

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 19th September 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details:
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“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 17th October 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.

1) Information Corner

Pavement parking

The Local Government Association have welcomed calls from the Commons Transport Committee to ban pavement parking across England. Pavement parking causes a great deal of inconvenience to pedestrians, while repairing the damage it does to kerbs and pavements is expensive and means councils have to divert funding away from repairing potholes.

Overgrown shrubs, trees and plants

We have had a few complaints lately from residents concerning the trees, shrubs and plants in peoples’ front gardens that are overhanging the pavement. This makes it difficult to walk past, for wheelchair and motorised scooter users and prams. If you have any trees, shrubs or plants in your front garden that are overhanging, could you please trim them back.

Southend’s sky will be lit up this autumn as free fireworks return to the town

The firework events will begin a seven-week run on Saturday, October 5th, until November 16. The half hour displays start at 7.30pm every Saturday night.

Dog walking on the beaches

Please note that no dogs are allowed on Southend's beaches between 1st May and 30th September. Every person in charge of a dog (except guide dogs) who permits the dog to enter or remain on the beach during this period can be fined.

Dog Fouling

We have been informed that there are some inconsiderate dog owners that are allowing their dogs to mess. We know that the majority do clean up after their pets and we are just asking everyone to take care about the mess and clear it up. There are many problems that it can cause to young children. You can also place your dog waste into a litter bin.

Garden waste – Veolia

Many residents have been contacting us regarding the problems they have been having with their direct debit payments to Veolia for their garden waste. Below is an extract of the response that we and a member had from the Senior Contract Manager.

“I firstly would like to apologise and importantly put your mind at rest regarding your returned direct debit form and personal details, all information has been stored in a locked cupboard in my office since mid July and subsequently shredded on the 2nd September.

We experienced issues around the legal validity of the direct debit mandate that was sent out and as such no payment could be taken via the direct debit payment method, additional to this, we experienced further problems with the letter dates, deadlines and distribution. It all equated to a rather unprofessional and embarrassing experience for our valued customers, for this I can only apologise.

We will be distributing a new letter on Oct 1st that explains the above issues and also how the existing and new payments can be made. I am pleased to read that you have continued to receive the Garden Waste service during this period and I am grateful for your patience and custom.”

Always wanted to start composting at home but not too sure what to start with?

Veolia are offering training for composting champions (adults) to learn how to compost food and garden waste at home and spread the word in the community. You will learn the basics of composting: how to design or choose a bin, what to put in the compost and how it all works. You will also have the opportunity to visit a composting site. The first training day takes place on Thursday 26 September. Sounds interesting? Please email uk.southend-recycling@veolia.com for more information or to sign up to the training.

Road transport emissions up since 1990 despite efficiency drive

Britain's greenhouse gas emissions from road transport have continued to grow despite more efficient cars because traffic has increased by

almost a third. Gas emissions have steadily risen since 2013 to more than 118 million tonnes in 2017, more than a fifth of the UK's total emissions. Half of all bus routes were at risk as figures showed the number of annual journeys in England fell by more than 300 million in the last five years.

Regenerating high streets a top priority for councils

Councils across the country have been investing in shopping centres as they try to regenerate high streets. Local authorities have invested more than £770 million in shopping centres since 2016, a figure set to reach £1 billion by the end of 2020, according to Revo, which represents retail landlords and local authorities.

2) Havens Hospice

Havens Hospice have very nearly finished their new building but need one final push to help raise funds. We are asking if every resident could kindly donate £1.00 for this worthy cause, as this will raise enough money to help Havens to complete their new building. To see where your money will be helping, go to www.havenshospices.org.uk. Please send your donations to either Mike Stafford or Ron Woodley. Thank you.

3) A Warning from a BERA member

A BERA member had a call on "private number" from a company saying that they are carrying out energy tests in St James Avenue. The member asked if this was the Council and they said no. They said they test individual properties and the member was very polite and said no thank you. The chap was very persistent and asked if they wanted him to speak to their family so they are obviously targeting older people. The member said they did not want anyone on their property and explained that they knew about energy but did not want the survey - he said he thought that very ignorant and then hung up.

