

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**  
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)

Apologies for the lateness of the Newsletter this week - but we had internet problems

**NEW: 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).**

**Reminders:**

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**BERA renewals** are now due for January to December 2019 if you wish to remain a member. The cost this year is again £10 per year, per household, and we hope you feel this is value for money. Renewals can be completed online by bank transfer (see the form giving you our bank details on the homepage at [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)) or by printing off a membership form (also on the homepage) and returning it with your payment to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way. We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals before the end of February.

**BERA AGM** - We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. The head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport will be speaking at this event. Our second speaker will be discussing the new Care SOS Line, offering residents a direct link for emergencies.

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 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 tea/coffee and biscuits. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms and car key signal blocking pouches which are available for BERA members.

**1. Residents have their say on new coastal management scheme for Shoeburyness**

Almost 150 people have so far had their say on plans to protect Shoeburyness from tidal flooding and coastal erosion.

The coastal management project covers the 2km stretch of coast between Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and the World War II Quick Battery and will improve protection to residential properties, beach-front businesses, and critical infrastructure including roads, railway, and utilities services within the area.

So far 150 residents, community group representatives and beach hut owners have given their feedback either online or by attending a drop-in consultation event at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club.

There is one more consultation event due to take place on Tuesday 5 February between 10am and 8pm. The event showcases the four shortlisted options and gives visitors the chance to speak with the marine engineers who proposed them.

You can also view the proposals, read the “Non-technical Summary” and complete the questionnaire by visiting [www.bettersouthend.co.uk](http://www.bettersouthend.co.uk) and selecting Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme.

Further details of these options can be found by visiting [www.bettersouthend.co.uk](http://www.bettersouthend.co.uk) and selecting Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme.

The last drop-in event will be held at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3NW.

You can also request hardcopy of the proposals and questionnaire by emailing [bettersouthend@southend.gov.uk](mailto:bettersouthend@southend.gov.uk) or calling 01702 215408.

The consultation runs until 18 February 2019.

## **2. Here is a brief summary of the crime information for the past two months for Southend-on-Sea:**

	November 2018	December 2018
All crime	227	234
Anti-social behaviour	39	54
Bicycle theft	4	1
Burglary	14	13
Criminal damage and arson	14	19
Drugs	6	4
Other crime	8	7
Other theft	11	10
Possession of weapons	2	0
Public order	9	15
Robbery	0	2
Shoplifting	13	8

Theft from the person	1	1
Vehicle crime	19	21
Violence and sexual offences	87	79

Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/xA0vx3/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team.

### 3. Southend NHW Crime Data (21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/11429/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	21/01/2019 22:15	21/01/2019 00:00	Surbiton Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THROWN A BRICK THROUGH THE VICTIMS FRONT ROOM WINDOW CAUSING IT TO SMASH.
Southchurch	42/11125/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	21/01/2019 13:46	21/01/2019 00:00	Zeus Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS GREY AUDI A3 INDEX OV03FOK BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Southchurch	42/12907/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	24/01/2019 14:58	24/01/2019 08:25	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAS SCRATCHED AND PULLED AT THE VICTIMS RED CORSA CAUSING DAMAGE.
Southchurch	42/13249/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	25/01/2019 08:28	24/01/2019 21:00	Broadclyst Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO VICTIMS VEHICLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE STOLEN 12 POUND.

Southchurch	42/14113/19	Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	26/01/2019 16:40	26/01/2019 00:00	Oakleigh Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE HOUSE VIA THE FRONT DOOR AND HAVE BEEN ARMED WITH KNIVES - THEY HAVE SHOUTED AT THE VICTIM TO GIVE THEM ALL HIS MONEY. THEY HAVE PICKED UP THE VICTIMS WALLET AND LEFT.
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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/11099/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	21/01/2019 08:46	21/01/2019 08:40	Lifstan Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS GREY NISSAN QASHQAI WHICH WAS LEFT INSECURE AND UNATTENDED WITH THE KEYS IN THE IGNITION.
Thorpe	42/13995/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	26/01/2019 08:27	25/01/2019 17:00	Burges Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE SIDE GATE TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY AND HAS THEN GAINED ENTRY TO THE PROPERTY BY

SMASHING THE REAR BIFOLD DOORS. ONCE INSIDE A SEARCH HAS BEEN MADE AND TOOLS REMOVED.

