



**BERA**  
**The Residents Association**  
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Dear Member,

**We are sending you a paper newsletter as we don't have an email registered to your address. Whilst I appreciate many of you don't have a computer, for those that do, please let us know what it is by emailing [ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk), as you are missing out on weekly e-newsletters from the Association, which keep you informed of up-to-date local information such as road closures, events or recent crimes that have taken place in the area. It also saves us the cost of postage. Don't forget we also have a website [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk).**

**1. Free BERA sponsored coffee and biscuit morning**

The next coffee morning is being held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 10.00am-12 midday at The Methodist Church, on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway. Come along and bring a friend.

**2.** We are holding a social evening on 14th November 2017 at St Augustines Church from 8pm onwards. This will be for a general discussion where you can raise any concerns you may have with your local councillors or members of the Committee.

**3. Brief summary of the crime information for Southend-on-Sea:**

	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>June 2017</b>
All crime	216	246
Burglary	9	9
Anti-social behaviour	81	60
Criminal damage and arson	25	21
Violence and sexual offences	42	68
Public order	15	16
Vehicle crime	12	27
Shoplifting	9	14
Other theft	15	16
Other crime	8	15

**Emergency calls**

In an emergency please **telephone 999**. If you are hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, a **text phone is available on 18000**. You should use these numbers if:

- A crime is happening right now.
- Someone is in immediate danger, or there is a risk of serious damage to property.
- A suspect for a serious crime is nearby.
- There is a traffic collision involving injury or danger to other road users.

**Non-emergency calls**

For all other calls to the police please **telephone 101**. If you are hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, a **text phone is available on 18001**. You should use these non-emergency numbers to:

- Report crimes not currently in progress such as stolen cars, burglary, or damaged property.
- Give information to the police about crime in your area.
- Speak to the police about a general enquiry.
- Contact a specific police officer or member of staff.

#### **4. Rogue Traders**

Please be careful about letting cold callers do any work for you. Always get at least three quotes for work and references if possible, so that you can be sure you are using a reputable company. We also do not recommend you buy any goods from door to door sales people.

#### **5. Coaches**

We have had a serious problem with coach parking during the summer holiday, and the council have now banned them from parking in Lifestains Way, Ness Road and Thorpe Hall Avenue. The signs are up and all we need to do now is make sure the Council enforce it. If you see a coach parked there during the day (9am to 5pm) call 01702 215003 and out of hours call 01702 466550.

#### **6. Seafront Fireworks**

Something to note in your diaries is that the free seafront fireworks return to City Beach on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at 19:30. This may be important to those of you with pets that are upset by the noise.

#### **7. Which subscription**

We have joined Which on behalf of our members, paying a monthly subscription, and you will now all be able to log on and have a look at product reviews/energy advice etc. We hope you find this useful.

The webpage can be reached on [www.which.co.uk](http://www.which.co.uk). The username is: burgesestate and the password is: BERAResidents.

#### **8. Lost and Found**

We decided it might be useful to set up a lost and found section in our e-newsletter. Please email [ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Ron on 01702 588662 if there is anything you would like added to this section, and we will circulate it to all members. We tend to send an e-newsletter about once a week.

#### **8. Trees/plants/bushes overhanging the pavements or roads**

It seems this year our plants/trees/shrubs have all grown incredibly fast. The Council will cut back anything on council land that overhangs the road or pavement (and we constantly remind them if they miss something). Also we should have a hard look at our own gardens, and cut back anything that causes a nuisance to pedestrians walking past our homes. Look out for things like berries or fruit that may be dropping off trees or bushes, making a slippery mess or trip hazard that could be dangerous to older people. Sometimes what seems like a small problem to us may be a huge nuisance to others. Let's try and keep the outside of our houses free from rubbish and overgrown vegetation and in a tidy state, to continue having an attractive looking neighbourhood.

**Ron Woodley,  
Chair  
Burgess Estate Residents Association**