

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 7th February 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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NEW: 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.

Reminders:

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BERA renewals are now due for January to December 2019 if you wish to remain a member. The cost this year is again £10 per year, per household, and we hope you feel this is value for money. Renewals can be completed by filling out the membership form online and paying by bank transfer (see the form giving you our bank details on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk) or by printing off a membership form (also on the homepage) and returning it with your payment to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way. We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals before the end of February. **It really helps us if you fill out a form so that we can check that we have up-to-date information.**

BERA AGM - We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21st March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. The head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport will be speaking at this event. Our second speaker will be discussing the new Care SOS Line, offering residents a direct link for emergencies.

BERA Coffee Morning - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 21st February 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 tea/coffee and biscuits. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

1. **Please be aware.** A large number of local people have had demands for money via email. If you are unsure of the sender or the contents of the message, just delete it. This also applies to phone calls. If the caller is asking you to log on to your computer or is asking for money, put the phone down.

2. **#SafeSouthend - a petition to fund more Police for our community**

<https://www.change.org/p/home-office-safesouthend-a-petition-to-fund-more-police-for-our-community>

3. Warning from a member

An elderly neighbour had a knock on the door from a door to door salesman selling frozen food. Although she was slightly confused and had a small freezer, the man convinced her to buy more than £900 worth of food, paying for it on her credit card, much of which was spicy food which she had never eaten before. Please never buy anything from someone knocking at your door unless you have asked them to call on you.

4. Southend NHW Data (28th January to 3rd February 2019)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/14949/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	28/01/2019 12:21	28/01/2019 12:20	Hamstel Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED DURING A VERBAL ARGUMENT HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO TWO DOORS BELONGING TO THE VICTIM.
Southchurch	42/16090/19	Theft if not classified elsewhere	29/01/2019 22:18	29/01/2019 00:00	Sherwood Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS MOBILE PHONE, GLASSES AND MONEY BY MEANS UNKNOWN. SUSPECT NAMED AND VICTIM ARE PARTNERS AND LIVE TOGETHER AT THE LOCATION.
Southchurch	42/16462/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	30/01/2019 22:58	30/01/2019 22:50	Sherwood Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS GAINED ENTRY TO PROPERTY ADDRESS VIA REAR DOOR CAUSING NO DAMAGE. ONCE INSIDE, SUSPECT NAMED HAS CONDUCTED MESSY SEARCH AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN. EXIT ROUTE SAME AS

ENTRY.

Southchurch	42/16390/19	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	30/01/2019 16:01	10/10/2018 00:00	Steyning Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SMASHED VICTIMS OUTDOOR LIGHT FITTING AND LOOSENEED THE BULB INSIDE BY MEANS UNKNOWN. VICTIM STATES THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED.
Southchurch	42/16589/19	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	31/01/2019 12:49	28/01/2019 00:00	Sherwood Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN FORCED THE LOCK OFF OF THE VICTIMS SHED TO GAIN ENTRY. SUSPECT HAS REMOVED A BOXED 55 INCH SAMSUNG TELEVISION AND A CORDLESS HANDHELD DRILL FROM INSIDE. SUSPECT HAS PROPPED THE LOCK BACK ON THE SHED SO THE SHED DID NOT LOOK DISTURBED.
Southchurch	42/17716/19	Theft if not	02/02/2019 13:26	02/02/2019 11:00	Wakering Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT

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UNKNOWN HAS
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VICTIMS APPLE AIR
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Thorpe	42/15223/19	Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	28/01/2019 19:19	28/01/2019 19:10	Ambleside Drive	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED BRANDISHED A HAMMER AT THE VICTIM AND THEN STOLEN HER MOBILE PHONE AND PURSE FROM HER.
Thorpe	42/17048/19	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	01/02/2019 10:25	21/01/2019 00:00	Parkanaur Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN USING IMPLEMENT UNKNOWN HAVE TRIED TO GAIN ENTRY TO VICTIMS PROPERTY VIA THE REAR PATIO DOORS. THIS HAS CAUSED THE PATIO DOORS TO CRACK.
Thorpe	42/17575/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	01/02/2019 21:13	01/02/2019 19:20	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO VICTIMS VEHICLE BY SMASHING THE

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Thorpe	42/17811/19	Burglary - Residential - Non- Dwelling	02/02/2019 16:48	30/01/2019 00:00	Eastern Esplanade	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED A BROOM TO TRY AND LEVER THE VICTIMS GARAGE DOOR OPEN, CAUSING THE BROOM TO BREAK AND DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS GARAGE DOOR.
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Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/14852/19	Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	27/01/2019 23:00	27/01/2019 23:00	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT NAMED HAS KICKED THE REAR DOOR ON VICTIMS PROPERTY SEVERAL TIMES CAUSING DAMAGE TO LOCKING SYSTEM AND BLINDS TO FALL OFF.

5. Articles from the newspapers

Pay more attention to air pollution, doctors warn parents

Parents ought to be more concerned about the damage air pollution is doing to their children, doctors say. Nine in 10 paediatricians said that dirty air was harming children they saw and that they wanted more action to fight fumes, a poll by Unicef and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health found.

Buses will be better run by local councils

Councils should control local bus services, a survey has revealed. A poll of 1,000 adults found that more than eight out of ten (82 per cent) agree that "as local authorities provide public money for the bus network, they should have more control over bus services." The poll for Better Buses for Greater Manchester found three out of four (76 per cent) supported re-regulation of buses in the region.

