

Reminders:

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

1. A new parking app for your phone covering Southend borough pay and display car parks

Search for the Mobon app in the App Store (ios) or the Google Play Store (Android). Once downloaded you will need to create an account and add your vehicle registration number (you can add more than one vehicle if needed) and a payment card – credit or debit card (£1 will be held on your bank account as verification before being returned to you). Once set up, reload the app and you should push the ‘New parking session’ button. You will then be on the ‘Find parking’ page. Next you either enter a location code (shown on signage at the car park, or you can find your parking areas using the following link www.gomobon.com/where.html or by using the on screen map. The app can also locate you using the “find me” icon and a list of nearby available car parks will appear at the bottom of the screen. Please note, you cannot pay for parking in advance and it can only be purchased at the time of parking. Once the relevant car park code is selected, you should select whether you want to stay for minutes or hours using the drop down menu next to the “Hours” button (it may only offer hours). Then select length of your stay using the drop down menu at the side of the “#” sign. The available permitted parking times on the app are sometimes more flexible than if you wish to pay at the meter (for example, car parks that usually have a minimum stay of two hours may allow for parking of one hour through the app). You then select your car registration (if you have more than one car registered) using the drop down menu next to the picture of the car. Then push ‘Get parking cost’. The amount that will be debited to your card will show and you should either push ‘OK’ or ‘Cancel’.

The app will also allow you to ‘top up’ your ticket, so if you know that you are going to exceed your car parking ticket allotted time, you will be able to extend your parking by paying an additional fee using the app. As well as this, you can also set up text and email notifications to alert you when your parking has nearly expired.

2. Increased fines for 'litter louts' come into effect

People dropping litter face increased on-the-spot fines of up to £150 as new penalties come into effect. Councils can also use the penalties to target vehicle owners, if it is possible to prove

rubbish has been thrown from their car. Therefore, Councils will be able to issue increased fines to litter louts, who show no consideration for the community they live in, which will send a strong message to those who think their laziness is more important than the environment in which they live.

3. Rogue letting agents face criminal charges

Criminal charges will be brought against letting agents who rip off tenants under plans to bring in a mandatory code of practice. A new regulator will be set up to police the code, and agents who fail to comply will not be permitted to trade.

4. Coach drivers invited to park in Southend-on-Sea!

Coach drivers bringing groups to the seaside now have the opportunity to park in Southend-on-Sea all day for free.

The parking initiative gives coach drivers free parking at one of 15 spaces available at the town's Arriva depot, from Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 18.00, or at 25 spaces allocated at the Gasworks site on Saturday and Sundays from 09.00 to 20.00. The free parking opportunities are in effect from last weekend.

Between 10.30 and 11.30am the Council's resort team will be available outside the Pier entrance on Marine Parade to provide coach visitors with a welcome to Southend-on-Sea, and advise on what exhibitions, events and attractions can be enjoyed during their stay.

The above should mean that coach parking in our residential streets is at an end at last.

5. Police matters

We have been informed that Southend will have a further 12 police officers (6 local police officers and 6 community police). When holidays and sickness are taken into account we will probably see about 8. But as it takes 12 months to train an officer, April 2019 is the target date.

6. Southend Pier

We have also been advised that the pier walkway has been closed for unplanned maintenance. Timescales are not clear but the train is still operational and the fare charged will be that of the cost of walking.

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

	January 2018	February 2018
All crime	234	188
Anti-social behaviour	55	48
Bicycle theft	2	2
Burglary	15	7
Criminal damage and arson	36	16
Drugs	4	0
Other crime	1	3
Other theft	21	15
Possession of weapons	1	4
Public order	8	17
Robbery	4	2
Shoplifting	9	4
Theft from the person	2	0
Vehicle crime	9	7
Violence and sexual offences	67	63

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

Don't forget BERA can supply you with personal or panic alarms if you need them. Contact Mike Stafford on 01702 870895 or Ron Woodley on 01702 588662.

8. Reported crime in Southchurch, Thorpe and West Shoebury

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Southchurch	42/40874/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	26/03/2018 08:25	23/03/2018 00:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED VICTIMS SPARE WHEEL THAT WAS UNDER THE VICTIMS BLACK LAND ROVER DISCOVERY BY UNKNOWN MEAN WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Southchurch	42/43659/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	30/03/2018 23:58	30/03/2018 23:58	Eldbert Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY UNKNOWN MEANS AND IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PLACED A BIN BAG ON TOP OF A COOKER HOB WHICH WAS TURNED ON NOTHING TAKEN FROM INSIDE THE PROPERTY.
Southchurch	42/43567/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	30/03/2018 14:46	30/03/2018 14:16	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS DESTROYED THE VICTIMS PAPERWORK RELATING TO A RESTRAINING ORDER BEING ORGANISED AGAINST THE SUSPECT.
Southchurch	42/44096/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	01/04/2018 13:21	29/03/2018 13:00	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	INFORMANT LEFT HER DISABLED BADGE IN THE SUSPECTS CAR AND SUSPECT IS NOW REFUSING TO RETURN THE BADGE DESPITE NUMEROUS TEXT REQUESTS TO DO SO.
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Thorpe	42/42552/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	29/03/2018 07:39	28/03/2018 23:30	Northumberland Crescent	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED VICTIMS SECURED WHITE FORD TRANSIT VAN BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

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West Shoebury	42/40920/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	26/03/2018 10:28	25/03/2018 22:00	Gunfleet	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN FRONT AND REAR NUMBER PLATES FROM VICTIMS RED CITROEN XSARA PICASSO.
West Shoebury	42/41270/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	26/03/2018 20:03	10/03/2018 00:00	Goldmer Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED REAR NUMBER PLATE FROM BLACK MERCEDES E280 WHILST PARKED UNATTENDED.
West Shoebury	42/41384/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	27/03/2018 01:27	26/02/2018 00:00	Elm Road	Southend-on-Sea	UNKNOWN SUSPECTS HAVE SMASHED THE OFFSIDE WINDOW OF VICTIMS VEHICLE A RENAULT MEGANE COLOUR SILVER BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/41878/18	Burglary - Business And Community	27/03/2018 21:48	13/02/2018 04:00	West Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED COMMERCIAL MECHANIC YARD AND GAINED ENTRY TO GARAGE TAKING A NUMBER OF PLAYSTATION4 GAMES.