4) List Of Applications Registered - Week Ending 13th September 2019

APPLN. NO: 19/01650/FULH

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 6 September 2019 Area BORO

INSTALL DORMER TO EXISTING GARAGE, ALTER FRONT ELEVATIONS AND CONVERT

IN TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

1 LADRAM WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 19/01629/FUL

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 12 September 2019 Area BORO

DEMOLISH EXISTING BUNGALOW, ERECT TWO STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING

THREE TERRACED DWELLING HOUSES WITH DORMERS TO REAR, LAYOUT AMENITY

**SPACE TO REAR, PARKING TO FRONT AND EXTEND EXISTING VEHICULAR
ACCESS
ONTO RICHMOND AVENUE
128 RICHMOND AVENUE SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

5) Weekly List Of Major Works A127 & Other Routes

Address Thorpe Hall Avenue
Start 16/09/19
End 28/10/19
Work Ref AZ007-1000847101 Major mains replacement work – to abandon 490M of iron main and replace it with 490M of PE main and replace 28 services in street
Works Type MAJOR
L.A.Ref 98525
Traffic Management Lane closure - delays likely

Address Carlton Avenue
Start 27/08/2019
End 30/09/2019
Work Ref AZ007 - 1000853539 – Mains replacement works to abandon 135M of iron main and replace it with 135M of PE main and replace 23 services
Works Type Major
L.A Ref 99176
Traffic Management Multiway signals - delays possible

Address Lancaster Gardens
Start 02/09/2019
End 18/10/2019
Work Ref AZ007-1000860177 - Major large diameter mains replacement works to take place. Abandon 199M of metallic main and replace it with 199M PE main and replace 18 services.
Works Type Major
L.A Ref 100025

Traffic Management Give & Take - delays unlikely
Address Hastings Road
Start 02/09/2019

End	18/10/2019
Work Ref	AZ007-1000861242 - Major large diameter mains replacement works to take place. This is an extension of the mains replacement in Lancaster Gardens to replace the main running under the railway without affecting national rail
Works Type	MAJOR
L.A Ref	100144
Traffic Management	Give & Take - delays unlikely
Address	Lancaster Crescent
Start	02/09/2019
End	18/10/2019
Work Ref	AZ007-1000862182 - Major large diameter mains replacement works to take place. Abandon 42m metallic main and replace it with 42M PE main and replace 5 services
Works Type	MAJOR
L.A Ref	100303
Traffic Management	Give & Take - delays unlikely
Address	Prince Avenue
Start	04/09/2019
End	04/10/2019
Work Ref	AZ007-1000868030 – This is a permit for the use of storage facilities and muck storage in relation to the major gas mains replacement works in the area
Works Type	MAJOR
L.A Ref	100927
Traffic Management	No carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
Address	Ferndale Road
Start	09/09/2019
End	27/09/2019
Work Ref	EN013-172270 - Trial hole to investigate materials and condition in footway & carriageway
Works Type	MAJOR
L.A Ref	74905

Traffic Management Give & Take – delays unlikely
Address **Selwyn Road**
Start 14/08/2019
End 20/09/2019
Work Ref EN013-172301 - Renewal of lead pipe services in carriageway & footway
Works Type MAJOR
L.A Ref 74943
Traffic Management Give & Take - delays unlikely

6) Southend NHW Crime Data – 9th September to 15th September 2019

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Partial Postcode	MO
Southchurch	42/145396/1 9	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	11/09/2019 09:13	10/09/2019 22:30	Wakering Road	SS3 0	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE BACK GARDEN OF THE VICTIMS PROPERTY, SMASHED A WINDOW IN ONE OUTBUILDING AND WRENCHED OPEN THE DOOR OF

ANOTHER
OUTBUILDING AND
REMOVED
ONE LEAF
BLOWER.

Southchurch	42/145796/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	11/09/2019 18:41	11/09/2019 00:00	Philpott Avenue	SS2 4	SUSPECTS NAMED HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE BY THROWING A STONE THROUGH THE REAR WINDOW OF VICTIMS VEHICLE CITROEN C3 CAR.
Southchurch	42/145899/1 9	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	11/09/2019 21:45	11/09/2019 21:40	Surbiton Avenue	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED TWO PICTURE FRAMES.

Southchurch	42/146280/1 9	Burglary - Residential - Non- Dwelling	12/09/2019 16:54	11/09/2019 20:00	Southchurch Rectory Chase	SS2 4	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS UNLOCKED GREENHOU SE AND STOLEN GARDENIN G TOOLS FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/146781/1 9	Theft if not classified elsewhere	13/09/2019 15:10	12/09/2019 09:10	Shoebury Road	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS FILLED HIS VEHICLE WITH 25 GBP UNLEADED FUEL AND ENTERED THE KIOSK TO PAY FOR THE FUEL WITH A CARD. THE CARD

DECLINED
AND THE
SUSPECT
LEFT TO
CHECK HIS
BALANCE
THEN GOT
IN HIS
VEHICLE
AND
DROVE
AWAY.

