

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 4th December 2018 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

BERA AGM - Please make a note in your diaries so that we can get as many people to attend as possible. We are holding the BERA AGM on Thursday 21st March 2019 at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. We have an interesting and informative person coming along.

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 20th December 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday. Please come along for a mince pie and a tea or coffee.

We will be bringing alarms/signs in case any of you want to buy them. The costs are:

PIR sensor alarm £7.38 (the white one)
Defender shock/contact alarm £9.94 (the grey one)
Garage and shed signs £1.19 each

We also have free panic and personal alarms and car key signal blocking pouches available for BERA members.

Which subscription logon details:

Username: burgesestate
Password: BERAResidents

1. Kent Elms

The water main diversion works have been completed and are going through a process of monitoring to ensure the connections are sound. The foundations for the footbridge have commenced outside Kent Elms Health Centre. The Southend bound lane 1 will remain closed for the whole duration of the foundation works.

The contractor has also begun installing bollards in the north verge along the Southend bound A127. The Parks Department are also tidying up the verges and utilising the traffic management, which will be required during off peak periods only (between 9:30-15:30). The junction will be down to one lane through Kent Elms junction towards the right hand turn lane for A1158. These works will be taking place Monday to Friday only and **do not** require weekend working.

2. The Bell

Trial holes are currently being undertaken at The Bell to confirm the location of statutory utilities and are progressing well. The trial holes are currently focused on Hoblethick Lane and then

progress onto Rochford Road. The aim is still to be complete by 7th December, dependant on weather and amount of hand digging required.

3. Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme Area – Consultation

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is consulting on potential recommendations to protect Southend-on-Sea from tidal flooding and coastal erosion and to protect residential properties, beach-front businesses, and critical infrastructure including roads, railway, and utilities services within the area.

Marine engineers have worked up four options for feasible coastal management schemes along the 2km stretch of coast between Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and the World War II Quick Battery. They now want local residents, businesses and community groups to learn more about them and give their feedback.

Details of these options can be found in the [Shoeburyness Coastal Management Scheme - Non Technical Summary](#) document.

The questionnaire seeks your views on these options and your preferences for which one should be taken forward to protect the foreshore, housing and business in this area. The area that this questionnaire focuses on is only the stretch of coast between Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and the World War II Quick Battery, as shown in Figure 1 of the Non-Technical Summary.

You can also respond to the consultation online by using the [Consultation Portal](#).

Or you can download fill in, save and send back to betersouthend@southend.gov.uk or print off, complete and pop it in the nearest post-box.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will be hosting public drop-in exhibitions at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, where anyone can view the proposals and speak to the engineers who came up with them. They will also be able to officially comment on the proposals by completing a questionnaire.

Drop-in events will be held at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3NW on the following dates between **10am and 7pm**:

- Wednesday 12th December 2018
- Thursday 10th January 2019
- Tuesday 5th February 2019

You can also request hardcopy of the proposals and questionnaire by emailing betersouthend@southend.gov.uk or calling 01702 215408

Consultation Closes 18th February 2019

4. Southend NHW Crime Data (26th November to 2nd December 2018)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/172975/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	26/11/2018 16:50	26/11/2018 15:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS PUNCHED THE VICTIM TO THE FACE CAUSING BRUISING TO THE FACE AND KICKED THE VICTIMS BIKE CAUSING DAMAGE.
Southchurch	42/172706/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	26/11/2018 09:10	25/11/2018 21:55	Wansfell Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED VEHICLE AUDI BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND STOLEN PROPERTY FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/172680/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	26/11/2018 08:10	24/11/2018 14:00	Barnstaple Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN PROPERTY FROM VEHICLE BMW BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Southchurch	42/173008/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	26/11/2018 16:50	26/11/2018 15:00	Southchurch Boulevard	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS BIKE AFTER REMOVING THE LOCK BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Southchurch	42/174173/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	28/11/2018 18:11	28/11/2018 00:00	Shoebury Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS HAVE BROKEN INTO RESIDENTIAL DWELLING BY SMASHING THE REAR GLASS FRENCH DOOR, MEANS UNKNOWN, AND GAINING ACCESS. ALARM HAS TRIGGERED AND SUSPECTS HAVE LEFT THE PROPERTY.
Southchurch	42/174187/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	28/11/2018 18:28	28/11/2018 17:28	Steyning Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY MEANS OF FORCING UTILITY ROOM WINDOW. SEARCH CONDUCTED THROUGH VICTIMS BEDROOM AND JEWELLERY ITEMS REMOVED FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/174795/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	29/11/2018 18:37	29/11/2018 18:37	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS RED HONDA MOPED, INDEX KM63ULT, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Southchurch	42/175118/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	30/11/2018 13:21	23/11/2018 00:00	Surbiton Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE FROM THE CAR PARK BY CUTTING THE CHAIN USING TOOLS UNKNOWN.

