More complex matters would require a meeting and a formal arrangement for which a charge would be made. Any charges would be agreed in advance. Andrew Clarke is a Chartered Accountant with CKS Accountancy Limited in Leigh-on-Sea (www.cksonline.co.uk) . Call 01702 710898 or email aclarke@cksonline.co.uk

4) Weekly Planning List

As we are being notified by residents regarding planning issues, we thought it might be helpful for us to put the weekly planning list on the newsletter for your information.

APPLN. NO: 19/01245/FULH

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 9 July 2019 Area BORO

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS
149 SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01264/CLP

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 8 July 2019 Area BORO

**DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE WITH
ROOF LIGHTS TO FRONT AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (LAWFUL
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE – PROPOSED)
15 ARMITAGE ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01280/TPO

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood Date Valid. 9 July 2019 Area BORO

**FELL AND GRIND STUMP 1 ASH TREE (G1) LEANING OVER ADJACENT
CARRIAGEWAY (APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TREE
PRESERVATION ORDER)
ALLEYN COURT SCHOOL WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01231/FUL

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 3 July 2019 Area BORO

**ERECT DORMER TO SIDE TO INCREASE HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE
ROOFSPACE, FORM BALCONY AND JULIETTE BALCONY AT FIRST FLOOR AND
RECESSED BALCONY AT SECOND FLOOR TO FRONT ELEVATION
14B GLOUCESTER TERRACE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01233/CLP

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 3 July 2019 Area BORO

**HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE
ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (LAWFUL
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
118 AMBLESIDE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01253/CLP

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 5 July 2019 Area BORO

**EXTEND DORMER TO SIDE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)
53 LIFSTAN WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01255/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 5 July 2019 Area BORO

**ERECT FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION
27 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01262/FUL

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 8 July 2019 Area BORO

**CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLINGHOUSE (CLASS C3) TO 5 BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME (CLASS C2), CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT AND EXTEND EXISTING VEHICULAR CROSSOVER ONTO VICTORIA ROAD, ALTER FRONT ELEVATION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
66 VICTORIA ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01270/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 4 July 2019 Area BORO

**REPLACE EXISTING GARAGE ROOF WITH PITCHED ROOF
97 CHURCH ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01254/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 5 July 2019 Area BORO

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION
5 ST ANDREWS ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01268/GPDE

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 8 July 2019 Area BORO

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 4.7M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 3M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3M
98 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

3) Residents Request for CCTV Footage

We have been contacted by a resident who had his car vandalised Friday night (12th July) on his driveway in the Broadway. His car was covered in light blue paint and he would be grateful if anyone has any CCTV footage that shows the incident happening, if anyone heard anything, or anyone saw people carrying paint pots or looking suspicious between 12.30am and 5.00am, if they can contact us so we can inform the resident concerned. Thank you.

4) Residents Request for Return of Keys

An opportunist got into a residents' car and took a small amount of money and a bunch of keys. The keys are of no use to the thief and they may have just thrown them away after. They are on a red key fob, so if anyone finds the keys please deliver them to us so that we can return them to the rightful owner.

5) Kent Elms Update

Over the next week Nusteel will continue to finalise the installation of the pedestrian footbridge, continuing with the installation of the expansion plates, finishes to the concrete ramp and the grouting around the bolts at each of the trestles and touching up damaged paintwork. Whilst work is being undertaken on the structure the footbridge will remain closed to the public for safety reasons.

The footway area outside the Medical Centre requires to be made good, as this was left in a poor state by a third party Contractor, these works are now being addressed.

There will be a continued presence of Crossing Patrol Officers at the crossing until the schools break for summer holidays.

6) Council removes benches to tackle anti-social behaviour

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will be temporarily removing benches from Thorpe Bay Gardens following escalating anti-social behaviour.

The benches, which are donated by family members in memory of a loved one, have been subject to vandalism and become a meeting place for those involved in behaviour which has concerned the local community. This behaviour includes car racing, littering and late night activity. Traffic calming measures will be introduced to the road in autumn to tackle the vehicle racing but temporary measures are also being considered ahead of the formal works.

Families who have bought the benches have been contacted to explain the circumstances and why the temporary removal is necessary. A review of the options will take place once activity in the area has calmed down and it may be necessary to relocate them nearby.