Southchurch	42/147781/1 9	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	15/09/2019 12:07	15/09/2019 12:07	Sherwood Way	SS2 4	SUSPECT NAMED HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH VICTIM. SUSPECT CAUSED DAMAGE TO MULTIPLE ITEMS OF PROPERTY INCLUDING SHELVES AND FURNITURE
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Southchurch	42/147698/1 9	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	10/09/2019 09:26	10/08/2019 00:00	Hamstel Road	SS2 4	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS USED VICTIMS SPARE KEY WITHOUT PERMISSIO N AND ENTERED VICTIMS PROPERTY AND HAS STOLEN ITEMS FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/145013/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	09/09/2019 02:00	09/09/2019 02:00	Burges Road	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN SMASHED FRONT AND SIDE SCREEN TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, A BLACK

VOLKSWAG
EN POLO
BUT
VEHICLE
ALARM
SOUNDED
AND
SUSPECT
LEFT.

Thorpe	42/145977/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	08/09/2019 10:07	07/09/2019 18:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	SS1 3	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO UNLOCKED VEHICLE AND STOLEN CONTENTS FROM ON PASSENGER SEAT.
Thorpe	42/147856/19	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	15/09/2019 14:49	15/09/2019 00:00	Plas Newydd	SS1 3	SUSPECT NAMED DESTROYED THE VICTIMS TV BY MEANS OF PUSHING IT

OVER AND
THE
VICTIMS
GLASS
KETTLE BY
MEANS OF
THROWING
IT.

Shoebury 42/144898/19 Other
criminal
damage to a
vehicle
(Under
£5,000) 05/09/2019
12:02 05/09/2019
00:01 Church Road SS3 9

SUSPECT
UNKNOWN
HAS
DAMAGED
VICTIMS
GREY FORD
S-MAX BY
SCRATCHIN
G IN
NUMEROUS
PLACES
WITH AN
UNKNOWN
IMPLEMENT
AND
PULLING
OFF TWO
DOOR
HANDLES.

West
Shoebury 42/145380/19 Attempted -
Robbery 10/09/2019
16:43 10/09/2019
01:15 Ness Road SS3 9

SUSPECT
UNIDENTIFI
ED HAS

(Personal)
(Indictable)

TEXT THE
VICTIM AND
HAS
ARRANGED
TO MEET
HIM TO
TALK. WHEN
THEY MET
THREE
OTHER
SUSPECTS
APPROACH
ED THE
VICTIM.
THEY HAVE
THEN
ATTACKED
THE VICTIM
WITH A BAT
AND
PUNCHES
AND
ATTEMPTED
TO STEAL
HIS PHONE.

West
Shoebury

42/145493/19

Theft from a
motor
vehicle

11/09/2019
12:09

10/09/2019
16:45

Ness Road

SS3 9

SUSPECT
UNKNOWN
HAS GAINED
ENTRY TO
THE
VICTIMS

GREY
CHEVROLET
CAPTIVA
VEHICLE
AND
CONDUCTE
D A MESSY
SEARCH
INSIDE. AN
ASDA
TROLLEY
COIN WAS
TAKEN
FROM
WITHIN.
NOTHING
ELSE IS
KNOWN TO
HAVE BEEN
TAKEN.

West Shoebury	42/146288/19	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	12/09/2019 16:55	12/09/2019 00:00	Delaware Road	SS3 9	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO VICTIMS PEDAL BIKE.
West Shoebury	42/147989/19	Other criminal damage to a	15/09/2019 19:12	15/09/2019 15:00	Blyth Avenue	SS3 9	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS

dwelling
(Under
£5,000)

SMASHED
TWO
WINDOWS
ON THE
VICTIMS
HOME BY
THROWING
A BRICK
THROUGH
THEM.

7) Road Closure – Eastern Avenue Service Road – 26th October for 9 days

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the said length of road as described below;

Eastern Avenue service road from its junction with Royston Avenue / Eastern Avenue to its junction with Eastern Avenue.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 26th October 2019 for 9 days or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting. Whilst this section of Eastern Avenue service road is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.