

# **BERA E-NEWSLETTER 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**

We have a slightly longer than usual e-newsletter this week as members have been sending us information that we think you should all know about.

## **1. BERA Sponsored Coffee Morning**

The next date for the coffee morning will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to midday at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway, so please make a note of it in your diary. We will be sending a reminder nearer the time.

## **2. BERA Open Garden Competition**

We have been asked for the answers to the competition to guess which plants were in which property. They were:

Oak Hall, 52 Tyrone Road - Gunnera Manicata

1 Thorpe Bay Gardens - Acer Palmatum Orido Nishiki

135 Parkanaur Avenue - Fatsia Japonica Spiders Web

110 Marcus Avenue - Sciadopitys Verticillata aka Japanese Umbrella Pine or Koyamaki

41 Marcus Avenue - Carex Comans Bronze

Morleys were incredibly generous, because as well as the £50 voucher, they also donated the plants to us, so each garden which took part kept the plant they had.

Only one couple got all five correct. Surprisingly, several entries got the hardest one (Sciadopitys) but missed the Gunnera, thinking it was a wild rhubarb.

## **3. Parking in the Southchurch Park area**

If you park in the Southchurch Park area ensure there is nothing visible in your car that may attract thieves. A member returned to their car recently and found various items scattered over the footwells after the glove compartment had been gone through. The car was locked when they left it and locked when they returned so they are unsure how the thief got in.

#### 4. **Suspicious behaviour in The Broadway**

Recently two members were walking along the Broadway from the station at about midnight, having been in London. As they approached the roundabout at the end of shops they spotted a young man on a bike, dressed in dark clothes with a hoodie, lurking around the barbers in the shadows. He called out and asked them the time – but they didn't stop and walked quickly to their car. As most young people have a phone on them, they thought it suspicious and asked us to let you know.

#### 5. **Essex's free community alert service**

Below is a link to Essex Community Messaging, where you can opt to receive regular updates about what is happening in your neighbourhood:

<https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/>

#### 6. **Local crime information**

Here is a brief summary of the crime information for Southend-on-Sea for the past two months:

	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>
All crime	242	216
Anti-social behaviour	82	81
Bicycle theft	3	0
Burglary	17	9
Criminal damage and arson	23	25
Drugs	4	2
Other crime	2	4
Other theft	15	15
Possession of weapons	0	1
Public order	16	15
Robbery	0	0
Shoplifting	11	9
Theft from the person	0	1
Vehicle crime	10	12
Violence and sexual offences	59	42

## 7. Road closure notice for Southend Carnival on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Please find below a copy of the road closure notice for the Carnival this Saturday:

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A (SPECIAL EVENTS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING, PARKING & TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW, (VARIOUS ROADS – SOUTHEND-ON-SEA)

SOUTHEND CARNIVAL EVENT ORDER 2017

1. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council hereby gives notice that to allow for the SOUTHEND CARNIVAL EVENT and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public on 19th AUGUST 2017 it made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic on VARIOUS ROADS & PARKING AREAS (except permit holders where listed) & temporarily suspend the One-Way Traffic In PLEASANT ROAD & ROYAL TERRACE & prohibit Waiting Loading & Unloading in VARIOUS ROADS within SOUTHEND-ON-SEA as listed in the schedules below.

2. Whilst the closure and temporary suspensions and prohibitions are in place, no person may cause any vehicle, to proceed in the various roads within Southend-on-Sea as detailed in the schedules below on SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2017

Schedule 1 - Temporary Road Closures

Road Duration of Closure

Lifstan Way – Northumberland Crescent to Eastern Esplanade 15.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs

Shaftesbury Avenue – Bryant Avenue to Lifstan Way 15.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs

Victoria Road – Shaftesbury Avenue to Eastern Esplanade 18.15 hrs to 21.00 hrs

Eastern Esplanade – Lifstan Way to Southchurch Avenue 18.15 hrs to 21.00 hrs

Southchurch Avenue – Woodgrange Drive to Eastern Esplanade 18.15 hrs to 22.00 hrs

Marine Parade – in its entirety 18.15 hrs to 22.00 hrs

Western Esplanade – Marine Parade to Shorefield Road 18.15 hrs to 22.00 hrs

Western Esplanade – Shorefield Road to Grosvenor Road 19.15 hrs to 22.30 hrs

Shorefield Road – Palmeira Avenue to Western Esplanade 19.15 hrs to 22.00 hrs

Pleasant Road – Marine Parade to Hartington Place 16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs

