

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)  
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)**

**Reminders:**

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday.

**We will be bringing the alarms/signs that haven't yet been delivered/collected.**

**The costs were:**

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 have spares of all the above if any of you want to buy them and we also have free panic and personal alarms available for BERA members.

**Which subscription logon details:**

Username: burgesestate

Password: BERAResidents

**1. As promised, a report from the Sustainability & Transformation Partnership (STP) meeting last week**

Some of our members attended the meeting to represent vulnerable residents, and after listening to the STP spokespeople feel it is highly evident that they are in as much disarray as ever when attempting to justify how their poorly defined, clinically unjustifiable and logistically impossible plans could ever work in practice, without compromising patient safety.

There were some robust questions put to the STP team, who continue not to provide a satisfactory explanation for the high level of concerns raised by residents about the failed consultation, even after all the meetings that have taken place (reaching only 3,500 of the 1.2 million NHS patients).

It seems that the STP plans are relying on an over-stretched ambulance service, bus services, public transport and travel warrants and that vulnerable people will be badly affected by these plans.

Our members who attended the meeting feel there remains clearly only one option - for all our local politicians in Southend, Thurrock and Essex Councils to stand up for the people and refer these shambolic plans back to the Secretary of State.

**A comment from a BERA member**

In all the many many pages of 'bumpf' I have read there is **never** any mention of the patients family/ relatives & friends who will also have to make the arduous trek to either Basildon or Broomfield – both of which have totally inadequate parking facilities.

The railway is not an option as neither hospital is within comfortable walking distance of any station.

Public transport is, frankly, not practical for elderly and disabled visitors.

Regular visits from family and friends are vital for patient wellbeing and morale, and recovery!

## **2. Response to the Bell Junction improvement and public consultation**

from the Burges Estate Residents Association which represents almost 1,000 households in the east of town

It is noted that the Council state their preferred option is Option 2.

The public consultation document contains three options for the roadworks, and four separate options for a footbridge, two of which are labelled as “not viable. The document maintains the proposed improvements are essential to deal with the expected traffic growth in this part of the town due to the airport, additional jobs and housing. There is no mention of any other improvements being required in this traffic corridor to handle this expected growth.

The questionnaire asks for the public’s views based upon a qualitative assessment of the options. There is no information given as to the degree of improvement in overall traffic capacity of any of the options, nor are we told to what extent the improvements will cope with the expected demand referred to previously, because we are not told what that demand is in total or annually. Will the improvements represent value for money? It is impossible to say. There is no mention how long it will be before the capacity increases again reach demand level. Is it six weeks, six months or six years?

A signalled junction is capable of infinite variation in the distribution of green time to the separate arms. Nothing is said about how the increase in total capacity will be distributed around the junction in order to make a reasoned judgement as to the acceptability and effectiveness of each option. For example, Option 2, the Council’s preferred option, allows for a dedicated left turn lane eastbound and a longer right turn lane, both eminently sensible in the light of current and future movements. However, that lane capacity can only materialise if the allocated green time for that arm matches the demand. Already we have queuing back from Cuckoo Corner roundabout, so increasing the capacity eastbound at The Bell will only add to the queue a few hundred yards up the road and not change overall journey times.

Regrettably the consultation document is lacking in adequate quantitative information for the public to make sensible choices. Quite why the document has to give the Council’s preferred option is dubious. Residents may well think why should we bother, as the Council have already made up their minds. Is that the Council’s aim?

Certainly, that is the situation with the two footbridge options which are labelled “not viable”. The public is thereby encouraged to ignore them. However, that should not detract from the fact that the usage figures for the current bridge support the view that a bridge is not justified.

The increased demands for housing emanating from Government policy, will increase commercial development and airport related transport demands. BERA recognises the importance of having a road infrastructure capable of handling the increased volumes of movement arising from the development plans for Southend-on-Sea.

