

## **BERA E-NEWSLETTER 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**

### **Reminders:**

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday.

We apologise for the amount of crime mentioned in this E-Newsletter but we feel it is relevant and that it seems as though the police have lost control. Don't forget we can always supply personal and panic alarms to those that want them.

## 1. Reported crime figures for 23-29 April

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Southchurch	42/55202/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	23/04/2018 07:36	22/04/2018 19:00	Sherwood Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS THROWN HALF AN EMPTY BOTTLE OF VODKA THROUGH OFFSIDE FRONT WINDOW TO VICTIMS BLUE TOYOTA AYGO CAUSING WINDOW TO SHATTER NO ENTRY GAINED AND NO PROPERTY REMOVED. VODKA BOTTLE IS STILL INSIDE THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/55567/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	23/04/2018 19:20	16/04/2018 00:00	Lincoln Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED WAS AT THE VICTIMS ADDRESS AND WHILST THERE BECAME EXTREMELY INTOXICATED THE SUSPECT REFUSED TO LEAVE WHEN ASKED SO THE VICTIM PUSHED THEM OUT THE SUSPECT THEN RAN BACK INTO THE PROPERTY AND PROCEEDED TO SMASH ITEMS INSIDE INCLUDING A TELEVISION AND MIRROR THE SUSPECT THEN THREW BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL AT WALLS AND FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS KETCHUP THE SUSPECT ALSO STOLE THE VICTIMS MOBILE PHONE GBP 60.00 AND SOME PERFUME.

Southchurch	42/55700/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	23/04/2018 17:31	19/04/2018 00:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO A PROPERTY BY SETTING ALIGHT TO A SKIP CAUSING THE WINDOW TO SMASH WINDOW FRAME BADLY BURNT AND THE GUTTERING TO MELT.
Southchurch	42/56191/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	24/04/2018 19:48	24/04/2018 19:48	Vallance Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO VICTIMS KITCHEN AND TOILET DOOR BY KICKING IT.
Southchurch	42/56886/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	20/04/2018 19:00	20/04/2018 16:00	Archer Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS HOVER BOARD FROM THE VICTIM WITH THE INTENTION OF PERMANENTLY DEPRIVING THE VICTIM OF THE ITEM.
Southchurch	42/56953/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	26/04/2018 12:09	25/04/2018 14:00	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN CAUSED CRIMINAL DAMAGE BY MEANS OF SHATTERING THE GLASS IN THE LOWER PANEL OF THE GLAZED UPVC FRONT DOOR.
Southchurch	42/57285/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	19/04/2018 17:24	19/04/2018 17:14	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS DAMAGED THE VICTIMS PHONE BY THROWING IT AGAINST THE WALL LEAVING A CHIP IN THE WALL AS WELL.
<b>Ward</b> Thorpe	<b>Reference</b> 42/55400/18	<b>Offence Type</b> Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	<b>Reported Date</b> 23/04/2018 14:41	<b>Committed From</b> 05/04/2018 00:00	<b>Street</b> Station Road	<b>Town</b> Southend-on-Sea	<b>MO - filtered</b> SUSPECTS HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE REAR GARDEN OF THE FLATS BY CLIMBING OVER THE GATE ONCE IN THE GARDENS

							HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PLASTIC STORAGE SHED BY REMOVING THE PADLOCK BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE REMOVED A BLACK LIFECYCLE ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN BIKE FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/57451/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	27/04/2018 07:37	26/04/2018 22:00	The Broadway	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SHED BY FORCING THE LOCKS ONCE INSIDE FOUR PEDAL CYCLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
Thorpe	42/58168/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 13:58	27/04/2018 22:30	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SLASHED THE TYRE ON VICTIMS BLUE JAGUAR XJ BY USE OF A SHARP OBJECT.
Thorpe	42/58227/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 15:14	27/04/2018 23:00	Acacia Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THROWN A BLOCK OF CONCRETE AT THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, SILVER, RENAULT MASTER VAN, CAUSING THE WINDSCREEN TO CRACK.
Thorpe	42/58067/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 10:59	27/04/2018 16:00	Plas Newydd Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED THE VICTIMS WHITE FORD TRANSIT CONNECT E BY SLASHING THE TYRES.
Thorpe	42/58092/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 11:41	27/04/2018 00:00	Plas Newydd	Thorpe Bay	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE USED IMPLEMENT UNKNOWN AND SLASHED VICTIMS OFF SIDE TYRE ON HR VEHICLE HONDA SRV.
Thorpe	42/58158/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 13:48	27/04/2018 19:00	Warwick Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED AN UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO DAMAGE THE INFORMANTS BLUE MERCEDES BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Thorpe	42/58216/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 13:58	27/04/2018 22:30	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SLASHED A TYRE ON VICTIMS BLACK JAGUAR XJ6 BY USE OF A SHARP OBJECT.
Thorpe	42/58181/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	28/04/2018 11:41	27/04/2018 18:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED AN UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO DAMAGE THE FRONT AND REAR OFFSIDE TYRES ON THE VICTIMS FORD FIESTA .
<b>Ward</b> West Shoebury	<b>Reference</b> 42/55547/18	<b>Offence Type</b> Theft if not classified elsewhere	<b>Reported Date</b> 23/04/2018 19:00	<b>Committed From</b> 21/04/2018 00:00	<b>Street</b> Delaware Crescent	<b>Town</b> Southend-on-Sea	<b>MO - filtered</b> SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS REAR GARDEN BY CLIMBING OVER A