Southchurch	42/175273/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	30/11/2018 16:28	30/11/2018 16:28	Ashurst Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED ONE PANE OF GLASS IN THE PATIO DOORS AND ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY. IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT ITEMS WERE TAKEN BUT THE SUSPECT THEN LEFT IN A DARK BLUE FIESTA.
Southchurch	42/176389/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	02/12/2018 16:24	02/12/2018 12:00	Oakleigh Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SECURE PROPERTY VIA THE LOFT HATCH NOTHING HAS BEEN STOLEN OR DAMAGED EXIT VIA THE BACK DOOR.
Southchurch	42/176198/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	02/12/2018 10:30	01/12/2018 20:00	Archer Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BY MEANS UNKNOWN SNAPPED THE PADLOCK ON THE DOORS TO VICTIMS CITROEN NEMO VAN ONCE INSIDE THEY HAVE REMOVED A PAIR OF RAYBAN SUNGLASSES SOME LOOSE CHANGE AND A DEWALT POWER DRILL.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Thorpe	42/174250/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	28/11/2018 21:03	28/11/2018 08:40	Butterys	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN BY MEANS UNKNOWN HAVE SMASHED THE PVC CONSERVATORY GLASS DOOR TO GAIN ACCESS. THE SUSPECT HAVE THEN TRIED TO SMASH THE DOOR INTO THE HOUSE CAUSING A CRACK ACROSS THE GLASS. NO ACCESS INTO THE MAIN HOUSE.
Thorpe	42/174301/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	28/11/2018 22:27	28/11/2018 22:18	The Broadway	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ENTERED THE STORE AND WHEN ASKED TO LEAVE HAVE THROWN SANDWICHES AROUND AND SMASHED A DISPLAY SHELF.
Thorpe	42/174293/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	28/11/2018 18:40	28/11/2018 18:40	Woodgrange Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS HOME ADDRESS BY SMASHING A HOLE IN THE SIDE DOOR PANEL OF GLASS. IT APPEARS NOTHING HAS BEEN STOLEN AT THIS TIME.
Thorpe	42/176294/18	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	02/12/2018 12:55	29/11/2018 00:00	Woodgrange Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY BY SMASHING THE REAR DOORS.

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West Shoebury	42/173034/18	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	26/11/2018 18:22	25/11/2018 00:00	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS CUT THE CHAIN SECURING THE BIKE AND PUT IT IN A WHITE VAN, DRIVING AWAY AND TAKING THE BIKE.
West Shoebury	42/174016/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	20/10/2018 14:07	19/10/2018 00:00	Chelmer Way	Southend-on-Sea	VICTIM HAS REPORTED THAT SHE HAS DISCOVERED A LARGE DENT ON THE BACK REAR ARCH OF HER FORD FIESTA. VICTIM BELIEVES THIS HAS BEEN DONE INTENTIONALLY AND MALICIOUSLY.
West Shoebury	42/174407/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	29/11/2018 07:54	29/11/2018 00:01	Richmond Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY BY FORCING THE OUTER UPVC FRONT DOOR BY UNKNOWN MEANS. THE DOOR HAD NOT BEEN DOUBLE LOCKED. SUSPECTS THEN FORCED OPEN THE INNER UPVC DOOR BY UNKNOWN MEANS CAUSING NO APPARENT DAMAGE. SUSPECTS SEARCHED THROUGH THE POCKETS OF COATS ON THE COAT RACK THEN ENTERED THE FRONT ROOM WHERE THEY REMOVED A PS4 AND A HANDBAG BELONGING TO VICTIMS PARTNER WHICH CONTAINED CAR KEYS. SUSPECTS HAVE THEN REMOVED A GREY VAUXHALL MOKKA INDEX FL14VGR FROM THE DRIVEWAY USING THE KEYS.
West Shoebury	42/175500/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	01/12/2018 01:49	30/11/2018 19:00	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE FROM THE DRIVE AT THE LOCATION.
West Shoebury	42/176237/18	Burglary - Business And Community	02/12/2018 11:11	01/12/2018 20:17	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED A KEY TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE LEISURE CENTRE AFTER THE CENTRE WAS CLOSED FOR THE DAY AND USED THE CORRECT CODE TO THE COMBINATION LOCK IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE OFFICE AND REMOVE 215GBP.

Please be even more aware at this time of the year about your own personal and property safety and remember not to purchase anything at the front door, and that includes anyone offering services such as roof repairs, tree or garden maintenance, as legitimate tradesmen do not go door to door touting for business.

When talking to your neighbours, especially the elderly, try and make sure they are careful about who they employ or let into their homes

5. Latest advice from Community Speed Watch Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Are You Prepared for Winter?

Are we prepared as we head into winter? Most people modify their driving to the higher risks of winter driving, which generally, does not cause a great seasonal variation in car collisions. However, the standard advice still applies:-

- Tyres (correct pressure and tread depth)
- Wipers + screenwash (ensure it is topped up and wipers in good condition)
- Snow + ice (on the road and on the car)
- Be prepared for low sun

The main seasonal issue we see in Autumn/Winter is with pedestrians. We usually see a spike in pedestrian casualties during the week following the clocks changing. Pedestrian casualties then continue at a higher rate during the winter, mainly during the 4pm-7pm period. This is likely to be because walking trips that would take place during daylight in the summer are now occurring during hours of darkness.

Pedestrians can be very hard to spot and often overestimate their visibility. Maybe think about wearing light or high viz so that you can be seen. This is further compounded by the added difficulty in judging vehicle speed and direction when only headlights can be seen. Although this is largely an urban issue and not directly related to speed, lower vehicle speeds can make a considerable contribution towards mitigating this risk.

Cyclists should make sure they have working lights, back and front and a high viz coloured top so that they can be seen by both pedestrians and vehicle drivers.

Please be prepared and keep yourself safe. Don't forget our personal alarms do have a small light which can be carried round with you.