

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 23rd MAY 2018 – www.bera.co.uk

Reminders:

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 14th June 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12pm.

Which subscription logon details:

Username: burgesestate

Password: BERAResidents

Lost and found: Nothing reported this week

1. From a BERA member – email received about a phone scam

I have just had a call from a bunch of clowns calling themselves something like National Call Blocking Service. The caller had my surname, was foreign & sounded as if she was in a call centre with a LOT of people therein. The spiel was along the lines of 'we can see you're getting a lot of unwanted calls'. I was immediately suspicious & told her I had a Call Blocker which dealt with most of them & that her number would be going on the list.

Now, scams such as these aren't new BUT - & this is a first - it was from what claimed to be a Southend number, 01702 588965. I am concerned that many of our more elderly & non-tech-savvy residents may be taken in by this. There's a whole lot on the net about fake companies like this scamming the unwary & those too polite to just say 'NO!' In many cases they claim that are affiliated with or are indeed the TPS and will charge the victim for a call 'blocker' device for a monthly or one-off fee.

Needless to say, it won't work & they can become threatening if a victim then tries to back out of the deal. If scammed, people should immediately tell their bank, cancel the card & if the situation warrants it get themselves a legitimate call blocker such as that sold by CPR at www.cprcallblocker.com

Even BT can provide a basic blocking service.

2. Reported crime 14th – 20th May 2018

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO – filtered
Southchurch	42/67053/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	14/05/2018 21:42	14/05/2018 00:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO TOY MACHINES AND SMASHED GLASSES AT THE PUB WHILST HAVING AN ARGUMENT WITH AN UNKNOWN PERSON ON THE PHONE.
Southchurch	42/68035/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	16/05/2018 20:17	16/05/2018 00:00	Daines Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO AN INSECURE BLACK NISSAN CUBE AND REMOVED FROM THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT A TAN SMALL MULBERRY HANDBAG AND CONTENTS, WHILST VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON THE DRIVEWAY.
Southchurch	42/68325/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	17/05/2018 12:16	16/05/2018 18:30	Sackville Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PADLOCK BY REMOVING AND

STEALING THE
PADLOCK ONCE
INSIDE BIKES
MOVED AND
NOTHING STOLEN.

Southchurch	42/68775/18	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken')	18/05/2018 10:36	18/05/2017 00:00	Whittingham Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS USED THE VICTIM VEHICLE A BLACK MIMI WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE VICTIM AND IN DOING SO HAS ACCUMULATED SEVERAL PENALTY TICKETS FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES WHICH HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE VICTIM FOR PAYMENT.
Southchurch	42/68734/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	18/05/2018 08:37	17/05/2018 00:01	Riviera Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO A BLACK SKODA SUPERB BY SMASHING THE DRIVERS SIDE WINDOW WITH AN UNKNOWN OBJECT.
Southchurch	42/68924/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	18/05/2018 17:36	17/05/2018 22:00	Southchurch Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIM ADDRESS BY FORCING OFF A PIECE OF WOOD

NAILED TO THE FRONT DOOR AND REACHING IN TO OPEN THE DOOR WHILST THE VICTIM WAS ASLEEP. SUSPECTS REMOVED VICTIMS PURSE AND PHONE FROM THE KITCHEN.

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Thorpe	42/66503/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	13/05/2018 17:20	13/05/2018 00:00	Acacia Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY BELIEVED BY USING A KEY FROM PREVIOUS BURGLARY AT THE ADDRESS NO DAMAGE CAUSED AND NO PROPERTY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
Thorpe	42/66562/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	13/05/2018 21:11	13/05/2018 12:00	Kensington Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY VIA INSECURE FRONT DOOR ONCE INSIDE MONEY AND LOOSE CHANGE HAS BEEN REMOVED. SUSPECTS HAVE

ALSO MOVED THE TELEVISION HOWEVER HAVE NOT TAKEN THIS.

Thorpe 42/69781/18 Burglary - Business And Community 20/05/2018 06:43 19/05/2018 00:00 Thorpe Bay Gardens Southend-on-Sea

SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAVE SMASHED THE FIRE EXIT DOOR. THE SUSPECTS HAVE RIPPED A SMALL SAFE OFF THE WALL, FIRE EXTINGUISHER POT AND COFFEE MACHINE ARE ALL ON THE FLOOR. IT IS UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF RECORDING IF ANYTHING ELSE HAS BEEN TAKEN.