West Shoebury	42/55519/18	Burglary - Business And Community	23/04/2018 10:43	21/04/2018 20:15	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	FENCE ONCE ENTRY GAINED THE SUSPECT REMOVED AND TOOK BOTH WHEELS FROM THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE LEAVING THE FRAME BEHIND. SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE BROKEN A LOCK TO THE SHED, ENTERED THE SHED REMOVING ITEMS FROM WITHIN BEFORE BREAKING FLOWER POTS AND SPRAYING THE GRASS WITH PAINT.
West Shoebury	42/55999/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	24/04/2018 14:54	23/04/2018 00:00	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS TEXT THE VICTIM STATING THAT HE HAS BROKEN INTO HER ADDRESS AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN.
West Shoebury	42/56360/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	24/04/2018 15:05	24/04/2018 00:00	Shillingstone	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS INSECURE VEHICLE, SILVER MG PARTIAL THE SUSPECTS HAVE CONDUCTED A TIDY SEARCH AND REMOVED THE VICTIMS KEYS TO HIS BUSINESS.
West Shoebury	42/56917/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	26/04/2018 09:01	26/04/2018 08:30	Waterloo Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS WINDOW CAUSING IT TO SHATTER USING A UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT.
West Shoebury	42/57573/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	27/04/2018 12:34	26/04/2018 11:00	Caulfield Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS MOBILE PHONE AND 5GBP FROM THE VICTIMS BLAZER.

## **2. CCTV**

Following our recent Committee meeting, we had a long discussion about the security of the area and what can be done to improve it. One suggestion was that we should ask members with CCTV if they would be prepared to go on a list held only by BERA, which would allow us to get in touch when there was crime committed in their area so they could look through and check whether there may be something of interest to the police. Please let us know if you would be prepared to go on this list.

## **3. Special Constables**

At last Thursday's BERA Committee meeting it was apparent that levels of criminal activity taking place locally are reaching a point where we need to take action. The Committee has asked our Chairman to contact other resident associations in the area such as The Garrison, East Beach, Shoeburyness and the Beach Hut Association, with a view to funding Special Constables for the areas where we all have members. The Chairman has also spoken to the Deputy Chief Constable of Essex Police with a view to finding out the costs and what is involved in being a Special Constable. The cost to train and equip a Special Constable is £1,000, with the commitment of a minimum of 15 hours per month. We, as organisations, can specify the times and the areas that can be covered. The various representatives of the associations will be meeting in the near future to discuss how to fund, either through Association reserves and any donations that residents are prepared to make. It is hoped that a minimum of 12 Special Constables can be funded, and volunteers found, for that amount. We will keep you posted, but I believe it is now time that we push the council for more resources to prevent low level anti-social behaviour such as dog fouling, littering and vandalism. These resources could well supplement the Special Constables in their role. It is very pleasing that all local residents associations are coming together to formulate a plan and create resources to prevent crime.

If any of you are interested in becoming a Special Constable please send an email to [ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk). Your details will then be passed to the relevant person to take this forward. The minimum age is 18 and there is currently no age limit. You will have to be reasonably fit and in good health.

**4. Here is a brief summary of the crime information for Southend-on-Sea for the past two months:**

	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
All crime	188	216
Anti-social behaviour	48	71
Bicycle theft	2	1
Burglary	7	11
Criminal damage and arson	16	17
Drugs	0	6
Other crime	3	4
Other theft	15	10
Possession of weapons	4	3
Public order	17	8
Robbery	2	1
Shoplifting	4	6
Theft from the person	0	3
Vehicle crime	7	12
Violence and sexual offences	63	63

**5. Keyless car theft: Crime prevention advice from Essex Police**

a. Store your keys away from household entry points. Keeping your keyless entry fob out of sight is not enough – thieves only need to gain proximity to the key to amplify the signal. Faraday Bags can be purchased online and in stores, these will prevent your signal being intercepted and your vehicle stolen.

b. Despite social media or public opinion, DO NOT leave keys in the fridge, microwave or a tin as this may do more damage to the key and is unlikely to be effective.

c. Review your car security. Check for after-market security devices such as steering locks or trackers, which are proven to deter thieves. If your vehicle has a manufacturer's installed tracker, check with your insurers before you alter it as it may invalidate your insurance.

d. Contact your dealer and talk about the digital features in your car. Have there been any software updates you can take advantage of?

e. If you have a garage, use it!

## **6. Maintaining verges**

At this time of the year it is very difficult for the council to keep the length of grass in verges at a reasonable level. You will not be penalised if you want to maintain the verges and shrub borders outside your homes and this will help to keep a pleasing street scene.

## **7. Emergency road closure**

Just to make you aware there has been an emergency closure of Thorpe Esplanade from the junction with The Broadway to Thorpe Hall Ave, due to a burst water chamber. Marlborough are down on site to make safe and Anglian Water have been notified. Diversions have been put in place and there are signs on site.

## **8. Subject: Kent Elms update**

Please see below the latest update and progress so far at Kent Elms. For further information see the council website, which can be found [here](#)

Eurovia will continue with the construction of the new London bound lane. The new lane extends from the pedestrian crossing near Mendip Crescent to the bus stop passed Kent Elms junction. London bound off peak lane closures will continue to be in place between 9:30 – 15:30. There are also planned lane closures on the Southend-bound carriageway for a few days this week and will be in place between 9:30 – 15:30. Variable message signs will inform drivers.

Eurovia will continue to construct the footbridge foundations on the southern side and parking restrictions remain in place on Broomfield Avenue between 8am and 5pm. This is to reduce the risk of construction vehicles causing damage to parked cars when accessing the site along this narrow street.

## **9. Receiving BERA E-Newsletters**

Under the new data protection rules please let us know if you no longer want to receive E-Newsletters from BERA. We will then remove your email from our database.