6. Lunchtime recital to feature solo clarinettist - Wednesday 13 February 2019

Southend-on-Sea will welcome the talented Italian solo clarinettist Luca Luciano for the latest instalment of the popular free lunchtime recitals.

Luca will present a music programme from 12.15pm until 1pm on Wednesday 13 February from in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. The concert is free to attend, with a retiring collection.

Born in Italy and now living in London, Luca Luciano has an extensive career as a performer and composer, with regular recitals in the UK, Europe and further afield bringing him great acclaim. He has been interviewed on radio, TV and for the press in many occasions in the UK, the USA, France, Italy, Netherlands, Brazil including recording live for BBC Radio 3. His music is consistently praised and is constantly being broadcast in three continents, in programs of classical music, improvised and experimental music.

His programme in Southend will include music by Gershwin, Villa Lobos and arrangements of music by Puccini, Vivaldi and Mozart.

The Concert Series offers local residents and visitors the opportunity to attend high quality live music performances and offers musicians a local performance platform.

This event is a continuation of the well-loved and very well-established recital series which features many excellent local performers over the year.

7. Council increases short-stay parking in Southend

Our BERA Chairman has been repeatedly pushing for an amendment to the high short-stay parking charges in the town. It looks like the Council are now taking notice, and are listening to local people

Two mini short-stay carparks are to be trialled on Southend High Street, with short-term parking spaces increasing at another major central car park.

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has announced that its 14-space London Road North car park beside the Odeon cinema will be converted into a one-hour maximum stay car park with a fixed fee of 20p for half an hour or 50p for an hour. Meanwhile, a further 12 short-stay car parking spaces will be created at the site of the former Pitman toilets with the same charging system operating.

In addition, the one-hour parking band will be reintroduced at Seaway car park during the summer months, bringing more than 600 extra single-hour parking options to the town centre. Currently, single-hour parking is only available at Seaways in the winter months. Single-hour parking here will be priced at £1.60 from April to October and £1.20 from November to March.

The new car-parking charges are all due to come into force from 1 April and will operate on a trial basis for a year.

Payment will be possible at London Road North and Pitmans via cash, phone or the Mobon app.

One-hour parking in Southend town centre:

Tylers Avenue and York Road Car Parks – 340 spaces priced at £1.10 for an hour

Short Street Car Park – 101 spaces priced at £1.10 for an hour

Seaway Car Park – 630 spaces priced at £1.20 for an hour (November – March) or £1.60 for an hour (April – October) commencing 1 April 2019

Royals Shopping Centre – 400 spaces priced at £1.10 for an hour

Victoria Shopping Centre – 670 spaces priced at £0.90 for an hour

Sainsbury's – 340 spaces priced at £1 for an hour (reimbursed with minimum spend instore)

London Road North (from 1 April 2019) – 14 spaces priced at 20p for half an hour or 50p for an hour

Pitmans (from 1 April 2019) – 12 spaces priced at 20p for half an hour or 50p for an hour

Southend Central Station (NCP) – 138 spaces priced at £1.70 for one hour
Luker Road (Britania Parking) – priced at £0.90 for one hour.

Half and single-hour parking is also available in on-street bays in the following streets within the town centre area:

Alexandra Road, Alexandra Street, Baltic Avenue, Cambridge Road, Capel Terrace, Cashibury Terrace, Clarence Road, Clarence Street, Clifton Terrace, Clifftown Road, Devereaux Road, Gordon Road, London Road, Nelson Street, Prittlewell Square, Queens Road, Royal Terrace, Runwell Terrace, Southchurch Road, Warrior Square, Weston Road, Victoria Avenue, Whitegate Road, York Road.

8. The proposed introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to prohibit certain activities within Southend town centre and seafront

BERA have pushed for this, due to problems in our areas, particularly along the seafront, and it is good to see that the Council are taking notice. We will make sure that we are involved, one way or the other, either through the association or through our local councillors.

The Council is conducting a consultation on the proposed introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to prohibit certain activities within Southend town centre and seafront in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Disorder Act 2014.

A PSPO allows the Council to prohibit specified activities, and/or require certain things to be done by people engaged in particular activities, within a defined public area. Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. It is hoped that a PSPO will provide a long-term solution to the problems that those using the proposed area experience on a daily basis. If a PSPO is made it would provide an additional enforcement tool to the police and the council to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour in the area covered.

Why are we consulting?

This public consultation invites views on a proposed PSPO from people with an interest in the affected area. This is to allow the council to better understand their views and to inform any PSPO that may eventually be made. The consultation will invite views from people who reside in the area, people who visit and pass through the area, people who work in the area and people who access services in the area.

Consultation on the proposal will be carried out until 11th March 2019. The consultation will primarily take the form of an online survey, and local people will be notified through notices and letter drops within the affected area and its borders, as

well as through social media. The council will also consult in writing with all of its statutory partners as well as a wide range of non-statutory partner agencies, organisations and associations. You can find the consultation, Draft Order and the area using this [link](#) and clicking on 'Your Voice'

We want to know:

- Whether or not the activities covered by the proposed PSPO have caused a detrimental effect on you
- Whether or not you agree with the proposal
- Your views on the proposed area the PSPO would cover

The proposed PSPO is centred on improving and protecting the local area for the people residing, working, trading, and visiting the area. We value your opinion on this action which seeks to strengthen communities and partnerships to improve our environment and reduce crime, and to develop a sense of pride and safety for where you live and work.

9. Coastal Management Scheme

The drop in sessions at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club proved very popular and it was good to see that the proposed scheme relates very closely to the one BERA has been pushing for.