

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 9th January 2020 – www.bera.co.uk
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Reminders:

New Which subscription logon details:
Email or Username: burgesestate
Password: BERA2019

“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 16th January 2020 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.

BERA Membership is now due for renewal

BERA renewals are now due for January to December 2020 and the cost this year is again £10 per household. Renewals can be done by either:

- * online on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk and pay by bank transfer or
- * by printing off a membership form, also on the homepage, and returning it with your payment (cash or cheque made payable to Burges Estate Resident Association) to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way.

We will also be delivering a BERA brochure to you soon, which will have a membership form in as an insert and it really helps us if you fill out a form, so that we can check that we have your up-to-date information. We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals before the end of February.

Below are some of the benefits of BERA membership, which I think you will agree is great value for money:

Monthly coffee morning on the 3rd Thursday of every month – free to members
Weekly newsletters with local news
Free signal blocking pouches for car keys, and free personal and panic alarms

Free basic advice on property covenants and planning issues
We arrange and pay for the planting of trees and bushes outside your property
We pay for the Christmas lights in The Broadway

1) Information Corner

What's happening this January? Go to www.visitsouthend.co.uk for more information and events

Horror-On-Sea Film Festival

Taking place over two weekends, this year's Horror-on-Sea is set to be a screamer! Starting 10th January, the festival is filled to the brim with independent horror films and even a masterclass from local legend Pat Higgins. Grab yourself a day, a weekend or a mega pass.

Pier Loyalty card

Visit Southend Pier today and pick up a loyalty card. Visit the Pier 5 times and get the 6th free. A great way to build up those steps for the new year.

Popularity of England's coastal paths

Natural England - the government's adviser on the natural environment - has revealed the huge popularity of England's coastal paths, with 29m walking trips made over a six-month period. This study will be used to measure the outcome of the approved access scheme, which once complete, will establish a 2,700-mile path around the entire English coastline.

The data showed that visits to the coast boosted the economy by £350m, with day-trippers spending on average £8.65 per day in coastal shops and overnight visitors spending on average £36.73. This supported more than 5,900 full-time equivalent jobs along the English coast.

National Living Wage set to increase by 6.2% in 2020

Low-paid workers will receive a 6.2% pay rise with a new National Living Wage (NLW) of £8.72 per hour, starting in April 2020. This increase applies to those aged 25 or over, increases the NLW by 51p per hour and equates to an annual pay rise of up to £930 for a full time worker. Nearly 3 million workers are set to benefit from the increases to the NLW and minimum wage rates for younger workers, according to estimates from the independent Low Pay Commission.

Younger workers who receive the National Minimum Wage will also see pay increases of between 4.6% and 6.5%, dependent on their age, with 21-24 year olds seeing a 6.5% increase from £7.70 to £8.20 an hour. The increased rates were recommended by the Low Pay Commission, an independent body that advises government about the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage.

Coastal management scheme for Shoeburyness

Please see below the consultation outcome, which was BERA's proposal seven year ago!

Almost 190 people came along to the three public consultation events, and a further 122 people responded online and gave their views on the four options suggested as part of a coastal management project which covers 2km of coast between Thorpe Bay yacht Club and the World War II Quick Fire Battery.

The outcome of the consultation was that option four was preferred, which involves;

- A 'beach recharge'; placing additional sand to the coastline to better protect the seawall by forcing waves to break further offshore.
- Raising the height of the beach wall by 10-12 inches between Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and the Promenade.
- Adding additional timber groynes to reduce movement of the new beach material.

This has several benefits including better protection against coastal flooding, stabilisation of the existing defences, it is likely to be a long term solution, with the potential to create tourism and leisure benefits.

Since the options were prepared there has been a change to standards used at the start of the design process and we have had to wait for approval from the Environment Agency to ensure the proposed project will last a significant number of years against predicted sea level rises. It is vital that we take action to protect Shoeburyness from rising sea levels and storms brought about by climate change. But it is a significant investment and we must be sure to get it right, for now and for future generations which is why it was important to wait for these additional checks before announcing the outcome.

The full consultation report can be found at: www.bettersouthend.co.uk.

Flying progress of Airport Business Park Southend as new rugby club opens

Councillors will hear how work on the phase one site infrastructure has almost finished, with phase two underway which includes the completion of further utilities and the road loop around the business park.

Westcliff Rugby Club has also successfully relocated into a new 10,000 sq. ft. clubhouse, with four senior rugby pitches and a further six junior pitches and training areas.

The Launchpad, a dedicated facility designed to champion innovation in the area for start-ups and SME's recently receiving planning permission from Rochford District Council, and a procurement process will take place this year to select an operator for the building, and £180,000 of sustainable cities funding has also been secured by the council's energy team to improve the building's environmental credentials.

Construction is well underway on a 124,000 sq. ft. unit for first occupier, IPECO Holdings, which will move into its new home in 2020 and discussions and negotiation with a number of interested parties continues through Henry Boot Developments Ltd (HBD) and the appointed agents.

The project progress is thanks to a budgeted public investment of £31m, of which £23m is from South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) and £8m from the council's capital budget.

