

**BERA E-NEWSLETTER 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday.

**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. Southend on Sea housing**

The new housing target for Southend-on-Sea is for 11,140 new homes to be provided between 2016 and 2026. Currently, the council provides an average of 329 properties per year, meaning the council must provide around three times this amount to reach the new targets. This can be achieved by building new developments, supporting local housing associations to grow and also by ensuring any empty homes in the borough are bought back into use.

BERA's comment: This cannot happen without the necessary infrastructure, schools and teachers, doctors, dentists etc but above all they will have to be truly affordable to ensure local people can actually live in them, and not built for out of towners or other local councils. Will there be enough people with the correct skills available to build all these properties? We also have STP proposals downgrading our hospital, so in Rochford, Rayleigh and Southend someone needs to wake up and think about the increase in the number of residents

**2. Lower Thames Crossing**

We have been sent the below consultation survey notification for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing. If this is of interest to you, please send off directly.

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/ltc/consultation/>

**3. Make a Change – To tackle homelessness, rough sleeping and begging**

There is a **partnership** campaign underway (Council, BID and Essex Police) called 'Make a Change' aimed at encouraging local people to consider giving to local homelessness charities, raising awareness within the local community about what partners are doing to tackle homelessness, rough sleeping and begging, and giving information on what individuals can do to help and signpost people to services. The campaign centres on a new website with lots more information here:

[www.southendchange.co.uk](http://www.southendchange.co.uk)

#### **4. Commemorative displays for fallen soldiers**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is honouring the 100 years of armistice by installing four military silhouettes and two commemorative benches across the borough over the next two weeks.

The four silhouettes – three soldiers and one of an airman – are being installed in locations across the borough to commemorate those who served in the First World War. The locations of the silhouettes are:

- Shoeburyness War memorial – Campfield Road
- Belfairs Park
- Southend-on-Sea War memorial – Clifftown Parade
- Rochford Road, near the airport

The silhouettes are a poignant reminder of all those who fought and the many who lost their lives during the WW1. The silhouettes are cut from "corten steel", which develops an attractive and stable rust-like covering over time.

The two commemorative benches and a lectern have also been installed in Gunners Park, Shoeburyness, with one of the benches commemorating World War 1 and the other bench commemorating World War 2. The lectern tells the story of the Poppies: Wave visit to Shoeburyness in 2017.

To see a full list of commemorative events, please visit

[www.southend.gov.uk/SouthendRemembers](http://www.southend.gov.uk/SouthendRemembers)

#### **5. Southend Tinnitus Support Group Meeting**

You don't have to live in Southend to go along.

The next meeting of the Southend Tinnitus Support Group is on Thursday 15th November starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

They will be meeting at Southend Adult Community College, Ambleside Drive, Southend SS1 2UP and ask for a £2 donation to cover room hire. Refreshments, which are available from the college, are 75p for tea and £1 for coffee. Biscuits are supplied by the group.

For more information contact Tony at [southendtinnitus@gmail.com](mailto:southendtinnitus@gmail.com).

## **6. Bogus caller**

THIRTEEN people have reported a bogus caller in the Southend area.

Officers have received calls that a man had been knocking at properties and claiming to be diabetic before asking for money to get to the Benfleet area.

The man told the residents that he would pay them back but has not done so.

Police also understand that on occasions he has been allowed into properties and given food.

All the reports happened last month with the latest three being between Monday, October 29, and Wednesday, October 31, at addresses in Prince Avenue, Henley Crescent and Kenilworth Gardens in Westcliff.

Investigating officer PC Ian Hopgood, of Southend CID, said: "We believe this man is going door to door, particularly preying on the kind nature of vulnerable and elderly people. "We believe they have given generously after hearing of his diagnosis and his need to get home. "We would urge anyone with information about this suspicious behaviour to report it to us."

This force is now issuing the following advice:

- Don't be frightened to ask for identification and always check it carefully. If you're not sure, ask them to come back another day
- Think about installing a door chain and use it. Keep the door on the chain until you've seen identification
- If you need your glasses to read the identification, close the door before going to find them. Don't leave the door open and unattended
- Remember to lock the back door before opening the front
- Don't be pressured into letting someone into your home if you have suspicions
- Don't keep large amounts of cash in the house
- Don't believe scare stories. Not all callers are genuine.

