

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 25th June 2018 – www.bera.co.uk

Reminders:

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 19th July 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday. We would like to say a big thank you to Sally for bringing in her amazing iced lime traybake and if any of you want to make it at home the recipe is here: www.bakingmad.com/recipe/mary-berry-s-iced-lime-tray-bake.

We will be bringing the alarms/signs that haven't yet been delivered/collected. The costs were: PIR sensor alarm £7.38 (the white one), Defender shock/contact alarm £9.94 (the grey one), and the garage and shed signs are £1.19 each.

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1. Coach Parking

Having had messages from residents about coaches appearing and parking locally again we have spoken to the council and they have responded by sending this message.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has launched a new "Coaches Welcome" scheme to provide free parking and a welcome reception for coaches bringing visitors to the town.

With immediate effect, coaches can now access free parking at the seafront "Gasworks Car Park" if they book in advance by calling the Visitor Information Centre on 01702 215620 open 8am - 5pm daily. Visitors will receive a welcome from the Visitor Information team upon arrival to advise them of local events and activities and help them make the most of their visit. The "Gasworks Car Park" is open 8am – 8.30pm daily.

The town also operates a number of coach drop-off points at seafront locations - including opposite and outside Adventure Island, Southchurch Avenue just before the Kursaal and outside Sealife Adventure - so that coaches can drop off passengers to the beaches before making an onward journey to the coach parking facilities.

The new arrangements come just a week after members of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Development Control Committee gave consent for the Gas Works Site to operate for up to five years as a car park. Prior to this decision, the Gas Works site was restricted to operating for a limited number of days a year as a car park under permitted development rights. The new arrangements mean that parking at the site will be permitted every day of the year.

Jacqui Dallimore, Chair of Southend Tourism Partnership, welcomed the new scheme. She said: "Coaches are an important part of the visitor mix and can really help keep numbers coming to Southend all year round.

"I'm delighted to see the council and coach industry working closely together to ensure Southend remains an attractive destination for coach operators and their passengers alike."

Andy Warrender from the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT UK), the trade body representing the operators of coaches and buses in the UK, said: "CPT is delighted to learn that Southend has today launched a new 'Coaches Welcome' initiative and a free all-day parking site for visiting coaches.

The Gasworks is ideally situated and allows coaches to park up safely and securely within walking distance from many of the town's key sites and attractions.

In addition to boosting the local tourism economy, coaches help to alleviate congestion – a single coach can remove up to 30 cars from the road - improve local air quality, free up valuable road space and therefore provide quicker journey times for all road users.

2. Special Constables

Further to our previous newsletter it has now been confirmed that we will be able to arrange and pay for Special Constables. We will work with other Residents Associations in the area to come up with a plan.

3. Air pollution harms one in three children

One in three children in Britain is growing up with air pollution damaging their health, a study has found. About 4.5 million children, including 1.6 million aged five and under, live in areas with levels of particulate matter above what the World Health Organisation considers safe, according to the charity Unicef UK. Separate research has found that children are exposed to 30 per cent more pollution than adults when walking on busy roads because they are shorter than adults and nearer the exhaust pipes of vehicles, the environmental charity Global Action Plan, which commissioned the study, said.

For the safety of our children in local schools BERA will look into what action can be taken.

4. Speed reducing measures

We have made progress with the council regarding putting speed reducing measures in Barnstaple Road and Burges Road and we are looking to try and include Colbert Avenue at the same time.

5. Are you hard of hearing?

It has come to our attention that there is a badge available for the hard of hearing to wear which has the following written on it:

I can't HEAR you very well
Please SPEAK CLEARLY to me
Thank you

They cost £2.35 each and are available at: <http://bit.ly/2tbOB5R>

6. Crime Report 18-24 June 2018

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO – filtered
Southchurch	42/86749/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	20/06/2018 16:00	20/06/2018 16:00	Southchurch Rectory Chase	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DAMAGED THE VICTIMS EXTERNAL CABLE TO HIS AERIAL AND THE FITTINGS THAT HOLD IT TO THE WALL BY SNAPPING THE FITTINGS OFF THE WALL AND PARTLY CUTTING THE CABLE, CAUSING DAMAGE AND FRAYING.
Southchurch	42/88260/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	21/06/2018 10:24	21/06/2018 09:52	Wick Chase	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS JACKED UP VICTIMS FORD FIESTA AND REMOVED TWO WHEELS AND THE ALLOYS FROM THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/88959/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	24/06/2018 17:35	24/06/2018 03:44	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS USED A STONE TO SMASH FRONT NEARSIDE WINDOW ON PARKED VEHICLE.

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Thorpe	42/86973/18	Other criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling (Under £5,000)	15/06/2018 17:39	15/06/2018 00:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE CAUSED CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO THE BUSINESS PREMISES BY SPRAY PAINTING THE EXTERNAL WALLS.
Thorpe	42/88522/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	22/06/2018 17:42	22/06/2018 16:42	Thorpe Bay Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE TAKEN THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN FROM THE SEAFRONT.

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West Shoebury	42/88818/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	23/06/2018 21:06	23/06/2018 00:00	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED VICTIMS FRONT BEDROOM WINDOW TO SMASH.