Ward West Shoebury **Reference** 42/69853/18 **Offence Type** Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000) **Reported Date** 20/05/2018 13:25 **Committed From** 19/05/2018 12:30 **Street** Saxon Gardens **Town** Southend-on-Sea

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SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE QUARTER LIGHT ON VEHICLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

3. Southchurch Library will be closed on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May due to staff sickness. The library will be open as usual from 9am on Tuesday 29th May.

4. Potholes and pavement problems

We have noticed that the pothole and pavement reporting from members has dried up. If you want to keep our area safe please carry on reporting any problems to Ron Woodley at ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk.

5. Shed and Garage alarms

We have had some orders for alarms. If anyone else is interested could you please let us know by emailing ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk before 1st June 2018.

6. RE: Southend RNLI Bed Race, Saturday 15th September 2018, Thorpe Esplanade

Below is a letter from RNLI

Dear Local Resident,

We are writing to advise you that we will be holding the Southend RNLI Bed Race, on Saturday 15th September 2018. As a charitable organisation, which receives no government funding, it is imperative we continue to raise vital funds to ensure we, Southend RNLI, can run a full service. As one of the busiest coastal RNLI stations in the UK (over 100 shouts in 2017), we have 4 vessels which need to be kept maintained, as well as ensuring our volunteer crew of over 40, have the necessary and most up to date equipment, to continue to save lives at sea.

As a result of this, all proceeds from the Southend RNLI Bed Race will be utilised specifically at the Southend RNLI Lifeboat Station.

The event we are planning will take place on Thorpe Esplanade, between Maplin Way and St. Augustine's Avenue. We have been in communication with Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC) to ensure we do not impact on their members and to ensure they can continue to sail on the day – we are very grateful for their cooperation in working with us on this event. Access to Thorpe Bay Gardens is as usual, before, during and after the event.

To maximise the atmosphere at the event, there will be entertainment, as well as refreshment stalls on the grass area, to the West of the TBYC dinghy park. To ensure TBYC members can sail on the day, car parking for members (and event

staff) will be on the green, to the East of the dinghy park. Whilst the road is closed, access will be granted for the car park only.

It is our intention to bring a temporary raised stage onsite. This will arrive in the morning and leave by late evening. Whilst we are providing live music, we can assure you we are not promoting a live music 'concert'. We are having commentary for the race, so we want to ensure this isn't drowned out by the live music, therefore, by virtue of the above, the levels will be kept at respectable volumes at all times. The sound levels will be monitored constantly throughout the event at various points close to your dwelling, to ensure there is minimum disruption to you. A small number of the stalls will be selling beer, wine and soft drinks (strictly no spirits), all served in either tin cans or plastic cups. This area will have a larger presence of security personnel. There will be constant litter pickers on the day as well as additional 1100L bins which can be used throughout the event. After the event is over, we shall do a sweeping litter pick to ensure all rubbish has been picked.

We have been in constant liaison with Southend Borough Council (Safety Advisory Group), Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue, East of England Ambulance Service as well as other providers and services, to ensure the event is fully compliant and to their standards.

Thorpe Esplanade will have to be closed to all traffic, from St. Augustine's Avenue to Maplin Way, with a diversion via Burges Road. We will place stewards, security personnel and warning signage up on the day, along the public highway notifying them of this diversion.

We hope you are in support of our event and do not see a reason for concern. We wish for it to be a safe, yet enjoyable experience for all attending and those nearby. Please do feel free to come and join us on the day for an ice cream on us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Event Managers in advance at events@southendlifeboat.co.uk. On the day, you can contact the Event Managers on the below number or ask for them at Event Control (in front of TBYC dinghy park). We shall issue a number to you closer to the time for the Noise Management Liaison, who can be contacted on the day, should you have any issues with noise disruption, which we certainly hope won't be necessary. Thank you for your support.

Daniel Wanna & Marali Kempthorne
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T: 07517 979 350 (won't be available until 6th May 2018)
E: events@southendlifeboat.co.uk
W: southendbedrace.co.uk (won't be live until 7th May 2018)

BERA believe diverting the traffic along Burges Road would be a negative and possibly dangerous, and we have advised the Council of an alternative route which takes traffic up Maplin Way, along Station Road/Acacia and down Thorpe Hall Avenue and vice versa for traffic coming from Southend