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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 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

Green Flag Awards

The Council is delighted to announce that six of the town’s parks have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag, the most the town has ever held at any one time.

Chalkwell, Belfairs, Southchurch, Southchurch Hall Gardens and Priory Parks all retained their Green Flag awards, and Shoebury Park regained its Green Flag after missing out last time round.

The Green Flag awards recognise well maintained parks and green spaces across the country, and Southend’s parks have featured in the awards frequently over the past few years, showing off the spectacular green spaces available to residents and visitors throughout the year.

Home Ownership Dream For The Young Is Over, Says Survey

One of Britain’s biggest mortgage lenders has found that 70 per cent of young people now believe that the dream of homeownership is over for their generation. In the largest-ever survey of potential first-time buyers, Santander said its own figures suggest less than a quarter of 18-34-year-olds will be in a position to buy a home by 2026. The high street bank said that while 91 per cent of the young people interviewed still aspire to own a home, over two-thirds said it was unlikely to happen

unless they received the deposit from their parents. By comparison in 2006, about half of those under 34 were able to get on the property ladder, the bank said.

One In 12 Elderly Being Scammed

Fraudsters are scamming one in 12 elderly people, duping them out of millions of pounds, a charity has said. Age UK analysed figures from the Crime Survey for England and Wales and said the number of victims has more than doubled in two years, from 348,000 in 2015-16 to 803,000 in 2017-18. The most common crime were identity thefts, inflated or fake fees for services and online shopping scams.

2) Open Garden Event

Due to the success of last years' open garden event, BERA are thinking of running the same event next year. We would like you to let us know of any local charity or charities that you feel are in need and would benefit from our raised funds.

3) Please Be Aware

Please do not let anyone into your home that you do not know. If someone knocks at your door asking to come inside, check their identity card and phone the company direct to ask if they are genuine callers.

4) Advice For Parents/Grandparents/Family Members

If you are thinking of buying an electric or motor scooter for your child/grandchild/or young family member please remember that these scooters are illegal in any public place. They are not allowed on paths, roads or in parks and can only be used on private land.

5) Gas Canister Bottles

On Friday evening (26th July), there were over 50 gas canister bottles, along with litter, strewn on the grass verge along Thorpe Bay Gardens. Young drivers are sniffing these canisters and then drag racing under the influence of this gas, drugs and alcohol. These could be your children. The Police are taking notes of registration numbers and if these children are using their parents' car insurance instead of their own, then the parents will be notified.

6) List Of Applications Registered Week Ending 26 July 2019

APPLN. NO: 19/01370/TPO

Ward. **Southchurch**
Area BORO

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 23 July 2019

REDUCE CROWN BY 2-2.5M TO ONE HOLM OAK TREE, REMOVE LOW LIMB ON SOUTH

SIDE AND RESHAPE (APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO A TREE COVERED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER)

49 BROADCLYST GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 19/01373/CLP

Ward. **Southchurch**
2019 Area BORO

Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 23 July

**DORMER TO SIDE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE,
INSTALL
ROOFLIGHTS TO SIDES, CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE
ACCOMMODATION,
ALTER ELEVATIONS TO REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-
PROPOSED)
110 BURLESCOOMBE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01377/FULH

Ward. **Southchurch**
BORO

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 23 July 2019 Area

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
2 BURLEIGH SQUARE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01367/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 24 July 2019 Area BORO

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ROOF LANTERNS
36 GREENWAYS THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01337/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**
2019 Area BORO

Officer: Abbie Greenwood Date Valid. 17 July

**CONVERT PART OF DETACHED GARAGE INTO HABITABLE
ACCOMMODATION,
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO GARAGE, ALTER
ELEVATIONS
16 SEDGEMOOR SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01362/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**
BORO

Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 19 July 2019 Area

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS
9 CHEDINGTON SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01363/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**
BORO

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 19 July 2019 Area

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ERECT DORMER TO SIDE,
ERECT
PITCHED ROOF TO EXISTING GARAGE,INSTALL OPEN PORCH TO FRONT
AND ALTER
ELEVATIONS
15 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01358/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**
Area BORO

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 22 July 2019

**ERECT DORMER TO SIDE AND REAR, ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR
EXTENSION,
ALTER ELEVATIONS
168 CHURCH ROAD SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

7) Southend NHW Crime Data - 22nd to 28th July 2019

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/118710/19	Theft from the person of another	25/07/2019 18:24	25/07/2019 00:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT IDENTIFIED HAS TAKEN VICTIMS PHONE FROM HIS POCKET.

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/118426/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	25/07/2019 11:26	25/07/2019 09:00	Thorpe Bay Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS MOBILE PHONE FROM HIS TOWEL WHEN HE WENT FOR A SWIM.