Anyone with information is asked to call Southend CID on 101. You can also report information online by visiting [www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online](http://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online) or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## 7. Southend NHW Crime Data (29<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO – filtered
Southchurch	42/157365/18	Theft from the person of another	29/10/2018 08:54	29/10/2018 01:20	Southchurch Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN WHILST CYCLING PAST THE VICTIM HAS REMOVED CASH FROM THE VICTIMS HAND AND CYCLED OFF.
Southchurch	42/157402/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	26/10/2018 13:00	20/10/2018 00:32	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS ATTEMPTED TO OPEN VICTIMS CAR DOOR PEUGEOT 207 USING THE HANDLE, NO ENTRY GAINED. SEEN ON CCTV.
Southchurch	42/157636/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	29/10/2018 16:19	29/10/2018 08:00	Daines Close	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY BY SMASHING THE REAR WINDOW. ACCESS GAINED. MESSY SEARCH OF BEDROOM. UNKNOWN WHAT ITEMS HAVE BEEN STOLEN.
Southchurch	42/157301/18	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	29/10/2018 04:20	29/10/2018 01:00	Canterbury Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SMASHED THE PASSENGER REAR WINDOW AND THE

							REAR WINDSCREEN ON THE VICTIMS SILVER FORD PUMA BY UNKNOWN MEANS.
Southchurch	42/157902/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	30/10/2018 09:03	30/10/2018 05:09	Poynings Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS BMW 1 SERIES AND CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/158693/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	30/10/2018 23:32	27/10/2018 20:30	Bovinger Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS VEHICLE BY UNKNOWN MEANS CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF COMPARTMENTS AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/159677/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	02/11/2018 10:28	01/11/2018 18:10	Barnstaple Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS SILVER FORD C MAX BY MEANS UNKNOWN. NOTHING HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM WITHIN.
Southchurch	42/159900/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	02/11/2018 17:29	01/11/2018 17:00	Little Thorpe	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED

Southchurch	42/160908/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	04/11/2018 09:12	01/11/2018 22:00	Armitage Road	Southend-on-Sea	HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SECURE GREY VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CAUSING NO DAMAGE, ONCE INSIDE SUSPECTS HAVE REMOVED THE VICTIMS SAT NAV.
							SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE A WHITE KIA SPORTAGE BY UNKNOWN MEANS AND HAVE REMOVED ITEMS. THE SUSPECT HAS BROKEN THE FUSE BOX LEAVING THE WIRES HANGING LOOSELY.
<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	42/158843/18	Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	31/10/2018 18:33	31/10/2018 00:00	Camper Mews	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED AND UNKNOWN HAVE PUNCHED AND KICKED THE VICTIM TO THE FLOOR AND MADE OFF WITH THE VICTIMS BIKE. SUSPECTS ALSO

							THREATENED TO STAB THE VICTIM AND ATTEMPTED TO STEAL THE VICTIMS PHONE.
Thorpe	42/159929/18	Distraction Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	02/11/2018 14:55	26/10/2018 00:01	Maplin Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CARRIED OUT BUILDING WORK AT LOCATION AT SOME POINT THEY HAVE ACCESSED THE PROPERTY AND REMOVED CASH AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS.
Thorpe	42/160306/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	03/11/2018 12:00	02/11/2018 22:00	Elm Grove	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO VEHICLE SILVER VOLKSWAGEN, BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND REMOVED PROPERTY FROM THE GLOVE BOX.
Thorpe	42/160423/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	03/11/2018 08:49	03/11/2018 00:00	St. Augustines Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO WHITE LEXUS RC 300 BY UNKNOWN MEANS CAUSING NO DAMAGE. MESSY SEARCH.INSIDE BOOT OPENED GLOVE BOX SEARCHED NO

Thorpe	42/160593/18	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	03/11/2018 22:16	02/11/2018 09:30	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	PROPERTY REMOVED. SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY - FOURTH FLOOR FLAT BY FORCING OPEN THE DOOR BY MEANS UNKNOWN. MESSY SEARCH CONDUCTED WITH A LAPTOP, PLAYSTATION 4 AND A ROLEX WATCH REMOVED.
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West Shoebury	42/159820/18	Interference with a motor vehicle	02/11/2018 14:54	01/11/2018 19:45	Aylesbeare	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS FORD FIESTA BY MEANS UNKNOWN. MESSY SEARCH MADE BUT NOTHING APPARENTLY MISSING.
West Shoebury	42/159772/18	Theft from a motor vehicle	02/11/2018 13:49	02/11/2018 01:45	Bishopsteignton	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BY MEANS UNKNOWN



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