Thorpe	42/14295/19	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	27/01/2019 01:06	27/01/2019 00:45	Woodgrange Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE GLASS DOOR BY THROWING ROCKS....
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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/11595/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	22/01/2019 11:01	01/12/2018 00:00	Ulster Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY ON THREE OCCASIONS.
West Shoebury	42/13792/19	Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken')	26/01/2019 01:41	26/01/2019 00:00	Bunters Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED TOOK VICTIMS VEHICLE KEYS AND DROVE THE VICTIMS SILVER VAUXHALL CORSA WITHOUT CONSENT BEFORE RETURNING SHORTLY AFTER.

West Shoebury	42/14120/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	26/01/2019 16:20	26/01/2019 16:20	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS STOLEN A COIN WORTH GBP ONE FROM A BRACELET BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/14685/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	27/01/2019 20:52	27/01/2019 10:05	Saxon Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN VICTIMS MOBILE PHONE AND KEEP HANGING UP ON THE CALL WHEN VICTIM CALLS HER MOBILE.

#### **4. Who to contact if you notice or see anything of concern regarding drugs**

**From last week's newsletter.** We have been informed that there are drug dealers coming in to Southend-on-Sea, forcing young people to act as their mules to sell drugs. Please be aware if your children or grandchildren show any change in their behavioural patterns, and if necessary check their school bags/handbags to ensure they aren't being pressured into something illegal. This is a national as well as local issue and it is called county lines, where drug dealers cross county borders from London and other areas to sell and distribute drugs. We will be following up with the contact details of who to call if you have concerns or worries, but in the meantime channel you information to our Chairman, Ron Woodley, who will make sure it gets to the correct place.

Following a meeting attended by our Chairman went to, we can now supply you with the contact details for residents to phone or email if you notice or see anything of concern.

**Police** 01245 491491

**Non-Emergency** - 101

**Crime stoppers** - 0800 555 111

Plus - the see the signs campaign – Email: [seethesigns@southend.gov.uk](mailto:seethesigns@southend.gov.uk)

#### **5. Local Scheme Updates**

##### **Kent Elms**

The foundations for the footbridge outside Kent Elms Health Centre are ongoing. Whilst the works are being undertaken the carriageway on the Southend bound lane 1 will still remain closed due to health and safety reasons.

##### **The Bell**

Trial holes in the carriageway will commence in February, and are currently looking to start on the 18th and will be carried out overnight, however this is subject to some final checks. Once they are confirmed we will issue an update.

##### **Queensway**

The works at York Road have now moved into lane 2 of Queensway whilst they undertake works in the central reserve for the right turn into York Road. The lane closures will be in place at all times during the works.

#### **6. Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group meetings**

Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group meetings are open to anyone who has had or is going through bowel cancer treatment, and we welcome their friends or family to our informal meetings held every two months at Nazareth House, Southend-on-Sea. We always have a speaker to entertain the audience, but strictly on non-medical subjects. Each year we also arrange coach day trips and sometimes holidays. Coffee and tea are available during the afternoon.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30pm - 4.30pm (arrive any time from 1.15pm).

The venue is Nazareth House (main entrance), 111 London Road, Southend-on-Sea SS1 1PP (opposite the Park Tavern) and there is parking available on site.

It is not necessary to book a place, just turn up and meet new friends who will understand what it is like to journey through bowel cancer. You will have the opportunity to meet others with the same experiences who will be happy to talk about them. The atmosphere is always relaxed and friendly.

For further information contact Joe Pooley on 07770 483 490.

## **7. From a concerned BERA member**

Thought you might be interested in this! My friend was approached in Waitrose car park this morning by a well-dressed foreign man about sixty. He said you have something under your car. He proceeded to 'help her look 'under the car and asked her to move the car forward. Of course, there was nothing there. When looking for her purse after getting home she realised her purse had gone. She went to Barclays to inform them by which time he had already withdrawn £1000 pounds from her account!