

# **BERA E-NEWSLETTER 26th April 2019 – www.bera.co.uk**

**(printable version of Newsletter is available soon  
on website if needed)**

**We will be changing the Which password during May  
and will notify members of the new details.**

## **Reminders:**

**Which subscription logon details:** Email or Username: burgesestate Password:  
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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](mailto:photos@bera.co.uk).

**We have received some new photos which are now on the website [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)  
which you may like to look at.**

**BERA Coffee Morning** - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month). Please come along for free tea/coffee and biscuits. 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.

## **1. Storm Hannah – a message from UK Power Networks Community Affairs Team**

As you may be aware, Storm Hannah is due to affect parts of the UK this weekend with high winds. We expect the storm to reach the South East and the East of England on Saturday.

Our electricity network is built to be resilient but high winds and rain can damage overhead power lines resulting in some customers losing their electricity supply. Where this happens we work to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. We have organised for additional staff in our contact centre to help customers whose electricity supply might be affected by the predicted weather, and we have called-up additional engineers to carry out repairs to our electricity network.

Both you and your local residents will be able to find regular updates on our website [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk) and social media @UKPowerNetworks throughout this period.

Anyone experiencing a power cut can:

- Call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power)
- Visit [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk) for the latest updates
- Visit [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut) and type in their postcode to view our live power cut map
- Tweet @ukpowernetworks to report power cuts or to receive updates

We urge the public to stay well clear from power lines and anyone spotting a damaged power line needs to report it to us immediately by calling 105 from a landline or mobile phone.

If they see electricity lines that are down or causing significant risk to the public they should call 999.

We provide extra help to customers on our Priority Service Register during a power cut. Households with older or disabled people, those with children under five, or where someone uses medical or mobility equipment that requires electricity as well as other reasons can join the register. You can find out more information about our Priority Service on our website: [ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority) .

If you would like to share information about preparing for the extreme weather or the priority service register on social media you might like to use the following:

UK Power Networks has extra staff on hand to deal with #StormHannah. Call 105 to report a power cut and visit <https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/storm-centre-prepare> or message @UKPowerNetworks on Twitter. #ukpnnews

Do you, or someone you know, need extra support during a power cut? @UKPowerNetworks provides free services to vulnerable customers. Visit <https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services-register> for more information. #ukpnnews

I hope this information is helpful and please do share it with local residents and members of your community who would find it helpful.

## **2. Southchurch Park Lakes**

We have now heard from the Environment Agency on the tests and the water quality has shown to be fine. The cause of fish death is a disease that affects that particular family of

fish (goldfish related) and is usually caused by domestic fish being placed in ponds and lakes.

There is a further communication role to be undertaken to help inform people not to place their pets etc in the water and the Environmental Agency will be assisting with some of the technical aspects to support additional communications.

### **3. Subject: FW: Southend YMCA Sponsored Sleep Out & Concert – Message from the YMCA**

We have received information concerning Southend YMCA's '**Sleep on the Pitch Event**' which is being delivered at Roots Hall Stadium, thanks to Southend United Football Club, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 7am.

Local people will be sleeping out to fundraise for the YMCA - in addition there will be a launch concert ([Music only tickets available](#)) where local musicians and the audience can stand in solidarity with young people to raise awareness of youth homelessness and vital funds for Southend YMCA.

Any questions about it feel free to get in touch with [sachaedwards@southendymca.org.uk](mailto:sachaedwards@southendymca.org.uk).

### **4. Subject: A127 Kent Elms - Footbridge Installation**

The footbridge supplier proposes to commence with the installation of the new footbridge at A127 Kent Elms from 7<sup>th</sup> May. A letter will be issued to local residents and businesses advising them of the installation. For the first couple of weeks the installation will be under overnight road closures between 19:30 - 6:30 as follows:

- **London bound Carriageway -**
  - **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - install side ramps
  - **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - install side ramps
  - **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - install platforms and top stairs, paint bridge bolts over carriageway.
  - **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - painting over the carriageway
  - **Potential Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – (only to cover potential installation delays)
- **Southend bound Carriageway -**
  - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** - install ramps
  - **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** - install ramps
  - **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - install platform and top stairs, paint bridge bolts over carriageway.
  - **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – painting over the carriageway
  - **Potential Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – (only to cover potential installation delays)
- **Both London and Southend bound Carriageways -** between Kent Elms and Bellhouse Lane and Bellhouse Lane to Kent Elms Junction (Bellhouse Lane will be in operation)

- **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - install Bridge span

Access to properties will be maintained and residents and businesses will be able to contact Kent Elms Public Liaison Officer to address any queries/concerns they may have with the closures. The diversion route will be via Progress Road, Rayleigh Road.

Works to the footbridge will continue beyond these two weeks during the day and we have been advised this work does not require lane closures.