This junction in Southend is the last on the A127 to require major capacity improvement, although a case could be made for the Sutton Road and Waitrose roundabouts to require some improvement in the light of potential traffic increases. That being the case, attention can and must move towards a major third route. With the strategic issues of an updated Local Plan now being contemplated in conjunction with surrounding Authorities, as required by Government, there is not a better opportunity to recognise this essential piece of transport infrastructure in this part of Essex. It is an issue to be addressed by the local authorities, all of whose inhabitants would benefit from a third east-west route.

The need for significant investment has never been more pressing for a third route out of and into Southend. Yet it is as remote as ever. Funding alone is of course a major obstacle, but political will, as always, also appears lacking.

### 3. Southend NHW Crime Data (27th Aug to 2nd Sep 2018)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO – filtered
Southchurch	42/124416/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	24/08/2018 08:17	23/08/2018 00:00	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE FLATS SAFTEY RAILINGS ON THE BALCONY WALKWAY.
Southchurch	42/124548/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	28/08/2018 14:10	28/08/2018 00:00	Roedean Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY UNKNOWN MEANS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY NOTHING TAKEN OR MOVED THE BACK DOOR HAS BEEN LOCKED DIFFERENTLY TO HOW VICTIM LEFT IT.
Southchurch	42/124856/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	29/08/2018 08:08	28/08/2018 22:00	Chadacre Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO VICTIMS SILVER MERCEDES MEANS UNKNOWN SUSPECT HAS THEN CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH AND STOLEN SUNGLASSES AND CURRENCY FROM THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/125363/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	30/08/2018 09:24	29/08/2018 18:00	Poynings Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN ENTERED SECURE BLACK RENAULT MEGANE BY MEANS UNKNOWN CAUSING NO DAMAGE TIDY SEARCH PROPERTY

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Southchurch	42/125844/18	Burglary - Business And Community	31/08/2018 07:41	30/08/2018 21:00	Garon Park	Southend-on- Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE BAR AREA BY FORCING A SLIDING DOOR AND HAVE THEN SEARCHED BEHIND THE BAR AREA AND TAKEN 6 TO 10 BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE FROM A FRIDGE IN THE STAFF ROOM.
Southchurch	42/126375/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	31/08/2018 10:42	31/08/2018 00:00	Dalmatia Road	Southend-on- Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BROKEN INTO THE VEHICLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE TAKEN A PORTABLE DVD PLAYER AND AN ENGINE DIAGNOSTIC READER.
Southchurch	42/126741/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	01/09/2018 18:09	01/09/2018 08:30	Hamstel Road	Southend-on- Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PICKED UP VICTIMS WALLET WHICH VICTIMS BELIEVES HE DROPPED AS HE WAS GOING INTO THE ALLOTMENTS. THE VICTIMS CREDIT CARDS HAVE BEEN USED TO MAKE PURCHASES LOCALLY IN SOUTHEND. VICTIM HAS CANCELLED HIS CARDS.
Southchurch	42/127068/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	02/09/2018 11:15	01/09/2018 00:00	Ladram Road	Southend-on- Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO AN

INSECURE BLUE  
PEUGEOT 508 PARKED  
ON THE DRIVEWAY BY  
UNKNOWN MEANS  
ONCE INSIDE DID A  
TIDY SEARCH NOTHING  
TAKEN AND NO  
DAMAGE CAUSED.

Southchurch	42/127304/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	02/09/2018 18:39	01/09/2018 23:00	Ladram Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS VOLKSWAGEN GOLF CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE DRIVER DOOR, ONCE INSIDE SEARCH HAS BEEN MADE AND LOOSE CHANGE STOLEN FROM WITHIN. VEHICLE HAD BEEN LEFT LOCKED ON SECURE ON THE VICTIMS DRIVEWAY.
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Offence Type</b>	<b>Reported Date</b>	<b>Committed From</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>MO – filtered</b>
Thorpe	42/124119/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	27/08/2018 17:31	27/08/2018 16:30	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS WALLET FROM INSIDE HIS BLUE HONDA JAZZ .
Thorpe	42/123963/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	27/08/2018 10:27	27/08/2018 08:00	Thorpe Bay Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY UNKNOWN MEANS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS SECURE GREY BMW 320IS ESTATE NO DAMAGE CAUSES VEHICLE HAS BEEN

SEARCHED AND LEFT  
INSECURE UNKNOWN  
WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN  
AT THIS TIME.

