

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 26th March 2020 – www.bera.co.uk

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

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 Membership is now overdue – Renew by 31st March 2020

BERA renewals are now overdue and the cost this year is again £10 per household. If you have not yet renewed and you wish to remain a member, please renew by the 31st March 2020.

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

A Message from a Resident

A resident has seen a Southend Support group on Facebook, which has offers of help, requests for help and information. Like small shops that are open and have food and which supermarket have food.

An interesting post said that there is a fruit and vegetable wholesalers, near the Angel pub, instead of supplying restaurants as usual, is now open to the general public. Bourne's Green Chase.

A Message from Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society

Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society is cancelling their shows on the 4th April and 13th June 2020.

Possible Scams

We have been advised by members of two possible scams. Please see below for the information that we have received:

- 1) A member received several emails from 'the glue company' offering to supply hand gel, sanitisers etc at discount prices delivered to your door 'to help the elderly or people who have run out'. All you have to do is click on their link in the email. Luckily the cost per sanitiser was shown as A\$*2.99 instead of £2.99.
- 2) Another member received a message for one of her neighbours, that there have been reports of people in the country (we haven't seen it mentioned in our area yet) who are knocking door-to-door and offering Coronavirus tests on the spot in an attempt to obtain money from people. This kind of testing is not available in the UK and it is just an example of a scam doing the rounds preying on those most vulnerable.

Please be wary in these uncertain times and look out for each other if you see such activity near you.

Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

Be a good friend, help to protect your family, friends and neighbours from scams.

Be aware of people offering or selling:

Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.

Vaccines or miracle cures – there is currently no vaccine or cure.

Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.

Shopping or medication collection services.

Home cleaning services.

Protect yourself and others:

Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.

Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service, they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Read it. Share it. Prevent it.

#Coronavirus #ScamAware

Contact

For advice on scams call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 11 33**

To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**

Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

To learn more about the different types of scams visit:

www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk

2) Update on status of council services and facilities – Coronavirus Update

The council continues to work hard to deal with the local response to tackling the Coronavirus outbreak.

The Civic Centre is closed to the public. The vast majority of our office-based council staff are now working from home and/or being redeployed to other critical services where possible. Efforts to deal with the local response is being led by our Public Health and resilience teams who are working across the council to ensure that vulnerable people are looked after at this time, and liaise with care providers and the hospital regarding care packages and discharges from hospital.

Registration services is still open by appointment only to register deaths. We are not registering births at this time.

Please call 01702 215000 if an issue cannot be resolved at www.southend.gov.uk

Other services

Leigh Marshes and Stock Road recycling sites are closed. Waste and recycling collections, bulky waste and garden waste collections are currently still operating.

Parks remain open, but playgrounds and park toilets are closed. People exercising in these parks are asked to observe social distancing rules.

Parking enforcement has been scaled back to focus on safety and issues such as obstruction.

Highway teams are still working to ensure roads are safe for emergency vehicles and deliveries. For example, potholes are being filled on a 'find and fix' basis, so there is no need for local people to report them.

Office based functions like council tax, benefits, essential living fund, business rates, accounts payable, business support, licensing and planning are still operating from home as we react and deal with the various Government measures and funding being announced daily and to also ensure that our suppliers and contractors delivering vital services are being paid promptly.

Community safety and CCTV staff are still operating.

Children and learning staff are working to support schools, parents and the community to open for key workers

Children's Centres are open for health appointments only.

