

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 5th December 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details:
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“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 Coffee Morning - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 19th December 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 3rd Thursday of the month). Please come along for free tea/coffee and biscuits and bring a friend. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms, no cold caller letterbox stickers, contactless debit card blocking pouches, and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

1) Information Corner

Smoke alarm ‘failure’ rate prompts safety warning

Almost 40 per cent of battery-powered smoke alarms failed to activate in house fires in England in the last year - a figure that has remained almost unchanged in nearly a decade, according to official figures analysed by the Local Government Association. The LGA is urging householders to test their smoke alarms regularly, but especially during the run-up to Christmas when festive decorations, candles and lighting pose a potentially greater fire risk. Chair of the LGA's Fire Services Management Committee, said smoke alarms are "proven life-savers". He said: “With the increased potential fire risk from Christmas trees, decorations, candles and lighting, and people spending more time using heaters, open fires and cooking hot food during the colder winter months, anyone without a smoke alarm should buy and fit one as soon as possible.”

Information from a resident

We have been contacted by a resident as they came home on a dark early evening where upon a red car pulled up outside their house as they were about to unlock. A young woman got out and said that it may seem an odd thing to ask but could she use their toilet as she was busting. The residents immediate reply was NO. Please be aware and cautious and do not let anyone into your home that you do not know.

Car Break ins

Another member has contacted us and informed us that they and their neighbour's cars have been broken into on the evening of the 30th November in Cliveden Road. They had items stolen, so please be aware and do not leave anything on display in your car and ensure that it is locked.

Town Centre Parking

It seems that during October and November, the town centre car parks have increased the volume of parking transactions by over 8500 vehicles. It appears that the one-hour parking has paid dividends for footfall.

One in eight care homes closed

One in eight care homes has closed in the past decade, despite record numbers of older people. A care market report by analysts LaingBuisson showed there were 12,592 care homes in 2009, compared to 10,980 this year, with nearly half of all care home residents now self-funding.

Social care

Elderly patients have spent two-and-a-half million extra nights in hospital due to a lack of social care provision since 2017, analysis shows. Delays because of a lack of help at home or care home beds have cost half a billion pounds of NHS money in the past two years, according to Age UK.

Blue Badge parking fraud up by a fifth

Prosecutions of motorists for misusing disability parking permits have increased by nearly a fifth in the past year. There were 1,432 Blue Badge prosecutions in England in the year ending March 2019, up 18 per cent, of which nearly all involved someone using another person's badge, according to the Department for Transport.

2) Southend NHW Crime Data – 25th November thru 1st December 2019

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/186931/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	20/11/2019 15:10	19/11/2019 19:50	Barnstaple Road	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS LADDER FROM THE REAR GARDEN.
Southchurch	42/187387/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	26/11/2019 08:09	25/11/2019 20:00	Maplin Way North	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED A MERCEDES GLE, INDEX EK18XEC, FROM THE FRONT DRIVE

							OF LOCATION BY MEANS UNKNOWN. VICTIM HAS THE KEYS TO THE VEHICLE.
Southchurch	42/187594/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	26/11/2019 11:57	15/11/2019 00:00	Chaingate Avenue	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS BANK CARD WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Southchurch	42/189533/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	27/11/2019 17:09	25/11/2019 19:00	Eldbert Close	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS WHITE PEUGEOT 2008 AND STOLEN GBP70.00, 4 BADMINTON RACKETS, A SET OF KEYS, A MAKEUP BAG, SUNGLASSES AND GLOVES.
Southchurch	42/189826/19	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	30/11/2019 19:53	30/11/2019 17:15	Lifstan Way	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE, A KONA EXPLOSIF MOUNTAIN BIKE, WHICH WAS GREY AND GREEN IN COLOUR FROM THE LOCATION VIA UNKNOWN MEANS.
Southchurch	42/190110/19	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	01/12/2019 09:43	01/12/2019 02:40	Shoebury Road	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY, BY TRYING THE HANDLE AND PLACING THEIR HAND THROUGH THE LETTERBOX.
Southchurch	42/190130/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	01/12/2019 12:18	27/10/2019 00:00	Shoebury Road	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED

							TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS GREEN AUDI RS5 AND THE VICTIMS BLUE AUDI Q2.
Thorpe	42/187220/19	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	25/11/2019 12:43	25/11/2019 08:30	Fermoy Road	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE BOOT & LIGHT CLUSTER TO VEHICLE PARKED OUTSIDE R/O ADDRESS. THIS OCCURRED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 08:30 & 09:30 ON 25/11/2019.
Thorpe	42/189570/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	27/11/2019 15:51	27/11/2019 13:00	Kensington Road	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIMS INSECURE PORCH AND STOLEN A PAIR OF BOOTS. INSIDE THE BOOTS WERE A SET OF HOUSE KEYS. THE KEYS HAVE ALSO BEEN STOLEN.
Thorpe	42/189677/19	Theft from the person of another	24/11/2019 11:49	24/11/2019 10:45	The Broadway	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS IPHONE X FROM THEIR COAT POCKET WHILST THE VICTIM WAS IN TESCO.
Thorpe	42/190218/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	01/12/2019 13:12	30/11/2019 17:00	Kensington Road	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO A DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOW BY CAUSING A HOLE TO AN

							OUTER GLASS PANE, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Thorpe	42/190095/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	30/11/2019 16:14	30/11/2019 00:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend -on-Sea	SUSPECT DAMAGED THE CLAMP BELONGING TO VICTIM BY UNKNOWN MEANS. SUSPECT THEN REMOVED FORD FOCUS, INDEX EK18FKU, COLOUR GREY WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY THE VICTIM FOR OUTSTANDING FINANCE.

3) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 29 November 2019

APPLN. NO: 19/02111/CLP Ward. Thorpe
 Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 19 November 2019 Area BORO
ALTER ROOF TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFT SPACE
134 PARKANAU AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

4) Major Works on other routes

Address Tudor Gardens
Start 25/11/2019 (change of date)
End 23/12/2019 (change of date)
Work Ref AZ007-1000853216 - Major mains replacement works
Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 99131
Traffic Management Give & take - delays unlikely

Address Cranley Gardens
Start 01/11/2019
End 20/12/2019
Work Ref AZ007-1000853217 - Major mains replacement works
Works Type Major
L.A.Ref 99133
Traffic Management Give & take - delays unlikely

Address Burlescoombe Road
Start 21/11/2019
End 31/01/2020

Work Ref	AZ007-1000862620 - Major mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	100347
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
Address	Burlescoombe Road
Start	13/11/2019
End	31/01/2020 (change of date)
Work Ref	AZ007-1000889901 – Permit for storage facilities relating to mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	103262
Traffic Management	No carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
Address	Surbiton Avenue
Start	02/12/2019
End	23/12/2019
Work Ref	AZ007-1000866780 - Major mains replacement works
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	100804
Traffic Management	Give & take - delays unlikely
Address	Lancaster Crescent
Start	29/10/2019
End	23/12/2019
Work Ref	AZ007-1000875389 - Major mains replacement works
(change of work)	
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	101952
Traffic Management	Road closure – delays likely (change of traffic management)
Address	Dulverton Close
Start	05/12/2019 (change of date)
End	20/12/2019
Work Ref	EN013- 174326 – Water mains renewal
Works Type	Major
L.A.Ref	92074
Traffic Management	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely

5) UKPN electric diversion works

UKPN electric are continuing their diversion within the footway on Prince Avenue westwards which do not require traffic management in the carriageway.

6) Phase 1 gas diversionary works

Cadent (gas) are continuing with their diversionary works on Hoblethick Lane for The Bell Junction Improvement works. Cadent's works require a 24 hour lane closure in the northbound direction on Hoblethick Lane,

leaving one lane in operation for northbound traffic. Vehicles will still be able to turn left, right and straight ahead at the traffic lights. Southend traffic signal engineers have reviewed the traffic signals to maximise the efficiency of the junction during these works.

Cadent have advised the lane closure requires to be in place for the contractors working room, safety of the workforce and pedestrian access. Cadent have informed local residents, businesses and key Stakeholders of the works and access will be maintained to residents and businesses.

Both UKPN and Cadent gas have agreed to work collaboratively to minimise disruption to traffic and pedestrians during these diversion works.

7) Parkanaur Avenue Tree Removal

There will be three trees being removed in Parkanaur Avenue due to decay and poor growth. The trees that are being removed are not any of the mature trees and when a tree is removed, it is recorded and a new tree will be planted in the borough to ensure that tree canopy cover is maintained and enhanced. The precise location for the planting of new trees is subject to a number of constraints such as the proximity of underground/overhead services; maintaining safe sightlines for drivers and pedestrians; the presence of tree roots, old stumps and soil pathogens. Tree planting locations will also take into account the boroughs existing canopy cover so they can ensure the best possible distribution of trees across the town.

8) Calls for south Essex residents to take part in Festive Travel Challenge

People across south Essex are being encouraged to try travelling by public transport throughout December as part of a Festive Travel challenge, and be in with the chance of winning £250.

Launched on the 3rd December, the Festive Travel challenge gives residents from Thurrock, Basildon or Southend-on-Sea the opportunity to win a £250 prize for completing just one journey on a bus or train which they would have normally travelled by car.

The challenge, from travel campaign ForwardMotion, encourages residents to think about the way they travel to work, university, college or job interviews throughout December. To take part, residents swap one journey they would have made by car, for one made by bus or train. They then need to use the hashtag #FestiveTravel to be entered into the prize draw. Alternatively, residents can inform ForwardMotion they've taken part in the challenge by sending an email to hello@forwardmotionsouthessex.co.uk.

It is hoped that the challenge will also help address the increased levels of pollution and congestion associated with an increase in the number of cars on the road.

The easy way to find out about local buses is to download the 'First Bus App' or to find out more about the First Bus App go to <https://www.firstgroup.com/tech-bus/first-bus-app>.

To help people trial a journey using public transport, ForwardMotion's trained travel advisers will be on hand throughout December, ready to provide information on the quickest routes to get you from A to B, advise on tickets for bus and rail services, and provide you with ideas about how to get the most out of your journey. Get in touch by emailing: hello@forwardmotionsouthessex.co.uk or call 01702 212727.

9) A Message from Thorpe Bay Bowling Club

Next Spring, close to home, you could if you wish have low impact, therapeutic exercise along with improved fitness, coordination, confidence, skills, mental wellbeing and community connectivity. Savour the lovely views over the estuary whilst enjoying a drink and a chat with other members of Thorpe Bay Bowling Club.

Check out our website – www.thorpebaybowls@gmail.com
Email - tbbcinfo999@gmail.com
Tel: - Elaine 07791609753

10) Road Closure – Picketts Avenue Leigh-on-Sea - 17th December 2019 for 4 days from 08.30 Hours to 17.00 Hours Daily - essential carriageway resurfacing works.

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:

Entering, waiting, loading or unloading in Picketts Avenue from its junction with Mounddale Gardens to its junction with Elmsleigh Drive.

These prohibitions or restrictions will come into effect **on 17th December 2019 for 4 days from 08.30 Hours to 17.00 Hours Daily**. This notice will remain in force for 5 days to allow for unexpected events/delays and possible remedial works. Residents access will be maintained where possible. Whilst the works take place a diversion route will be signed on site via Mounddale Gardens, Blenheim Chase and Elmsleigh Drive and vice versa.