

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 19th December 2018 – www.bera.co.uk
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)**

Reminders:

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be tomorrow, **Thursday 20th December 2018** at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday. Please come along for a mince pie and a tea or coffee.

We will be bringing alarms/signs in case any of you want to buy them. The costs are:

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 also have free panic and personal alarms and car key signal blocking pouches available for BERA members.

BERA AGM - Please make a note in your diaries. We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21st March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. The speaker is the head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport and we will also be discussing the new Care SOS Line that Ron has been working on with the company, where residents have a direct link for emergencies. Early in the new year we will send out more details as they come through for the new Care SOS Line.

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1. Thorpe Hall Avenue planting

Planting in the central reservation in Thorpe Hall Avenue is on the winter plan as discussed last year when the shrubs were removed.

2. Christmas Services taking place at St Augustine's Church

Sunday 23rd 4pm - A traditional carol service

Monday 24th (Christmas Eve) - 3.00pm and 5.00pm crib services, 11:30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday (Christmas Day) - 8.00am Holy Communion, 10.00am Family Eucharist with Blessing of Christmas presents

3. Southend NHW Crime Data (10th to 16th December 2018)

| Ward | Incidents |
|---------------|-----------|
| Southchurch | 4 |
| Thorpe | 4 |
| West Shoebury | 9 |

4. Recycling over the Christmas period

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and their recycling and waste contractor, Veolia, are advising residents that their recycling and waste collection day will change over Christmas and New Year. Residents are invited to check their revised calendar online at www.southend.gov.uk/christmas-on-sea.

Collections will return to normal from 7 January for houses and from 14 January for flats.

Residents are also being asked to recycle as much as possible over the festive season to help protect the environment.

Christmas recycling tips

As we gather with family for Christmas dinners, wrap presents and decorate our home, that can mean lots of waste. However, you can give the earth a gift this year by reusing and recycling.

Why not try to create your own gift wrapping? For some inspiration, look at the Japanese art of wrapping (Furoshiki) or upcycle any paper, cotton bags or old fabric you have at home.

Once you have opened your presents and read your Christmas cards, you can place cardboard and wrapping paper (not foil paper) in your blue box. Sweet tins and drinks bottles can all be recycled in your pink sack.

After treating yourself and your family with a Christmas dinner, use and freeze your leftovers. You can find some delicious leftovers' recipes on www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

Any unavoidable food waste can be recycled using your blue food waste bin. Turkey carcasses, vegetable peelings and all other cooked or uncooked food waste can be turned into green energy and fertiliser for crops.

Once Christmas is over, you can also recycle your real Christmas tree (remembering to remove all decorations!). Please put it out on your usual collection day from 7 January to 19 January.

Please take time to find out when your recycling and waste collections will be this festive season and reuse and recycle as much as possible.

Keith McGurk, Regional Director for Veolia, said: “Christmas and New Year can be a very busy period when we generate a lot of waste. We want to encourage residents in Southend-on-Sea to take the time to sort their waste so that it can be recycled.

Your revised calendar and more information about what can be recycled over Christmas and New Year are available on the Council’s website at www.southend.gov.uk/christmas-on-sea.

5. Gas Works update on plans

Phase 1 of Improvement Works Complete

- Erected a feather edged boundary fence to the north, east and west of the site which has improved security and aesthetics
- Removed 90m of street art hoarding
- Constructed Gabion Wall and palisade fence south of the site to prevent traveller incursion. Landscaping works to be carried out by our parks team which will include appropriate trees shrubs and grasses to soften the appearance of the site (arranging asap)
- Resurfaced footway to the front of the site and provided new exit from the site
- Carried out material testing on previously excavated material stored within the site. Test results have demonstrated that the material is not contaminated (quote from Marlborough for disposal 38k)
- Carried out topo survey, to provide levels for phase 2 resurfacing
- Coaches are using the designated parking area to the rear of the site

Phase 2 of Improvement Works, January - 31st March 2019

- Regulate and resurface car parking area, mark out bays draft layout plan (awaiting quote)
- Approximately 150 spaces including disabled spaces, motor cycle parking to be provided & 29 coaches spaces to rear of site
- Provide new Exit Gate (awaiting quote)
- Provide Pay & Display machines (order placed 9k for 2 machines coin, card & contactless)
- Re-naming of car park (part of a wider strategy of re-naming car parks) + updated signage on site
- Update VMS signage A13 / A127

6. Caravan in Burges Road

Just to give you an update on ‘the caravan’. This sits with the council who are getting the paperwork under the Highways Act. Once this is received and the caravan is still in the borough, it will be removed. The caravan as of today is gone.