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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

Scam Phone Calls

Lots of residents have contacted us regarding scam phone calls. The first resident had two phone calls and said their call was from a person with an American accent, who suggested that his broadband was to be disconnected and that he should press 1 to deal with the matter. No doubt had he had done so, he would have incurred high charges. The calls were from the numbers 0014029562721 and 01578182003. The resident reported this to BT.

Another resident had two phone calls from the numbers 01482 170536 and 01926 585683, also advising her that her broadband would be cut off and the resident just ended the call by putting the phone down.

A third resident has also had these scam calls. Please be aware of these types of calls and do not respond to any unknown numbers.

NHS To Scrap Routine Health Checks For Over 40s

The NHS is to scrap routine health checks for over 40s, following proposals to introduce online checks and more “targeted” advice. Ministers say ending the “one

size fits all” system, brought in a decade ago, would use data and technology to provide the right help to those in need of it.

Dentists Call For Sugar-Free Schools To Fight Tooth Decay

All schools should become sugar free to tackle high levels of child tooth decay, leading dental surgeons said. The call comes after analysis by the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England showed there were more than 100,000 hospital admissions for children under the age of 10 in England because of tooth decay over a three-year period.

New App Helps Young People Communicate With Social Care

A new app designed to help young people express how they are feeling has been launched by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

The Mind of My Own app is designed as a communication tool to be used between children and young people in care, and the children’s services team. It gives older children the freedom and flexibility to use emoji’s and texts at any time of the day or night, to reveal how they feel about their foster placement, school issues, and even their case worker. The app can also be used by younger children with their social worker as a way of discussing topics, highlighting positives and confronting possible issues.

Mind of My Own produces a report which feeds back to the social care team to be included in the child’s file. In time, a version of the app designed for young people and adults with learning disabilities will also be available.

The PDF reports generated by the app feeds into the child’s case file and Education Health Care (EHC) plans. No information is stored on the app or device and it has very strict adherence to GDPR and safeguarding legislation. The app is completely secure and has been designed to ensure it supports the safeguarding of children. It is already in use in other local authorities across England and Scotland. The app has launched and is available for young people in or outside of care to use now. You can find out more about [Mind of My Own on their website](#).

Rough Sleepers

Just to let you know that there is an effective process in place nationally, whereby members of the public can report all rough sleepers they come across to StreetLink, <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>

This site has been set up to help address the national problem of rough sleeping by enabling members of the public to raise an alert which will then connect local people sleeping rough with the relevant local services who can then respond and support them.

The information reported by the public to StreetLink is sent to our local outreach services, and will include details of where the rough sleeper has been seen, this helps our services find the individual and connect them to support. Our local services receive these reports daily and will respond accordingly.

Leave Our Beaches Tidy This Bank Holiday - A Message from Southend Council

A raft of measures is being put in place to help visitors dispose of litter responsibly, find available parking spaces and reunite lost children with their families.

Litter

The Council's waste contractor, Veolia, is putting extra staff on standby to quickly respond to any issues of beach littering. Their beach-combing machines will be combing the beaches during the mornings to prepare for visitors while litter pickers will patrol the beaches in the evening to pick up any litter left behind. Extra beach bins will be made available across the central seafront.

Full bins should be reported via MySouthend:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/MySouthend>

Several businesses in Southend have now signed up to become water refilling stations, allowing visitors to refill their water bottles for free in their premises. To find your nearest water refilling station, download the Refill app from www.refill.org.uk

Keeping safe

Southend's Community Safety Team will be patrolling the town centre and seafront throughout the weekend. The Community Safety Officers will provide a welcome and reassuring presence to visitors and residents alike and deal with reports of antisocial behaviour.

Parking

Most town centre car parks are a mere five-to-ten minute walk from the seafront. You can find a list of Council Carparks and availability at

https://southendparking.apcoa.co.uk/parking_map

The council will be deploying staff into the two busiest seafront car parks, Seaways and Fairheads, to help visitors find parking spaces and assist them with paying for parking and handing out visitor guides.

Visitors can avoid queuing at parking meters by [downloading the Mobon parking app](#) before they depart and paying on their phone when they arrive. This also offers the added benefit of enabling them to top up their parking from their phone.

Signage will also be in place along Queensway to direct cars to the York Road / Tylers Avenue car park via the newly created slipway.

The Blue Flag award winning beaches at Shoebury Common, Shoebury East Beach and Thorpe Bay also offer great places to enjoy the seaside and thousands of parking spaces, with many available when central areas are full. Signage will be in place to help direct visitors to these beaches.

Parking at Southend Civic Centre and the Beecroft Gallery will also be signed from Victoria Avenue over the weekend, giving visitors the opportunity to park all day from £3.

Beach safety

The Council offers the following advice to help ensure a visit to the beach is remembered for all the right reasons.

Supervise children and vulnerable adults at all times. There is safety in numbers. Wear jelly shoes or other sensible footwear on the beach and in the sea. Like with all seafronts, hidden dangers such as sharp shells and rocks may be hidden under the sand or water.

