

1. BERA are holding an **Open Garden Event** on Saturday 17th June, from 1:30-4:30pm, to raise money for the Tram Stop Shelter Project, and we are looking for a number of volunteers (2 at each garden). One will take entry money from guests and the other will show people around the garden (a knowledge of plants would be useful). It will be possible to visit the garden beforehand to familiarise yourself with the garden and plants.

If you can help please contact Freddie Dawkins on freddie.dawkins1@gmail.com or call on 07769 665963.

2. Don't forget to visit the **Wave sculpture**, by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper which will be at Barge Pier in Shoeburyness, until 25 June 2017. There is no need to pre-book and it is free to view and open 7 days a week.

3. **Rayleigh Road – Weekend Closures**

The new lane on the A127 eastbound is nearing completion and the carriageway levels require to be tied in with Rayleigh Road. This means the carriageway at the southern end of Rayleigh Road needs to be reconstructed. This involves digging up Rayleigh Road to a depth of 640mm, which will require the southern section of Rayleigh Road to be closed to traffic.

Rather than closing the southern section of Rayleigh Road in full, and in order to minimise disruption at the junction, Eurovia will be carrying out the work in two phases. This involves two weekend closures with work being carried out throughout the weekends to complete the works. The first weekend closures were last weekend.

The second weekend closure is proposed to be carried out over the weekend of 9th June and incorporates the closure of Rayleigh Road in the southbound direction. This means that vehicles will not be able to enter the A127 from Rayleigh Road. The road will be closed from 8am Friday 9th June until 5pm Sunday 11th June. A signed diversion route will be in place.

These closures do not affect the access to Kent Elms Health Centre car park and the shops on Rayleigh Road.