## Schedule 2

Temporary Closure of Parking Areas & Prohibition of Waiting, Loading & Unloading

### Road Duration of Closure

Fairheads Green Car Park 15 bays at western end of car park 16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs

Western Esplanade Central Parking Area from lamp col. 61/62 to its eastern most point 06.30 Hrs to 23.00 hrs

Western Esplanade – All Southern Carriageway bays between the Pier and Western Esplanade

Central Area Car Park 16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs

Western Esplanade – All On-Street bays between Grosvenor Road and Shorefield Road 16.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs

Clifftown Parade – No Waiting, Loading & Unloading from Prittlewell Square to Devereux Road 12.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs

Western Esplanade – the Loading Bay between Marine Parade and The Pier 16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs

Marine Parade – All Loading Bays, Limited Waiting Bays & Disabled Parking Bay 16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs

Lifstan Way – From its junction with Northumberland Crescent to the common boundary of

Nos. 53/55 Lifstan Way 14.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs

### Schedule 3 – Temporary Prohibition of Parking (Except Permit Holders)

#### Road Duration of Closure

Eastern Esplanade – From 50m west of Victoria Road to Lifstan Way 17.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs

### Schedule 4 – Temporary Suspension of One-Way Traffic Flow

Temporarily suspend the ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW, in PLEASANT ROAD & ROYAL TERRACE thereby introducing a temporary TWO WAY TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN 16.00 HOURS AND 22.00 HOURS

3. Nothing in the Order will apply to any:

(a). vehicle being used for Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLI, Fire Brigade or Police services;

(b). thing done by a Statutory Undertaker vehicle in connection with an emergency repair;

(c). thing done with the permission or at the direction of a Civil Enforcement Officer, Event Organisers or a Police Constable in uniform; and

(d). vehicles being used for the Carnival Event or for Service purposes

4. The prohibition or restrictions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

5. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by the Notice may be issued with a penalty charge notice and removed

A Lewis

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue Dated 20th July 2017

Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ER

8. **NICE recommends 20mph limits**

**NICE Recommends 20mph limits Without Traffic Calming to Improve Air Quality**

**A 20's Plenty for Us Press  
Release July 2017**

[http://www.20splenty.org/NICE\\_20mph\\_for\\_air\\_quality](http://www.20splenty.org/NICE_20mph_for_air_quality)

**NICE recommends urban speed  
reduction for better air quality. NICE**

**20's Plenty for**

**guidance says 20mph limits without physical measures in urban areas help “avoid unnecessary acceleration and deceleration”.**

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NICE, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, reviews evidence on health policies. It has published **guidance on Air pollution: outdoor air quality and health in June 2017<sup>[1]</sup> which strongly supports 20mph limits for smooth driving and speed reduction. It advises authorities to set**

**“20 mph limits without physical measures to reduce speeds in urban areas where average speeds are already low (below around 24 mph) to avoid unnecessary accelerations and decelerations”**

Many authorities have additionally set 20mph speeds on roads with higher than 24mph average speeds for consistency of limits across a community.

20mph limits are increasingly recognised as an affordable tool to tackle air quality action areas. Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hammersmith and Fulham and others have justified their wide area 20mph limits both on health grounds from fewer casualties, and due to reduced acceleration and encouraging modal shift away from car use towards non-polluting methods like walking and cycling – which all improve air quality.

NICE further states

“Where physical speed reduction measures are used to reduce road danger and injuries (20 mph zones – see NICE's guideline on [unintentional injuries on the road](#)), consider using them to encourage drivers to maintain a reduced, steady pace along the whole stretch of road, rather than road humps that may increase acceleration- and braking-related emissions”

Rod King MBE, Founder of 20's Plenty for Us said:

*“Many authorities recognise that 20mph helps them to both meet their air quality as well as ‘duty of care’ responsibilities to the vulnerable<sup>[2]</sup>. In fact switching to a 20mph limit makes a significant reduction in the most dangerous NOx and PM<sup>10</sup> emissions<sup>[3]</sup>. It is entirely appropriate for NICE to make this recommendation to direct local authorities in their statutory duty to improve air quality and public health.”*