Don't climb the rocks: Several areas of our seafront have rocks, including our seafront lagoon at Three Shells Beach. Please do not climb them. Not only could you become injured, but you also risk falling injured into the sea, impeding your chances of swimming to safety.

Slip, slap, slop, seek, slide: Sunburn is a leading cause of skin cancer. Sunstroke and dehydration are also extremely dangerous. Slip on a T-shirt, slop on some sun cream slap on a hat. Seek out some shade and slide on some sun glasses to protect your eyes too!

Observe signs and flags: Heed warning signs and flags: they could save your life!

Travel

Visitors are being urged to consider travelling sustainably to town in order to help reduce traffic levels. Although overhead line works are affecting the [Abellio Greater Anglia](#) line, the [C2C](#) line offers a quick route to all of our beaches across the Borough, from Leigh-on-Sea to Shoebury. They also run regular promotions for journeys to Southend.

For those who arrive by car, electronic traffic signage will be actively updated throughout the weekend to help inform visitors of accurate traffic and parking information. The Blue Flag award-winning beaches at Shoebury Common and Thorpe Bay will also be promoted, to encourage visits to these less visited areas.

Missing children and vulnerable adults

Southend Business Improvement District (BID) will be continuing to promote its "Keeping Together" wristband scheme, which aims to reunite lost children and vulnerable adults with their families.

Southend BID has produced the wristbands for children and vulnerable adults to wear, on which parents or carers can write their name and contact number. In the event they get separated or become lost, a phone call to the number can help reunite them with family.

2) Southend NHW Crime Data - 12th to 18th August 2019

Southchurch	42/129963/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	13/08/2019 16:03	12/08/2019 14:00	Fernbrook Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS BANK CARD ALONG WITH 5GBP IN CASH FROM THE VICTIMS PURSE AND HAS SPENT MONEY ON THE CARD VIA CONTACTLESS TO THE VALUE OF 40GBP.
Southchurch	42/130291/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	12/08/2019 17:44	19/06/2019 18:00	Steyning Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS NISSAN QASHQAI AND STOLEN A PAIR OF

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Southchurch	42/130639/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	14/08/2019 16:45	02/08/2019 00:00	Chaingate Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS USED THE VICTIMS BANK AND TAKEN 140GBP
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/130590/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	14/08/2019 13:09	14/08/2019 00:00	Newington Avenue	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS BAG WHEN THE VICTIM PLACED IT ON THE GROUND.
Southchurch	42/131183/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	15/08/2019 21:03	01/07/2019 00:00	Burlescoom be Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BROKEN IN TO THE VICTIMS BLACK

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SCARED
OFF BY HIM.
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SUSPECTS
RAN OFF

AND GOT IN
A VEHICLE.

Southchurch	42/132852/19	Burglary - Business And Community	18/08/2019 20:31	18/05/2019 00:00	Southchurch Road	Southend- on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFI ED HAS ENTERED THE REAR OF THE STORE, WHICH IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, PICKED UP A CASE OF PEPSI. THE SUSPECT HAS THEN BEEN CHASED OUT BY STAFF AND HAS LEFT THE CRATE AND LEFT THE STORE. SUSPECT HAS PREVIOUSL Y ENTERED THE REAR
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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/130349/19	Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle	14/08/2019 11:28	11/08/2019 14:00	Thorpe Bay Gardens	Southend-on- Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED THE VICTIM VOLKSWAG EN TRANSPORT ER VAN SIDE DOOR IN MEANS TO GAIN ACCESS INSIDE.
Thorpe	42/130760/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	15/08/2019 07:07	14/08/2019 20:00	Woodgrang e Drive	Southend-on- Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED BLACK LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER SPORT

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Thorpe	42/131142/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	15/08/2019 19:29	14/08/2019 00:00	Kensington Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, A - BLACK BMW 335 DIESEL CAUSING A KEY LINE SCRATCH ALL THE WAY ALONG THE DRIVER'S SIDE.
Thorpe	42/130999/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	15/08/2019 15:28	27/07/2019 00:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN DIAMOND

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UNKNOWN
MEANS.

Thorpe	42/131993/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	17/08/2019 10:06	16/08/2019 23:30	Thorpe Hall Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED VICTIMS BLACK RANGE ROVER INDEX OY13ORC FROM THE DRIVEWAY AT LOCATION BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/129850/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle	13/08/2019 13:41	12/08/2019 17:00	Waterloo Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED

(Under
£5,000)

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Theft if not
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3) Event To Help Young People Learn More About Apprenticeships

Youngsters aged 15+ are able to speak to advisors and experts to find the perfect individual training opportunity to get them started in a job or career at an apprenticeship information evening being held at The Forum, Elmer Approach, Southend-on-Sea between 4 and 6pm on 4 September.