Thorpe	42/124023/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	27/08/2018 07:58	27/08/2018 00:00	Victoria Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS DAMAGED THE VICTIMS FENCE WORTH GBP20.00 BY PULLING ON THE TOP OF THE GARDEN FENCE PANELS CAUSING THE WOOD TO SNAP.
Thorpe	42/124569/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	27/08/2018 23:13	27/08/2018 23:13	Victoria Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE JUMPED ON VICTIMS BLACK AUDI A3, , CAUSING A DENT TO THE BONNET.
Thorpe	42/124291/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	27/08/2018 17:12	26/08/2018 21:00	Thorpe Bay Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS LAND ROVER DISCOVERY BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND STOLEN ITEMS WITHOUT CONSENT.
Thorpe	42/124966/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	28/08/2018 21:12	28/08/2018 21:10	Burges Terrace	Southend-on-Sea	UNIDENTIFIED SUSPECT HAS SMASHED VICTIMS OFFSIDE DRIVERS WINDOW ON HER MERCEDES GLS350 COLOUR BLACK BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAS LEFT IN A DIRECTION UNKNOWN.
Thorpe	42/124819/18	Other criminal damage, other	28/08/2018 16:32	01/08/2018 09:00	Shaftesbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SPRAYED

		(Under £5,000)					PAINTED A NO PARKING ZONE GREEN ON TWO OCCASIONS CAUSING DAMAGE.
Thorpe	42/125770/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	30/08/2018 23:27	30/08/2018 23:10	Victoria Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE TAKEN THE FRONT AND REAR PLATES FROM THE VICTIMS BLACK RENAULT CLIO .
Thorpe	42/126494/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	24/08/2018 20:01	22/08/2018 22:30	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED VICTIMS WHITE FORD TRANSIT CONNECT , USING MEANS UNKNOWN. PROPERTY STOLEN FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/127153/18	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	29/08/2018 14:05	29/08/2018 00:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CUT THE ROPES IN THE PLAY AREA AND LET LOOSE SOME BOATS FROM THE DOCK.
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Offence Type</b>	<b>Reported Date</b>	<b>Committed From</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>MO – filtered</b>
West Shoebury	42/123918/18	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	26/08/2018 20:54	26/08/2018 20:40	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE VICTIMS GROUND FLOOR FLAT WINDOW BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/124448/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	28/08/2018 09:52	27/08/2018 13:30	Maplin Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY INTO VICTIMS UNLOCKED GARAGE AND REMOVED AND



							AUDIO ITEM FROM WITHIN BEFORE LEAVING IT BESIDE THE PROPERTY.
West Shoebury	42/126485/18	Theft of a motor vehicle	01/09/2018 10:31	18/08/2018 18:00	Torrington	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS BLACK RENAULT TRAFIC BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/127239/18	Theft if not classified elsewhere	01/09/2018 14:37	01/09/2018 00:00	Saxon Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS TAKEN THE VICTIM PHONE REFUSED TO GIVE IT BACK AND THEN LEFT THE HOUSE STILL IN POSSESSION OF THE PHONE.
West Shoebury	42/127361/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	02/09/2018 20:25	02/09/2018 19:00	Chedington	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE FRONT OFFSIDE DRIVERS DOOR OF THE VICTIMS BLACK MERCEDES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT INSECURE AND CARRIED OUT A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE INTERIOR.

