

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 23rd January 2020 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details:
Email or Username: burgesestate
Password: Bera2020

“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 27th February 2020 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, no cold caller letterbox stickers, contactless debit card blocking pouches, and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

BERA Membership is now due for renewal

BERA renewals are now due for January to December 2020 and the cost this year is again £10 per household. Renewals can be done by either:

- * online on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk and pay by bank transfer or
- * by printing off a membership form, also on the homepage, and returning it with your payment (cash or cheque made payable to Burges Estate Resident Association) to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way.

1) Information Corner

Possible Scams

We have been informed by three residents of the most recent scams that are going around at the moment. Please be aware and do not give out your details to anyone that you do not know and always check with a friend or relative if you are unsure. Please see below:

The first possible scam:

An email was sent to a resident from HM revenue, quoting an ID number and titled: Self- Assessment - Validate your online refund application form | 1/17/2020 2:09:26 p.m. | ID: 1589140222

It was a form that went on to say that the HMRC has issued a refund and quoted an amount. It then said to submit the required form, in order to claim it online. However, the form had a spelling mistake in it and the resident only had one day to claim the refund before it expired. It also stated a payment method as - Pay by credit or debit card.

The second and third possible scam:

A resident received a phone call from a withheld number and the caller asked if that was the resident (called her by her surname). The resident then asked who's calling when the man said "this is the police...oh there is nothing wrong, Mrs (used resident's surname again) of (used residents address). There has been an unusual payment on your Visa card this morning". The resident then put the phone down and checked with her bank to make sure.

The third resident has advised us that they have also received a phone call from the police advising her that money had been spent in a shop on her bank card and was she aware of this. The resident said that she was not and asked the man to give her the last four digits of her card. He said he could not do that. The resident asked what police station he was from and he said Southend. She informed him that she was going to put the phone down and he said, no, no, no. At that point, the resident put the phone down and rang Southend police station and reported the scam.

The advice from the Police to the resident was:

* If you have any concerns, phone your bank or the Police on another telephone as the Scammers are known to keep the telephone line open

* If anyone has received or receives such a scam call, please call Southend Police as they want to create a link to the calls and hopefully catch the people involved. If someone does, please try to remember what they sound like, any background noise or clues to the person, so the police can build up picture of possible suspects

Again, please be aware of who you are talking to and if you do not know who they are, put the phone down. Always speak to family, friends and neighbours if you are unsure.

Please see below an explanation of types of fraud/scam offences currently being seen:

What is Courier Fraud?

Courier fraud occurs when a fraudster contacts victims by telephone purporting to be a police officer or bank official.

What is Investment Fraud?

When you get a cold call from someone pretending to offer you the opportunity to invest in a variety of schemes or products that are either worthless or don't even exist.

What is a Rogue trader/Doorstep Criminal?

Doorstep crime includes trader's cold calling at your door and claiming that work needs doing to the home or garden.

Recovery Scams.

The Fraudster contacts the victim, usually by phone or email, and tells them they are a solicitor, a law enforcement officer or someone working for a government agency in another country.

Romance Scams.

When the victim thinks they have met the perfect partner through an online dating website or app, Facebook etc., but the other person is using a fake profile to form a relationship with them.

Latest HMRC scams.

- Fraudsters are contacting the elderly and vulnerable claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs.
- Victims are being told they have arrest warrants, outstanding debts or unpaid taxes in their name.
- The fraudsters are asking victims to purchase iTunes gift cards as payment.
- There are a variety of methods being used including calls, texts and voicemails.

Latest TV licence Scams.

The scam email claims to offer a refund for over-payments of TV Licence fees, but states the victim's bank details need to be updated before the refund can be issued.

2) There are no planning applications this week

3) Bell Junction Improvement Scheme and A127 works

Both Cadent and UKPN have begun their works on the Northern side of the Bell junction. Cadent gas main replacement works are currently underway in the closed Northbound lane of Rochford Road and in the adjacent verge.