Along with having talks, there will be stalls showcasing apprenticeships that are available right now and in the future from some of the best apprenticeship schemes in the UK including Ernst and Young and PwC UK (top apprenticeship schemes in the UK) and other local and national businesses including:

Ernst and Young LLP – Recruiting for 2020, Guardian Doors, Ipeco Holdings Ltd – Recruiting for 2020, Morgan Sindall, Natwest, SECTA, Southend United Community & Educational Trust, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, The Project Solver, Clear Thinking IT, Investment 20/20, Britvic Soft Drinks – Recruiting for 2020, PwC UK – Recruiting for 2020, Anglia Ruskin University, Southend Adult Community College, tchc, USP College, Futures for you, Connexions, Forward Motion, STC group, Central Training Group, Crown Vocational Training, South Essex College

There are four types of apprenticeship available in England: intermediate, advanced, higher or degree apprenticeships. Each level has different entry requirements, and each apprenticeship vacancy will specify what these are, along with the qualities the employer is looking for.

The event is free however attendees are asked to pre-register at <https://apprenticeshipseries.eventbrite.co.uk>

4) List Of Applications Registered Week Ending 16th August 2019

APPLN. NO: 19/01483/FULH

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Spyridon Mouratidis

Date Valid. 14 August 2019

Area BORO

DEMOLISH EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE TO SIDE OF DWELLINGHOUSE AND ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT, SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, FORM BAY WINDOW WITH PITCHED ROOF TO FRONT ELEVATION

24 BRANSCOMBE SQUARE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 19/01372/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 7 August 2019

Area BORO

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS

79 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 19/01479/AMDT

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Spyridon Mouratidis

Date Valid. 12 August 2019

Area BORO

APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 02 (APPROVED PLANS) AND CONDITION 03 (APPROVED MATERIALS) MINOR ALTERATIONS TO, BRICKWORK TO GROUND FLOOR, FASCIA/GREEN ROOF, AND OVERALL HEIGHT OF REAR EXTENSION

**INCREASED (MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION
18/00092/FUL DATED 03.04.2018**

86 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 19/01475/FUL

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Scott Davison

Date Valid. 7 August 2019

Area BORO

**DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE AND ERECT A TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE,
AMENITY SPACE TO REAR AND PARKING SPACE TO FRONT**

39A WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 19/01470/FULH

Ward. **West Shoebury**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Date Valid. 8 August 2019

Area BORO

**HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION WITH ROOF LIGHTS TO REAR TO FORM
HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE ROOF, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND
REAR EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION**

20 APPLIEDORE SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

5) Temporary Road Closures - Nobles Green Road, Leigh-On-Sea – 21st August 2019 for 1 week - Emergency Sewer Repairs

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:

Proceeding on Nobles Green Road from its junction with Epping Close to Symons Avenue.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on **21st August 2019**. This notice will remain in force for a period of **21 days** or the duration of the works whichever is the earliest. **It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.**

b) Kingswood Chase, Leigh-On-Sea – 8.00am 2nd October 2019 – 17.00pm 8th October 2019 – New Electrical Supply

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from;-

1. Proceed on Kingswood Chase between Bonchurch Avenue & Blenheim Chase
2. Stopping, waiting, loading & unloading on Kingswood Chase between No's 153-141 & 143-134.

The alternative route will be via Blenheim Chase, Tankerville Drive, Bonchurch Avenue & Kingswood Chase or Bonchurch Avenue, St Clements Drive Blenheim Chase.

The Order will come into effect on 2nd October 2019 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst new electrical supply is installed.

c) Planned Winter Highways Works

Works for the following roads are planned throughout October, November and December:

Road name	Planned duration of works – days/nights	Length of road i.e full road/part road
Aviation Way	1 night	100m from roundabout/junction with Eastwoodbury Lane
Runwell Terrace	1 night	Alexandra Road to Cambridge Road
Elm Road	2 nights	Hermes Way roundabout on Elm Road, Shoeburyness
Audleys Close	2 days	Full road and parking areas
Royston Avenue	2 days	From Eastern Avenue to Lyndale Avenue
Bowman Avenue	1 day	Cornec Chase to entrance of garage block
Lawn Avenue	1 day	Bournemouth Park Road to The Grove
Eastern Avenue	1 night	Sutton Road roundabout to Opp no.33
The Grove	6 days	Full road
Elm Road – London Road	1 night	Approximately 50m of Elm Road from junction with London Road
Eastern Esplanade	1 night	Plas Newydd to no.188 Eastern Esplanade

Thorpe Esplanade	2 nights	The Broadway to St Augustine's
Braemer Crescent	3 days	Olive Avenue to Highlands Boulevard
St Ann's Road	3 days	Full road
Alexandra Road	4 days	From Wilson Road to Prittlewell Square
Princes Street	2 days	Queens Road to London Road
Daines Way	2 days	Barnstaple Road to Burlescombe Road
Hartington Road	3 days	From Lucy Road to the end
St James Close	2 days	Full road
Westminster Drive	5 days	From 88a to Westborough Rd and Westborough Rd to London Rd
St Lukes Road	4 days	From The Grove to Royston Ave

How to report a defect

If you are aware of any road defects or roads that need resurfacing or patch work, please report these online via MySouthend.

How they prioritise repair and resurfacing works

Using a technical approach, they use various internal digital surveys to analyse their data on the present condition of the road and also investigate each site visually. From this information they are able to prioritise which roads need to be repaired first.