							THE PHONE IS AN I PHONE 8 PLUS IN BLACK.
Thorpe	42/118320/1 9	Theft of a motor vehicle	25/07/2019 07:23	24/07/2019 16:00	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED VICTIMS RANGE ROVER EO12GDF FROM VICTIMS DRIVE.
Thorpe	42/118911/1 9	Theft from a motor vehicle	25/07/2019 20:11	24/07/2019 15:00	Brunswick Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE FRONT NUMBER PLATE FROM

							VICTIMS VEHICLE.
Thorpe	42/119212/1 9	Interference with a motor vehicle	26/07/2019 15:17	20/07/2019 19:00	Maplin Way	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS RED FIAT 500 BY USING AN UNKNOWN INSTRUMEN T TO CUT WIRES IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISABLE THE VEHICLE.
Thorpe	42/120264/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle	28/07/2019 10:34	27/07/2019 18:00	Victoria Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO

(Under
£5,000)

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Thorpe	42/120243/1 9	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	28/07/2019 10:34	27/07/2019 18:00	Victoria Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO VICTIMS GREEN LAND ROVER DISCOVERY 2 BY SCRATCHIN G THE NEARSIDE DOOR WITH UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT CAUSING A DEEP SCRATCH.
Thorpe	42/120200/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/07/2019 09:31	27/07/2019 23:00	Victoria Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SCRATCHE D THE ROADSIDE

PANELS
USING
INSTRUMENTS
UNKNOWN
TO THE
VICTIMS
GREY BMW
320D AND
GREY FORD
TRANSIT
CUSTOM.

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/120482/1 9	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/07/2019 16:25	27/07/2019 16:00	Victoria Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DAMAGED THE VICTIMS BLACK BMW 2 SERIES BY SCRATCHING THE NEARSIDE PANELS AND THE BONNET.

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/118953/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	25/07/2019 20:31	25/07/2019 20:30	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	UNKNOWN SUSPECTS HAVE STOLEN VICTIMS VEHICLE, A RANGE ROVER, COLOUR GREY, INDEX LF13UYX AS KEYS LEFT IN VEHICLE.

8) From Essex Community Speed Watch:

Southend Surround a Town on **Saturday 29th June**

- 2 Arrests for Drug Driving
- 74 No Seatbelts
- 5 Using Mobile Phone
- 6 No Insurance
- 5 Non-conforming Index plate
- 1 Not in Proper Control
- 7 Other Offences

Southend Surround a Town on **Wednesday 10th July**

- 1 Arrest for possession of class A drugs
- 1 Arrest – disqualified driver, drug driving, possession of class A drugs, no insurance
- 1 Arrest drug driving, disqualified driver, no insurance
- 1 Disqualified Driver with no insurance
- 87 No seatbelts
- 8 Mobile phone offences
- 3 No insurance
- 2 No MOT
- 2 Non-conforming registration plates
- 4 Other offences

Community Speed Watch Handbook Update

In 2018 there were 49 fatal casualties in the SERP area (Essex, Southend and Thurrock) and a further 886 serious casualties (provisional figure tbc). This means there has been no significant change compared to the figures reported in 2017 of 46 fatalities and 885 serious injuries.

The partnership's ambitious vision is to reduce death and serious injury on Essex roads to zero, a vision that we cannot achieve alone; each road user plays a part. We have set a challenging interim target to reduce deaths to 40% below the 2005-2009 average, by 2020. This equates to fewer than 829 deaths and serious injuries,

and fewer than 3,075 slight injuries, for the year 2020. The reason for the ambitious target is that 829 lives cut short, permanently changed, or involved in serious injury resulting in hospitalisation and time off work each year, is far too high. Many more lives – of the families and friends of those injured – are also changed in the instant their loved one are injured in a road traffic collision. Each year the partnership will interact directly with more than 270,000 Essex road users and will, we hope, reach a total of 600,000 using various media sources for campaigns.

In 2018, SERP police officers processed over 102,000 minor endorsable motoring offences, these are offences where the penalty can include points on a driving licence, but are not automatically prosecuted at court. These resulted in over 59,000 people attending a road safety educational course, nearly 52,000 of these were for speeding offences. SERP delivered 45,000 courses to drivers referred by Essex Police, they also delivered a number of courses to offenders referred by other Police forces, bringing the total courses delivered by SERP in 2018 to 55,628.

As a result of Community Speed Watch action, 21,728 warning letters were sent out. Of these, 6.4% were to repeat offenders (same vehicle, not necessarily the same driver, especially in cases involving fleet vehicles and hire cars) and 0.8% of reported Community Speed Watch offenders had further action taken against them. Community Speed Watch action comprised 20% of all interactions with speeding drivers so contributed greatly to the SERP's speed management strategy.

SERP police officers also processed 21,083 other traffic offences known to be major contributory factors in road deaths, which, with speed are known as 'the Fatal Four'. These included:

1. Use of mobile phone whilst driving (2,817)
2. Seat belt compliance (11,962)
3. Drink driving (1,374) and Drug driving (1,136)
4. Careless driving (3,794)

Car drivers aged 17-25: involved in 20% of KSI (killed or seriously injured) collisions, but only account for 7% of miles driven.

Motorcycle riders: 0.6% of traffic but 21% of KSI casualties, both as a result of risk taking by the riders and poor observation by other drivers. 36% of motorcyclist KSI casualties were aged 16-25.

Business drivers: involved in 29% of KSI collisions.

Drink and drug impaired drivers: involved in 7.6% of KSI collisions

School aged children (5-16 years): comprise 7.4% of all KSI casualties but 17% of pedestrian KSI casualties and 14% of cyclist KSI casualties.

Drivers aged 70+: involved in 16% of KSI collisions despite driving little more than a third of the miles per person as those aged in their 50s.

Excess speed and associated behaviours such as loss of control, impatience and aggressive driving: Factors involved in 30% of KSI collisions.

Distractions and observational failings: Factors involved in 46% of KSI collisions.