All northbound traffic movements and pedestrian movements on the Western side of Rochford Road have now been suspended and will remain suspended for the 12 week closure period as the gas works continue northwards. All variable message signs are displaying this closure throughout the borough so as to inform drivers.

UKPN works have begun in the public open space where ducts are being laid at the back of the proposed footway. These works will also continue onto Rochford Road where the UKPN carriageway crossing will be.

Electric works on the Eastern side of Rochford Road have now been completed and the verge has been top soiled. UKPN works are also scheduled on the A127 Eastbound footway and carriageway outside the Toby Carvery, these works are likely to commence in the next week.

4) Major Works on other routes

Address	Herbert Road
Start	11/01/2020 (change of date)
End	16/02/2020 (change of date)
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000853213 – Mains replacement
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	99129
Traffic Management	Give & take – delays unlikely
Address	Burlescoombe Road
Start	21/11/2019
End	14/02/2020 (change of date)
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000862620 - Mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	100347
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
Address	Burlescoombe Road
Start	13/11/2019
End	14/02/2020 (change of date)
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000889901 – Permit for storage facilities relating to mains replacement
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	103262
Traffic Management	No carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Hornby Avenue
Start	06/01/2020
End	17/04/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000862720 - Mains replacement
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	100365
Traffic Management	Priority working - delays possible (change)
Address	Hornby Close
Start	20/01/2020
End	07/02/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000868088 - Mains replacement works

Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	100364
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Pargat Drive
Start	24/01/2020
End	14/02/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000875058 - Mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	101613
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Pargat Drive
Start	24/01/2020
End	27/04/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000876505 – Permit for storage facilities relating to mains replacement
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	101775
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Ringwood Drive
Start	24/01/2020
End	13/03/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000875059 - Mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	101621
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Prince Avenue
Start	20/01/2020
End	07/02/2020
Work Ref	AZ007 – 1000879769 - Mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	102163
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Prince Avenue
Start	14/01/2020 (change of date)
End	22/04/2020
Work Ref	EC300 – 34831068 – Installation of new electricity supply
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	103271
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Chichester Road
Start	20/01/2020
End	11/05/2020
Work Ref	JR003 – PRIMARK – Part road closure to allow large deliveries for the fit out

Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	104197
Traffic Management	Road closure - delays likely

5) Temporary Road Closures –

a) Denton Approach, Westcliff-on-Sea - 27th January - The closure is required to prevent through traffic using the road due to the works being carried out as part of the Bell Junction Improvement Scheme.

Effect of the order:

To temporarily close, the length of Denton Approach from its junction with A127 Prince Avenue/Prince Avenue Service Road to its junction with Denton Avenue.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 27th January 2020 and the order will come into effect on 24th January 2020 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The alternative routes will be via A127 Prince Avenue, A1159 Manners Way, Oaken Grange Drive, Rochford Road, Hornby Avenue, Cranston Avenue and Denton Avenue and vice versa.

b) Acacia Drive, The Broadway, Parkanaur Avenue, St Augustine's Avenue, St James Avenue, Marcus Avenue Southend-on-Sea - 5th February 2020 from 9:30am to 3:30pm - Anglian Water replace a frame & cover.

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

1. Proceeding on Acacia Drive from its junction with Thorpe Hall Avenue to its junction with The Broadway
2. Banned left turn from The Broadway at its junction with Station Road
3. Banned left turn from Parkanaur Avenue at its junction with Station Road
4. Banned left turn from St Augustines Avenue at its junction with Station Road
5. Banned left turn from St James Avenue at its junction with Station Road
6. Banned left turn from Marcus Avenue at its junction with Station Road

The closure is scheduled to commence on 5th February 2020 from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

The alternative route will be via

1. For proceeding on Acacia Drive;- Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Esplanade & Maplin Way & Station Road and vice versa
2. For banned turns;- Station Road, Maplin Way, Thorpe Esplanade & Thorpe Hall Avenue

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst Anglian Water replace a frame & cover.

c) Warrior Square, Southend-on-Sea – 29th January 2020 – Carriageway works

Effect of the order

To temporarily close, prohibit waiting, loading and unloading in those lengths of:
Warrior Square from its junction with Chichester Road to the dead end

The closure is scheduled to commence on 29th January 2020 and the order will come into effect on 28th January 2020.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while carriageway works are carried out on these roads.

d) Alexandra Street & Heygate Avenue, Southend-on-Sea – 27th January 2020 from 21.00 Hours to 05.00 Hours the following morning

To facilitate road closures in connection with works on adjoining buildings, they have imposed a temporary prohibition of entry in Alexandra Street & Heygate Avenue.

