

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 7th October 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
(printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)

Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details:
Email or Username: burgesestate
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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 17th October 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, contactless debit card blocking pouches, and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

1) Information Corner

Update on the Measles Outbreak In Southend-on-Sea

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Public Health England (PHE) have confirmed:

- We now have three confirmed cases of measles
- We are still waiting on results for the remaining five
- We have no new suspected cases
- We are continuing to trace people who may have been exposed to the measles virus by coming into contact with the three confirmed and five suspected cases.
- We have given MMR jabs to 50 clients, staff and service users of Project 49 who may have been exposed – a further 37 were found to already be immune. We are still making enquiries in regards to immunity for a further 62 cases.
- 64 people have called Southend’s public information line

All centres that have been closed last week have been advised by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to re-open from Monday (today), under guidance from Public Health England. Project 49 will reopen with a limited programme and those unable to attend due to the current situation will be contacted directly.

The public information line opened yesterday has taken 64 calls and will reopen on Monday (today) morning at 8am. The number is 01702 837890. The Council would like to thank the Southend CCG and EPUT for supporting the co-ordination and vaccination programme.

A reminder that you are not at risk of measles if you:

- Have already received the MMR jab
- You have not been exposed to someone who has the virus

If you were born before 1970, you are also likely to be immune because you have probably been exposed to measles already.

A short video has also been produced which is available to view here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVWS1bKNAgU&feature=youtu.be>

Useful links and advice for public reference:

NHS Measles page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

NHS measles outbreak advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/measles-outbreak-advice/>

MMR vaccine information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine-when-needed/>

Doorstep Cold Callers And Rogue Traders

We have had some advice from Southend Council which is below:

Trading Standards is receiving large numbers of complaints regarding doorstep cold callers and rogue traders. Citizens are being approached at home by 'tradesmen' offering various services, typically building maintenance and gardening jobs. This work is carried out to a very poor standard and at extortionate prices. Members of the public are experiencing large financial losses and suffering effects on their health as a result of these illegal practices.

These criminals identify areas of towns that may be home to vulnerable persons, such as streets populated with bungalows, and will drop flyers or knock on doors trying to entice an unsuspecting customer. In some circumstances, we know that traders have inflicted damage to premises themselves before pointing out the problem to the victim and offering to carry out the necessary repair.

The information on their flyers will contain bogus business addresses and phone numbers and websites that are not recognised.

Trading Standards is very active on Twitter and they are constantly posting topical consumer information and advice. If you are on Twitter please follow them on @SouthendTS. Due to GDPR restrictions please note they are not able to take consumer reports via twitter.

Citizens Advice run a consumer helpline on behalf of Trading Standards nationally allowing them to see developing trends across the country as well as ensuring callers are given immediate consumer advice in most cases. You can contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06.

Online advice on a range of consumer issues is available too on <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/>

Please note: A Trading Standards Officer will be giving a talk and answering any questions you may have at our members get together on Monday 21st October 2019, at 8.00pm, St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

'Request An ATM' Service To Be Launched

Communities will be able to request a free cash machines for their area through their MP or council if they are finding it hard to access money. Link, which oversees the UK's network of cash machines, has set up a £1 million fund to pay for the scheme.

2) Thorpe Bay & District Men's Forum - 10th October 2019, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Thorpe Bay & District Men's Forum had its first meeting with a speaker on the 6th October 1966. Unfortunately, in recent years the membership has dropped considerably and they really need more members so this long established club can continue. They meet on Thursdays from 2.30pm to 4.00pm at the Methodist Church (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road).

They are a non-religious club and try to book interesting speakers, as much as their funds will allow. The cost is £2 weekly, including tea and biscuits and they also have a Christmas lunch.

So why not go along, without commitment and cost, on the 10th October, which is when their winter session with speakers begins, to see if you would be interested in joining.

For more information contact Mike on 01702 588297

3) Weekly List of Major Works A127 & Other Routes

Address Connaught Gardens
Start 30/09/2019
End 01/11/2019
Work Ref AZ007-1000852964 – Major gas mains replacement
Works Type MAJOR
L.A.Ref 99108
Traffic Management 2 way signals – delays possible

Address Trinity Road
Start 07/10/2019
End 24/01/2020
Work Ref EN013-172501 – Renewal of lead pipe services in carriageway and footway
Works Type MAJOR
L.A.Ref 75049
Traffic Management Give & take – delays possible

4) List Of Applications Registered Week Ending 4th October 2019

APPLN. NO: 19/01798/TPO

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 1 October 2019 Area BORO

REDUCE CROWN OF HOLM OAK TO REAR BY 1.5M AND RESHAPE (APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER)

49 BROADCLYST GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 19/01687/FUL

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 26 September 2019 Area BORO
**DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE BLOCK TO REAR, ERECT TWO STOREY BUILDING
WITH BASEMENT COMPRISING OF TWO ADDITIONAL HOTEL APARTMENTS,
STORAGE AND BIKE STORE, LAY OUT PARKING SPACES TO REAR
CAMELIA HOTEL 176 - 178 EASTERN ESPLANADE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/01723/CLP

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 25 September 2019 Area BORO
**DORMERS TO REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
80 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/01747/FULH

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Peter Lang Date Valid. 23 September 2019 Area BORO
**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
209 KENSINGTON ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

5) Crime Data Southend-On-Sea - July/August 2019

	July 2019	August 2019
All crime	328	345
Anti-social behaviour	74	74
Bicycle theft	3	2
Burglary	10	13
Criminal damage and arson	21	68
Drugs	2	12
Other crime	4	4
Other theft	12	16
Possession of weapons	2	0

Public order	30	33
Robbery	6	2
Shoplifting	15	13
Theft from the person	3	2
Vehicle crime	22	21
Violence and sexual offences	124	85