#### **4. Strength & Balance classes (message from BERA member)**

These are a progression class following the Staying Steady classes that the Public Health are funding for Falls Prevention. STRENGTH & BALANCE FALLS PREVENTION classes based on the Otago Programme initiated in New Zealand by Campbell J Robertson MC.

These exercises were designed by the New Zealand Falls Prevention Group 2001. University of Otago Medical School Dunedin, New Zealand, proven to prevent a third of falls.

The exercises develop the following:

Balance  
Muscle Strength  
General Fitness  
General Well-being

Classes held at:

St Augustine's Hall, Johnstone Road, Thorpe Bay Mondays 2.30pm  
Christchurch Hall, Colbert Avenue, Thorpe Bay Tuesdays 10.45am

Please just turn up or ring Elaine on 01702 582231. First class is free.

#### **5. Raised, restored and relocated: Shipwrecked cannon takes centre stage**

See [the Southend Museums Facebook Page](#) for a timelapse video of the cannon's grand entrance.

A two-tonne cannon, from the shipwreck of the London, which exploded in 1665 at the Nore, just past where the Pier now stands, has been raised, restored and relocated to Southend Central Museum.

The cannon will be a central part of a new exhibition, due to open on 22 September, which features artefacts aplenty from the historic wreck. The 24-pounder was originally plundered from a Dutch shipwreck, some time later being installed on the London.

It was common in the 17th Century for the British and Dutch navies to steal each other's cannons. Casting in brass was so expensive that it would be better to plunder a wreck as it was sinking than to wait until the cannons hit the seabed.

The London, whose tragic end featured in Samuel Pepys' diary, was a 76-gun ship belonging to the Royal Navy.

The London exhibition is testament not only to 17th century seafaring, but to all those who lost their lives in the 1665 explosion. Although 24 people escaped unscathed, some 300 died, including women who had come aboard to visit their family members whilst the ship was docked at the Nore.

**6. Warning - Rogue Tradesmen working in the area** - We have been notified of residents who had work carried out by a cold calling gardener and a builder who took them to the cash machine to withdraw a huge amount of money for the job carried out. We strongly advise that you never employ anyone who knocks on the door, and always get quotes from recommended tradespeople (at least two). If you ever feel you are being taken advantage of, always talk to a relative, friend or neighbour for their opinion, and if necessary call the police.

## **7. Shoebury Common Children's Play Area – Consultation 2018**

Southend on Sea Borough Council undertook a consultation in 2016 on what people would like to see in Shoebury Common North. The results of this consultation showed that people would like a children's play area on the green space. The council has allocated funding to enhance Shoebury Common North and deliver some of the facilities including a children's play area. Therefore we are seeking views on the types of play activities people would like to see in a new play area for children under 14.

### **Public Consultation**

The consultation will run from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, with comments invited during an eight-week period. **All comments must be received by 17:00 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

### **How to Respond**

In line with e-government policy, we encourage you to respond to the consultation online via: [www.southend.gov.uk/childrensplayareaconsultation](http://www.southend.gov.uk/childrensplayareaconsultation)

Alternatively, response forms can be downloaded from the website [www.southend.gov.uk/childrensplayareaconsultation](http://www.southend.gov.uk/childrensplayareaconsultation) or paper response forms can be sent out on request or collected from Southend Council Offices. Completed response forms should be sent to:

- (FAO Business Intelligence Officer) Deputy Chief Executive (Place), PO Box 5557, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ZF;
- Or via email: [PlaceConsultations@southend.gov.uk](mailto:PlaceConsultations@southend.gov.uk)

If you have any queries relating to the consultation or want advice on how to respond, please contact the Performance Team on 01702 215408 during office hours Monday-Friday, or email [PlaceConsultations@southend.gov.uk](mailto:PlaceConsultations@southend.gov.uk)

All responses will be publicly available and cannot be treated as confidential, although address, telephone and email details will not be published