7) Will you Volunteer for the Great British Beach Clean?

The beach clean is currently scheduled on Friday 20th September 2019 at Shoebury Common at 10.00am. For more information you can email the Beachwatch Team at beachwatch@mcsuk.org or ring the Beachwatch line on 01989 567807

8) Southend NHW Crime Data - 8th to 14th July 2019

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/107435/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	08/07/2019 00:09	07/07/2019 23:30	Chaingate Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED A BRICK TO SMASH THE WINDSCREEN OF THE

VICTIMS
VEHICLE.

Southchurch	42/108511/1 9	Theft from a motor vehicle	09/07/2019 15:33	08/07/2019 17:00	Castleton Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS WHITE HYUNDAI I30 AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/108850/1 9	Interference with a motor vehicle	10/07/2019 07:02	10/07/2019 02:30	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO A SECURE VEHICLE PARKED ON THE DRIVEWAY BUT ACTIVATIO N OF THE ALARM PREVENTED

D THIS.
SUSPECT
HAS THEN
NOTICED
THE DOOR
BELL RING,
WHICH
THEY HAVE
REMOVED
BEFORE
LEAVING.

Southchurch	42/109489/1 9	Burglary - Residential - Non- Dwelling	10/07/2019 16:36	10/07/2019 15:36	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN WERE SEEN RUNNING AWAY FROM VICTIMS GARAGE AFTER BREAKING IN BY UNKNOWN MEANS. THREE PAIRS OF SUNGLASS ES, A DASH CAM AND SCREW
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DRIVER KIT
WERE
REMOVED
FROM
VICTIMS
VEHICLE.
NO
DETAILS.

Southchurch	42/110216/1 9	Theft from a motor vehicle	12/07/2019 09:55	11/07/2019 11:00	Appletree Close	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS CATALYTIC CONVERTE R FROM THE VICTIMS SILVER HONDA JAZZ BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Southchurch	42/110109/1 9	Theft of a motor vehicle	11/07/2019 23:42	11/07/2019 21:10	Little Thorpe	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS BLACK

RANGE
ROVER
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FROM HIS
DRIVEWAY
BY MEANS
UNKNOWN.

Southchurch	42/111470/1 9	Theft of a motor vehicle	14/07/2019 08:28	14/07/2019 02:00	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS MERCEDES ML INDEX M123STU BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/110150/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	12/07/2019 08:51	12/07/2019 05:15	The Broadway	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS POURED BLUE PAINT OVER THE VICTIMS BLACK AUDI A5.

Thorpe	42/111067/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	13/07/2019 14:31	12/07/2019 00:00	Victoria Road	Southend-on-Sea	VICTIM HAS FOUND ALL 4 TYRES SLASHED ON HER RED FORD FIESTA THIS MORNING.
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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/109330/1 9	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	10/07/2019 20:39	10/07/2019 12:45	Trafalgar Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY UNKNOWN MEANS. THE VICTIMS DAUGHTER HAS LET HERSELF IN AND THE SUSPECT WAS STANDING IN THE HALLWAY. THE DAUGHTER LEFT THINKING IT WAS THE VICTIMS

BUILDER.
NOTHING HAS
BEEN TAKEN.

West
Shoebury

42/111231/1
9

Theft if not
classified
elsewhere

12/07/2019
13:51

10/07/2019
08:00

West Road

Southend
-on-Sea

SUSPECT
UNKNOWN
REMOVED THE
VICTIM
ORGANISATIO
NS FOUR
HERAS
PANELS FROM
THE FRONT
GARDEN OF
THE
PROPERTY BY
MEANS
UNKNOWN.

9) Dutch Sea Cadets to Dock at Southend Pier

The Mayor of Southend will welcome sea cadets from The Netherlands and Belgium when they stop off at Southend next week.

The cadets from Hellevoetsluis near Rotterdam – bolstered by cadets from North Belgium - are scheduled to stop off in their 45m training vessel, the TS Zeefakkel, at Southend Pier from 21 to 24 July en route to Cowes (Isle of Wight). They will treat Southend Sea Cadets and the town's mayor to sailings while they are here.

The TS Zeefakkel is a former Dutch Royal Navy mapping ship which was first gifted to the cadets in January 2000 and become their property in January 2005.