

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 20th February 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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DUE NOW - BERA renewals

Payment is now due for January to December 2019 if you wish to remain a member. The cost this year is again £10 per year, per household, and we hope you feel this is value for money. Renewals can be completed by filling out the membership form online and paying by bank transfer (see the form giving you our bank details on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk) or by printing off a membership form (also on the homepage) and returning it with your payment to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way. We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals before the end of February and it really helps us if you fill out a form so that we can check that we have your up-to-date information.

Reminders:

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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 AGM - We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21st March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. The head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport will be speaking at this event. Our second speaker will be discussing the new Care SOS Line, offering residents a direct link for emergencies.

BERA Coffee Morning - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 21st February 2019 (tomorrow)** 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 tea/coffee and biscuits. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

1. Southend NHW Crime Data (11th to 17th February 2019)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/22995/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	11/02/2019 19:55	11/02/2019 18:30	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED VICTIMS ORANGE FORD FIESTA ST INDEX EU14SXM BY MEANS UNKNOWN FROM THE DRIVEWAY OF VICTIMS HOMES ADDRESS.
Southchurch	42/23209/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	11/02/2019 19:22	11/02/2019 00:00	Riviera Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS VEHICLE FORD FIESTA INDEX ET66NWB AND STOLEN THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/24014/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	12/02/2019 18:37	12/02/2019 00:45	Shoebury Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SILVER FORD CMAX VICTIM HAS VIDEO OF OFFENCE.
Southchurch	42/24124/19	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	13/02/2019 19:36	13/02/2019 08:45	Whittingham Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS INSECURE PEDAL CYCLE FROM LOCATION BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/22855/19	Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	11/02/2019 16:05	17/01/2019 00:00	Acacia Drive	Thorpe Bay	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE APPROACHED THE VICTIM AND HIS FRIEND AND ASKED HIS FRIEND FOR THE TIME AND HAS THEN SAID I DONT WANT TO HAVE TO SHANK YOU SO GIVE ME YOUR PHONE THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN OVER THE ROAD BY THE SECOND SUSPECT WHO TOOK HIS COAT FROM HIM.
Thorpe	42/24699/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	14/02/2019 20:19	14/02/2019 17:30	St. James Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PULLED UP ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD IN VEHICLE SILVER FORD FIESTA VICTIM STATES HIS CCTV SHOWS HIS CAR BEING UNLOCKED BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Thorpe	42/24889/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	15/02/2019 07:44	14/02/2019 00:00	The Broadway	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE INDEX EO15OKJ BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Thorpe	42/25905/19	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	17/02/2019 05:46	16/02/2019 19:30	Chester Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS BLACK SAXTON

MOUNTAIN BIKE
VALUE UNKNOWN
VIA MEANS
UNKNOWN.

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/22872/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	11/02/2019 16:52	11/02/2019 12:30	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS RED FORD FIESTA ZETEC INDEX ET65MPO BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
West Shoebury	42/23510/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	10/02/2019 13:14	07/02/2019 09:00	Avon Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT, AFTER BEING ASKED TO RETURN ITEMS BELONGING TO THE VICTIM, HAS REFUSED.
West Shoebury	42/24021/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	12/02/2019 18:21	11/02/2019 23:00	Cornworthy	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE RIGHT HAND WING MIRROR COVER FORM THE INFORMANTS BLUE VOLKSWAGEN UP BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/23833/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	13/02/2019 10:01	12/02/2019 00:00	Jena Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY.