Recap:

The following facilities were shut last week:

- Palace Theatre, Southend Pier and Visitor Centre, Central Museum, Focal Point Gallery, Beecroft Gallery and Southchurch Hall
- Library services at the Forum and all branches, the Home Library Service, library delivery service (to care homes)
- All leisure centres are closed, including Belfairs Swim Centre, Chase Sports and Fitness Centre, Shoeburyness Leisure Centre and Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre
- The Tickfield training centre
- Southend Adult Community College sites

3) List Of Applications Registered Week Ending 20 March 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/00471/FULH Ward. **Southchurch**
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 12 March 2020 Area BORO
ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION
58 DAINES WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00404/CLP Ward. **Thorpe**
Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 13 March 2020 Area BORO
DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO FORM HABITABLE
ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSpace, INSTALL ROOFLIGHT TO FRONT
(LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
97 KENSINGTON ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00472/CLP Ward. **Thorpe**
Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 12 March 2020 Area BORO
OUTBUILDING TO REAR FOR USE AS GAMES ROOM (LAWFUL
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)
169 BURGES ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00037/FUL Ward. **West Shoebury**
Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 16 March 2020 Area BORO

**CONVERT EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE INTO TWO DWELLINGHOUSES,
ERECT ONE DORMER WINDOW TO SIDE ELEVATION, LAY OUT PARKING,
LANDSCAPING AND REFUSE STORE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
(RETROSPECTIVE)
2 ST ANDREWS ROAD SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

4) Southend NHW Crime Report (16th to 22nd March 2020)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/42900/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	19/03/2020 08:23	18/03/2020 00:00	Canterbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED VICTIMS FRONT WIND SCREEN OF VICTIMS RED FORD FIESTA BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Southchurch	42/42970/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	19/03/2020 11:13	17/03/2020 00:00	Canterbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SHATTERED VICTIMS FRONT WINDSCREEN BY MEANS UNKNOWN ON VICTIMS RED CITROEN XSARA.
Southchurch	42/43993/20	Theft of a motor vehicle	21/03/2020 10:08	20/03/2020 19:00	Poynings Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED A GREY RANGE ROVER SPORT, INDEX K9URF, FROM OUTSIDE THE VICTIMS ADDRESS BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Southchurch	42/44436/20	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	22/03/2020 08:36	21/03/2020 00:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED THE WINDOW AT LOCATION BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/41684/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	16/03/2020 16:23	16/03/2020 15:30	Shoebury Common Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN A DISABLED BADGE AND CLOCK FROM DASHBOARD OF CONVERTIBLE ASTON MARTIN.

West Shoebury	42/41555/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	16/03/2020 13:21	16/03/2020 08:00	Bishopsteignton	Southend-on-Sea	THE ROOF WAS DOWN. SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED A TOOL BAG AND A GAS DETECTING SYSTEM FROM BESIDE A HOLE THAT THE INFORMANT HAD BEEN WORKING IN, WHILST HE WAS WORKING IN A HOLE FURTHER UP THE ROAD.
West Shoebury	42/44344/20	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	21/03/2020 23:00	21/03/2020 18:30	Cornworthy	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY MEANS UNKNOWN CAUSING NO DAMAGE. ONCE INSIDE CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH OF THE UPSTAIRS AND STOLE ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY. SUSPECT THEN LEFT SAME AS ENTRY.

5) Emergency Gas Repairs Notice - Ilfracombe Avenue

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

ENTERING & EXITING ILFRACOMBE AVENUE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SOUTHCHURCH ROAD.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on **23rd March 2020. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.**

Whilst this section of Ilfracombe Avenue is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

6) New Southend-on-Sea data published for January/February 2020

All crime: Jan – 249, Feb – 240, **Anti-social behaviour:** Jan – 37, Feb- 56, **Bicycle theft:** Jan – 0, Feb – 0, **Burglary:** Jan – 13, Feb – 5, **Criminal damage and arson:**

Jan – 19, Feb – 15, **Drugs:** Jan – 10, Feb – 16, **Other crime –** Jan – 3, Feb – 6,
Other theft: Jan – 15, Feb – 21, **Possession of weapons:** Jan – 3, Feb – 1, **Public**
order: Jan – 22, Feb – 14, **Robbery:** Jan – 0, Feb – 0, **Shoplifting:** Jan – 14, Feb –
14, **Theft from the person:** Jan – 0, Feb - 1, **Vehicle crime:** Jan – 24, Feb – 19,
Violence and sexual offences: Jan – 89, Feb – 72.