

Reminders:

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Please note we now have the subscription to Which Garden which hopefully you will also find useful. 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 20th June 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. 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. World Ocean Day - The 2nd Annual 12 hour beach clean – 8th June

7 Beaches, 7 Choices. Or do them all.

Old Leigh to Shoebury East Beach – All welcome, all equipment provided

8.00-9.30	Bell Wharf	Meet at the Beach
9.30-11.00	Chalkwell Beach	Meet at Chalkwell Lifeguards
11.00-1.00	Westcliff Beach	Meet at Thames Estuary Yacht Club
1.00-3.00	Jubilee Beach	Meet at the beach opposite the Castle
3.00-4.30	Thorpe Bay	Meet at the Tram Stop
4.30-6.00	Shoebury Common	Meet at Uncle Toms
6.00-8.00	Shoebury East Beach	Meet by the BBQ's

There is also planned to be a beach/common clean on Friday 24th May from 10.00am to 12.00 midday, to make sure the areas look nice for the Bank Holiday weekend. Meet at Uncle Tom's.

2. Warning over bogus gardeners

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's is warning local residents to be vigilant against bogus callers purporting to be from the council and offering tree cutting and removal services.

In one incident, a man door-knocked an elderly woman on Bellhouse Lane, claimed he was working for the council and was able to remove a tree from her garden at a reduced cost. The man later returned, entered the woman's home and demanded £1,000 to clear the felled tree. The man handed her his bank details to transfer the payment to and when she refused to pay, he became aggressive and made threats.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, said: "Our parks service do not offer these services to members of the public and would never go door-knocking for business. While our waste contractor Veolia does offer waste collections privately, they work on an appointment-only basis and all staff carry identification."

"If you are door-knocked by someone claiming to be from the council and offering these services, turn them away, do not let them into your property and please notify Essex Police on 101."

3. A guide to healthcare services in south east Essex over the bank holiday, 27 May:

<https://southendccg.nhs.uk/about-us/key-documents/2820-spring-bank-holiday-2019-health-services>

4. Southend NHW Crime Data (13th to 19th May 2019)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/75237/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	14/05/2019 07:41	13/05/2019 21:30	Willingale Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FORCED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS NEW ADDRESS BY UNKNOWN MEANS. WHILST INSIDE THEY HAVE REMOVED TOOLS FROM WITHIN WITHOUT THE VICTIMS PERMISSION.
Southchurch	42/75160/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	14/05/2019 10:33	12/05/2019 00:00	Surbiton Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS KEYED THE VICTIMS BLACK RENAULT CAPTUR BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Southchurch	42/75728/19	Burglary - Business And Community	15/05/2019 11:51	10/05/2019 13:45	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS CAFÉ, ASKED FOR A SANDWICH, THE VICTIM CAFÉ OWNER THEN WENT OUT THE BACK TO GET SOMETHING AND RETURNED TO FIND THAT THE SUSPECT HAD REACHED OVER THE COUNTER OR GONE BEHIND THE

							COUNTER AND TAKEN HER BLACK RAZER PHONE TO THE VALUE OF 700GBP AND THEN MADE OFF FROM THE CAFÉ ON FOOT.
Southchurch	42/76043/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	15/05/2019 21:27	15/05/2019 13:30	Surbiton Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED A SHARP IMPLEMENT TO PUNCTURE THE TWO FRONT TYRES ON THE VICTIMS CAR, A FORD FIESTA.
Southchurch	42/77514/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	15/05/2019 11:41	13/05/2019 00:00	Dalmatia Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED VICTIMS GARDEN AND REMOVED A GARDEN BENCH.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/76828/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	17/05/2019 08:40	16/05/2019 20:30	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE PULLED OUT THE DRIVER WINDOW TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, A BLACK LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRY. ONCE INSIDE SUSPECTS HAVE PULLED OFF THE SECTION

UNDER THE
STEERING WHEEL,
HOWEVER TAKEN
NOTHING. VICTIM
BELIEVES SUSPECT
WAS TRYING TO
REMOVE THE
VEHICLE.