West Shoebury	42/25406/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	16/02/2019 07:28	16/02/2019 00:00	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS ADDRESS VIA THE FRONT DOOR BY UNKNOWN MEANS, NO DAMAGE TO THE DOOR. SUSPECTS HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS HANDBAG, WALLET, CASH, DOOR KEYS, CAR KEYS AND BANK CARDS FROM WITHIN THAT WERE ON HER FRONT ROOM CHAIR. VALUE OF ITEMS UNKNOWN. VICTIMS CAR HAS NOT BEEN STOLEN. VICTIM HAS RECEIVED TEXT MESSAGES FROM HER BANK ASKING TO CONFIRM TRANSACTIONS THIS MORNING THAT SHE HAS NOT CARRIED OUT AND PARCEL PICK UP NOTIFICATIONS.
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2. Kent Elms

The foundations for the footbridge outside Kent Elms Health Centre are still ongoing. Whilst the works are being undertaken the carriageway on the Southend bound lane 1 will remain closed.

3. The Bell

Trial holes in the carriageway will recommence on Monday 18th February, and will be carried out overnight. They will commence on the London bound A127 and will be carried out under a lane 1 closure. The traffic management will be installed from 7pm to ensure all noisy operations are carried out by 11pm at the latest the remaining traffic management will be removed by 6:30am.

4. Queensway

The works at York Road are now drawing to a close and will be finished next week, whilst they undertake works in the central reserve for the right turn lane two closures will be required these lane closures will be in place at all times during the works.

5. Passed to us by a BERA member - **Southend and District Wine and Wine Making Circle**

- Are you a couple or on your own?
- Are you retired or semi-retired?
- Would you like to meet new friends?
- Would you like to meet and share some time with nice friendly people?
- Would you like to have a relaxing sociable evening once a month?

If so, then perhaps our Wine Club is for you?

We are a friendly bunch of people who meet once a month on a Monday evening at St Augustine's Church Hall and you would be most welcome to come along.

We have wine tasting/sampling, other evenings when you bring your own tippie, fish or cheese evenings, a ploughman's night, a buffet, music and some fun and quiz, silly games in the spirit of friendship and conversation in an informal, friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

If you are interested and want to know more then please feel free to contact Chris, our Club Secretary, on 01702 295325.

6. Issues in and around Thorpe Bay/West Shoebury

Our Chairman had a meeting with the police, public protection officers and highways officers to discuss the issues being experienced by residents in and around Thorpe Bay/West Shoebury. The main issues raised included drug use (including nitrous oxide canisters regularly being used and discarded) / vehicles speeding / concerns about drivers of vehicles having taken drugs then driving vehicles.

There was a general agreement from the agencies involved that reporting of incidents by residents was not significant, and that some patrols from both Council Services and Police had been undertaken in the areas, with minimal evidence witnessed of issues.

The response that services are able to provide is proportionate to the level and type of reports being received. Here is a summary of what was agreed from discussions:

1. That Ron Woodley will liaise with residents urging them to report incidents and any information about vehicles etc formally to Police / Council as necessary. This will enable both the scale of the issue to be recorded and considered in future as well as the opportunity for officers to attend when incidents are ongoing, depending on availability.
2. That the Regulatory Services OOH team will keep these locations on the duty list to visit during their shifts on Friday and Saturday nights.
3. Police will include the area on their patrol programme in line with levels of reporting, and will respond where residents provide details of vehicles involved, by contacting vehicle owners.
4. We will investigate the cost of implementing highways improvements you suggested aimed at deterring speeding.
5. We will consider placing a mobile CCTV camera from existing resources in certain areas during the summer season.
6. You suggested that for some of the cost of implementing measures in certain areas that residents may be willing to contribute. I will explore the potential for that.

We reiterated that residents must not put themselves at any risk in obtaining information about vehicles etc. such that any information should only be gathered if safe to do so.

Make sure you continue to report any problems and please keep your children and grandchildren safe and aware of what is happening, especially on the county lines drug issues and the inhaling of gas canisters and then driving their cars at high speeds. This is not someone else doing this, this possibly is our children, and we need to protect them as well as the many

residents that are experiencing the problems associated with this. For information the telephone numbers to call are:

Non Emergency: - 101

Out of hours emergency number: 01702 466550

Crime stoppers (for drug problems) - 0800 555 111