2) Lighting of fires / garden waste

We have been asked by a few residents what the protocol is on lighting fires or burning garden waste and we have been informed that there are no specific times, but any bonfire / fire cannot cause statutory nuisance to others (under Environmental Protection Act). If nuisance is being experienced, that can be reported for consideration.

The burning of waste from construction sites is contrary to the air quality action plan and there are also further restrictions on disposal of commercial waste. Any issues in respect of burning commercial waste should be reported.

You can visit the Council's web pages where there are suggestions on recycling or composting for domestic waste: southend.gov.uk/downloads/file/542/domestic_bonfires_-_guidance

3) List Of Applications Registered Week Ending 3 January 2020

APPLN. NO: 19/02351/FUL

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Date Valid. 23 December
2019

Area BORO

**ERECT GAZEBO AND GREEN KEEPERS STORE TO REAR AND NEW ENTRANCE WALL AND GATE TO SOUTH BOUNDARY
SOUTHCHURCH LAWN WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/02352/LBC

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Date Valid. 23 December
2019

Area BORO

**ERECT GAZEBO AND GREEN KEEPERS STORE TO REAR AND NEW ENTRANCE WALL AND GATE TO SOUTH BOUNDARY (LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)
SOUTHCHURCH LAWN WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 19/02371/CLP

Ward. **Southchurch**

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 27 December
2019

Area BORO

**SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
135 POYNINGS AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/02354/CLP

Ward. **Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Date Valid. 23 December
2019

Area BORO

**DORMERS TO REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
(AMENDED PROPOSAL)
80 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 19/02374/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

Date Valid. 2 January
2020

Area BORO

**DEMOLISH EXISTING BEACH HUT AND ERECT REPLACEMENT BEACH HUT
BEACH HUT 244 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY**

4) Southend NHW Crime Data - 30th December 2019 to 5th January 2020

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/204794/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	30/12/2019 14:00	29/12/2019 09:00	Chaingate Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS ADDRESS BY UNKNOWN MEAN.
Southchurch	42/205536/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	31/12/2019 18:31	31/12/2019 16:00	The Willows	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY VIA THE REAR DOOR BY MEANS UNKNOWN. NO SIGN OF FORCED ENTRY. MESSY SEARCH OF ALL ROOMS WITH EVERY DRAWER TURNED OUT AND LOFT HATCH OPEN. LOFT LADDER LEFT DOWN. INDIAN GOLD STOLEN TO AN APPROX. VALUE OF GBP15,000 AND A MANS WATCH VALUED AT APPROX GBP 3,000.
Southchurch	42/1183/20	Theft if not classified elsewhere	03/01/2020 11:54	02/01/2020 16:00	Shoebury Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS FILLED UP A BLACK FORD FIESTA WITH FIFTY POUNDS WORTH OF FUEL AND LEFT

							MAKING NO ATTEMPTS TO PAY.
Southchurch	42/2214/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	03/01/2020 20:59	03/01/2020 07:40	Shoebury Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN BOTH FRONT AND REAR NUMBER PLATES FROM THE VICTIMS CAR USING MEANS UNKNOWN, BEFORE MAKING OFF UNSEEN.
Thorpe	42/205401/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	29/12/2019 21:10	27/12/2019 01:50	Burges Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN, CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH OF THE INTERIOR AND REMOVED ROUGHLY 20 GBP IN COINS FROM THE CENTRE CONSOLE.
Shoebury	42/204942/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	30/12/2019 18:52	29/12/2019 00:01	Ness Road	Southend-on-Sea	VICTIM STATES THAT SHE HAD THREE FRIENDS TO HER ADDRESS THE PREVIOUS EVENING. VICTIM WENT TO BED AROUND MIDNIGHT AND AT THIS TIME HER CAR WAS ON HER DRIVEWAY. VICTIM NOTICED THAT HER VEHICLE WAS MISSING FROM THE DRIVE AT 1850HRS 30/12/2019.

							THE KEYS TO THE VEHICLE WERE ALSO MISSING. THERE WAS NO BREAK IN TO HER PROPERTY.
West Shoebury	42/34/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	01/01/2020 00:28	01/01/2020 00:26	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THROWN ITEMS UNKNOWN AT THE WINDSCREEN OF WHITE VAUXHALL CORSA CAUSING THE WINDSCREEN TO SMASH.
West Shoebury	42/419/20	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	01/01/2020 20:54	01/01/2020 20:00	Elm Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE REAR WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS BLACK ALFA ROMEO MITO BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
West Shoebury	42/1154/20	Theft from a motor vehicle	03/01/2020 11:08	02/01/2020 11:59	Bishopsteignton	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED THE FRONT AND REAR INDEX PLATES FROM THE VICTIMS BLUE BEETLE.

5) There is less than a week to go for people to have their say on paying for policing in Essex

Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, is asking the Council Tax payers of Essex for their views on the topic of police funding. Do people want more investment in the police service and are they willing to pay more Council Tax to provide it?

People can fill in a survey at: <https://essexpfcc.limequery.com/667238?lang=en> to give their views. The survey closes at midnight on Sunday, January 12.