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

Entering Alexandra Street from its junction with Clarence Road (except for access to Alexandra Street Car Parks) to its junction with Heygate Avenue; and

Heygate Avenue from its junction with Alexandra Street to its junction with Chichester Road.

These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect on 27th January 2020 from 21.00 Hours to 05.00 Hours the following morning, when the remainder of the order comes into force.

Whilst the works take place a diversion route will be signed on site via Alexandra Street, Runwell Terrace, Cambridge Road, Trinity Avenue, Station Road, Westcliff Avenue, Milton Road, A13 London Road, A13 Queensway & Chichester Road.

e) Alexandra Street & Heygate Avenue, Southend-on-Sea - 28th & 29th January; 3rd, 4th & 5th February and 10th & 11th February from 21.00 Hours to 05.00 Hours the following morning - new development adjacent to Heygate Avenue for the positioning of a crane on site

Effect of the order to temporarily close, the length of:

Alexandra Street from its junction with Clarence Road (except for access to Alexandra Street Car Parks) to its junction with Heygate Avenue; and Heygate Avenue from its junction with Alexandra Street to its junction with Chichester Road.

The closures are scheduled to commence on 28th & 29th January; 3rd, 4th & 5th February and 10th & 11th February from 21.00 Hours to 05.00 Hours the following morning.

Whilst the closures are in force, emergency services access and access for buses will be maintained where possible and a diversion route will be signed on site, via Alexandra Street, Runwell Terrace, Cambridge Road, Trinity Avenue, Station Road,

Westcliff Avenue, Milton Road, A13 London Road, A13 Queensway & Chichester Road.

The closure is required as part of a new development adjacent to Heygate Avenue for the positioning of a crane on site.

6) Beach Clean at Eastern Esplanade held by Southend Beach Care Group – 10.30-12.00 - Sunday, 26th January 2020; Rendezvous @ Billy Hundreds

Southend Beach Care Group intends to hold a beach clean at Eastern Esplanade from 1030-1200, Sunday, 26th January 2020; Rendezvous @ Billy Hundreds.

The Group will be joined by Wayne Dixon and Koda, his dog. Wayne is a Litter Ambassador for Keep Britain Tidy and has been working his way around the coastal areas of the UK for the past two years collecting rubbish and encouraging community engagement.

7) Have your say on future of former East Beach café site

The Council wants to know what local people, visitors and businesses would like see at the site of the former East Beach café which is owned by the council.

The short survey which opened last month and closes on Sunday 26th January, lists a range of options and asks whether people would like to see a café/restaurant or a mix of facilities that could include a community hub selling refreshments.

To take part in the survey, please visit www.southend.gov.uk/consultations and select the 'consultations' tab. There is no need to register to take part.

Once the survey ends, key themes will be collated and used to help the council decide what to do next with the site.

8) Southend NHW Crime Data (13th – 19th January 2020)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Partial Postcode	MO
Southchurch	42/7212/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	09/01/2020 16:38	09/01/2020 16:20	Zeus Road	SS2 4	SUSPECT NAMED WAS GIVEN THE VICTIMS BANK CARD BY THE VICTIM TO PURCHASE AN ITEM. LATER THE VICTIM NOTICED THAT THE SUSPECT HAD WITHDRAWN SOME MONEY FROM THE VICTIMS BANK ACCOUNT WITHOUT THE VICTIMS