Thorpe	42/77487/19	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	14/05/2019 17:51	01/05/2019 00:00	Colbert Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS GARDEN SHED AND REMOVED ITEMS BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
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Thorpe	42/77695/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	18/05/2019 11:41	17/05/2019 20:00	Parkanaur Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE REAR NUMBER PLATE FROM THE VICTIMS ALFA ROMEO .
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West Shoebury	42/75865/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	15/05/2019 15:19	03/05/2019 15:15	Delaware Crescent	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS WALKED PAST THE VICTIMS CAR AND ELBOWED HIS WING MIRROR CAUSING IT TO FALL OFF.

West Shoebury	42/76858/19	Other criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling (Under £5,000)	16/05/2019 20:16	16/05/2019 20:13	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS SHOP WINDOW BELIEVED TO BE BY KICKING IT CAUSING THE GLASS TO SMASH
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If you have any problems reading this crime data information on your phone, it may be easier to read in landscape rather than portrait and we always put a version of the E-newsletter online at www.bera.co.uk for you to read or print from there.

5. Southend seafront patrols increased after beach hut damage (Echo article)

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/17641253.southend-seafront-patrols-increased-after-beach-hut-damage/>

6. A third of region's cleanest beaches are in Southend

Southend-on-Sea has received delivery of four coveted Blue Flags to fly above its beaches, meaning the borough now boasts a third of the awards in the East of England region.

The awards, made by Keep Britain Tidy, are only given to beaches that are clean and safe with great facilities. Regular water testing takes place throughout the year and strict guidelines have to be followed to achieve the standard.

East Beach, Shoebury Common and Thorpe Bay have all retained their Blue Flag Award status, with the popular Three Shells beach now adding to the success for the 2019 bathing season. This means that, of the 12 beaches in the East of England, a third can be found along Southend's coastline.

Chalkwell and Jubilee Beach add to the four Blue Flag locations in attaining the 2019 Seaside Award also made by Keep Britain Tidy. The Seaside Award recognises beaches that are well-managed and maintained.

Both awards are quality marks for our beaches and mean those visiting them can be sure that they are clean and safe and meet the highest environmental standards.

Southend-on-Sea welcomes over 7 million visitors per year. With Blue Flag and Seaside Awards flying above our beaches, residents and visitors alike will know that they are among the best in the country.

We want everyone to enjoy our beaches and help keep them award winning. We are all aware of the potential damage our waste causes to marine life and so we can all personally make a difference by disposing of rubbish responsibly when visiting the seaside.

Southend's popularity relies upon clean and well-managed beaches to keep visitors wanting to come back time and again.

Southend can now proudly boast four of the best beaches in the country, which is a testament to the huge combined effort by local businesses, the council and the many volunteers who give up their free time to keep our beaches in tip-top condition.

Keep Britain Tidy's Chief Executive Allison Ogden-Newton said: "The success of the 148 beaches in reaching the very high standards demanded by both awards is testament to all

those who have worked so hard to protect and improve our beaches – from beach managers and volunteers to local people and businesses.

“When you enjoy a trip to a beach flying an international Blue Flag or Seaside Award, you know you are on one of the safest, cleanest and very best in the country.”

This year, environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy is presenting 71 international Blue Flags and 137 Seaside Awards.

7. Laughing gas warning

Young people and festival-goers are being warned about the potentially catastrophic effects of inhaling laughing gas. The Royal College of Nursing said a new public awareness campaign should be introduced to spell out the risks from nitrous oxide, which is the second most popular drug among 16 to 24-year-olds and has been involved in the deaths of 36 people in England and Wales.

8. A cleaner way to get to school

The London Borough of Hackney is tackling air pollution by sending a step-by-step guide to every UK council for its School Streets scheme which bans cars during drop-off and pick-up time. The initiative aims to reduce congestion outside school gates in heavily polluted areas. Unauthorised drivers entering school street zones during the operating times will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

9. Seagull control measures

Councils are using various measures in a bid to control seagulls which have been reportedly blamed for attacking pets and people in towns around the UK's coastline and even inland. The problem has escalated in the last 15 years, according to Sarah Trotter, an assistant professor of law at the London School of Economics, who has written two papers on the subject. An LGA spokesperson said: “Councils are doing everything they can to stop seagulls from disturbing residents and visitors. The increased nuisance from seagulls is partly linked to discarded takeaways and so residents are being urged to help by making sure they properly dispose of food eaten in public places and do not feed them in heavily populated areas.”