							PERMISSION. THE SUSPECT RETURNED THE VICTIMS MONEY WHEN QUESTIONED BY THE VICTIM.
Southchurch	42/8180/20	Burglary - Business And Community	14/01/2020 08:40	13/01/2020 20:00	Hamstel Road	SS2 4	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE PROPERTY.
Southchurch	42/8729/20	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	17/01/2020 09:45	16/01/2020 17:00	Waking Road	SS3 0	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS PREMISES WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING RENOVATED AND NOT FIT FOR HABITATION AS YET. ONCE INSIDE COPPER PIPING FROM THE BATHROOMS HAS BEEN TAKEN ALONG WITH TOOLS BELONGING TO CONTRACTORS.
Southchurch	42/10091/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	19/01/2020 12:14	19/01/2020 00:00	Shoebury Road	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNKNOWN DRIVING A BLUE FORD FIESTA INDEX GL54N** FILLED UP WITH PETROL & DROVE OFF MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO PAY.
Thorpe	42/7056/20	Theft of a motor vehicle	14/01/2020 09:20	13/01/2020 21:00	Kensington Road	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, INDEX WJ62KDV, A RANGE ROVER EVOQUE COLOUR BLUE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Thorpe	42/8038/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	15/01/2020 22:24	15/01/2020 18:45	Plas Newydd	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIM VAUXHALL VIVARO AND STOLEN TOOLS FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/8076/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	16/01/2020 01:06	15/01/2020 14:00	Kensington Road	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO SECURE WHITE FORD TRANSIT VAN BY USING UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT TO CUT THROUGH THE DOOR AND SMASHING THROUGH THE DEADLOCKS. ONCE INSIDE SUSPECTS HAVE REMOVED TOOLS.
Thorpe	42/8125/20	Interference with a	16/01/2020 08:16	15/01/2020 19:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED TO

		motor vehicle					BREAK INTO VICTIMS WHITE MERCEDES SPRINTER VAN BY DRILLING THE SIDE DOOR ABOVE THE LOCK CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE DOOR.
Thorpe	42/8146 /20	Theft from a motor vehicle	16/01/2020 09:22	15/01/2020 23:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS FORD TRANSIT, GAINED ENTRY TO THE VEHICLE & CARRIED OUT A MESSY SEARCH. TOOLS REMOVED FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/8300 /20	Interference with a motor vehicle	16/01/2020 12:46	15/01/2020 17:00	Eastern Esplanade	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED THE HANDLE OF THE VICTIMS VOLKSWAGON TRANSPORTER COLOUR RED IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE VEHICLE.
Thorpe	42/8611 /20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	16/01/2020 22:39	16/01/2020 12:50	Woodgrange Drive	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN, HAS REMOVED VICTIMS WALLET WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Thorpe	42/9989 /20	Interference with a motor vehicle	16/01/2020 17:20	15/01/2020 17:00	Eastern Esplanade	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO A VW TRANSPORTER VAN BY MAKING A HOLE IN THE SLIDING DOOR. NO ENTRY GAINED AND NOTHING STOLEN.
West Shoebury	42/6764 /20	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	13/01/2020 12:52	05/01/2020 00:00	Leitrim Avenue	SS3 9	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY VIA THE KITCHEN WINDOW AND SEARCHED THE PREMISES. NOT KNOWN WHAT STOLEN.
West Shoebury	42/8084 /20	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	15/01/2020 22:21	15/01/2020 01:30	Wicklow Walk	SS3 9	SUSPECT NAMED AND VICTIM HAD AN ARGUMENT REGARDING TEXT MESSAGES ABOUT THE VICTIM MEETING ANOTHER PERSON FOR COFFEE. THE SUSPECT THEN SMASHED THE VICTIMS PHONE, DAMAGING IT.

West Shoebury	42/9540 /20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	18/01/2020 15:19	17/01/2020 00:00	Trafalgar Road	SS3 9	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN, HAS SLASHED THE 2 TYRES ON PASSENGER SIDE TO VICTIMS VEHICLE.
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