

BERA E-Newsletter 4th July 2020 - www.bera.co.uk (printable version of Newsletter is available soon on website if needed)

Dear Member

Please see today's update, along with other information that is happening in our area.

Please also continue to look at the BERA website for the daily updates under the 'newsletters' section. We will endeavour to send out the next e-newsletter on Tuesday/Wednesday.

Keep well,

Regards

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

3 July 2020

Purpose

This briefing is to update all on the ongoing development and management of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the current situation in the UK, and some key wider public health responses, mainly from a national level.

Latest on Coronavirus

- Risk Level – **3**
- UK Tests and Deaths: **a total of 284,276 cases** were confirmed positive. There has been a total of **44,131 (401 previous 72hrs)** COVID-19 related deaths.
- As of the 30th June, in Southend-on-Sea there were **641 positive cases (3 new cases)** – Pillar 1 = **0 cases** and Pillar 2 = **3 cases** since the 29th June).

Pillar 1 (total 461) - tests carried out in NHS laboratories; **Pillar 2 (total 180)** - testing by commercial partners of the mass-testing programme.

- There were **178 confirmed deaths (1 new registered death since 29th June)** in both the hospital and community.

Local Updates - None today.

Key updates/actions

- **Visit Southend Safely:**

With the wider reopening of the leisure and hospitality industry tomorrow (4th), a new campaign encouraging people to Visit Southend Safely has been launched. More here:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/1960/please-visit-southend-safely> and

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/1962/patience-urged-as-pubs-reopen>

- **Test and Trace:**

Our Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) was submitted to Government on Tuesday evening. More information is on our website: www.southend.gov.uk/testandtrace

- **Discretionary business grant scheme:**

Small and micro businesses are being encouraged to check their eligibility and apply online at www.southend.gov.uk/businessgrants. We have received 281 applications, with 94 of those requiring further information. We have paid out £79,000 to 27 businesses. Businesses are being asked to apply as soon as possible and attach all relevant documents to their applications.

- **Retail, hospitality and leisure and small business grants:**

We have now paid out £36.5m to 3001 businesses.

- **Playgrounds:**

The Council is working to reopen playgrounds safely. More info here:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/1961/council-working-to-reopen-playgrounds-but-they-will-stay-closed-this-weekend>

- **Anti-litter campaign:**

An anti-littering campaign was launched last week.

The campaign materials can be downloaded on our Flickr site:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/southendbc/albums/72157714867073311>

Other

- **Out of hours:** Urgent issues arising out of hours should be reported to the out of hours service in accordance with standard practice. The phone number is 01702 215000. The out of hours service will then contact the relevant Council officer who is on-call or the relevant contractor such as Veolia. They also have access to the town link radio and CCTV.

- Sections within the Coronavirus pages on the Council's website have been created for financial support available to local people and local

businesses as a result of the various Government funding measures announced. Please use these links to signpost if you get enquiries:
[Resident financial support pages](#)
[Business financial support pages](#)

- Please continue to visit and promote www.southend.gov.uk/coronavirus to local people.
- Please encourage local people to sign up for [regular e-newsletters on Coronavirus:](#)

Please follow our social media accounts and share our Coronavirus related content.

1) Information Corner

Thank You

We would just like to say thank you to all of the shops in The Broadway for keeping us all supplied with our essentials during this time and for all of your hard work.

Tree Planting

If any members would like a tree planted outside their property, please let us know.

Possible Scam – Netflix

We have been contacted by a member about a possible scam and please see below:

Another scam going around, this one is about Netflix, you are being asked to send your credit card details to a fake web site.

I phoned Netflix on **0800 096 6379**, to ask if they had sent the email which they hadn't.

**SO, DON'T GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS & PHONE
NETFLIX'S NUMBER TO CONFIRM THEY HADN'T SENT AN EMAIL**

Southend's cultural venues to start reopening in July

More cultural venues in Southend are set to start reopening their doors to the public during July as lockdown eases across the UK.

[Focal Point Gallery](#) in The Forum on Elmer Square will reopen to the public on 8 July with social distancing and enhanced cleaning measures in operation. Visitors will be able to see "In my Room": a first solo institutional exhibition by artists Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings, bringing together film, fresco painting and works on paper. 'In My Room'

develops the artists' enquiry into the politics, histories and aesthetics of queer spaces and culture. It builds on their travels across the UK whilst making 'UK Gay Bar Directory (UKGBD)' 2016: a moving image archive of gay bars, responding to the systematic closure of LGBTQ+ dedicated social spaces.

The opening of Focal Point Gallery follows an announcement last week that [Southend Pier will start reopening](#) to the public from Monday 6 July.

A [phased return of library services](#), starting with a "click and collect" service, also starts from Monday 6 July 2020 while plans continue to be developed for reopening the town's libraries for browsing and other services.

Work is also underway to reopen the historic Prittlewell Priory in Priory Park from 29 July, subject to approval of a Covid-19 risk assessment.

Opening dates for The Cliffs Pavilion, The Palace Theatre, Southend Central Museum, the Beecroft Gallery and Southchurch Hall will be announced in due course as risk assessments are undertaken.

A [Southend Safe](#) kite mark scheme – being administered by the Southend Tourism Partnership (STP) – is being rolled out to businesses and organisations in the hospitality sector across the town, with local businesses being encouraged to apply for and display the logo to demonstrate they meet new safety standards around distancing, hygiene and other measures put in place by central Government. This runs alongside a Visit Southend Safely campaign – administered by the Southend Business Improvement District (BID) - encouraging visitors to keep apart, avoid crowded areas, wash hands regularly and wearing a face mask more frequently.

To keep up to date about businesses reopening in Southend, visit www.visitsouthend.co.uk.

Areas with highest number of weekly COVID-19 cases revealed

The Government has warned that further local lockdowns could be implemented after Public Health England data suggested that some towns and cities in England had recorded more than 50 positive tests per 100,000 people. It comes as councils and public health officials say they still need more detailed information to find out what is happening in their areas.

'Super Saturday' revellers urged to drink responsibly as pubs reopen

People planning on heading to pubs and restaurants as they reopen this weekend have been urged by health services and the police that "it has never been more important to drink responsibly". It comes as businesses make sure they are ready for

APPLN. NO: 20/00892/FUL Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Scott Davison Date Valid. 29 June 2020 Area BORO
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BEACH HUT 326 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY

APPLN. NO: 20/00970/FULH Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Julie Ramsey Date Valid. 19 June 2020 Area BORO
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER PORCH TO SIDE AND
INSTALL CANOPY TO SIDE AND REAR
91 WYATTS DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00978/FUL Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Spyros Mouratidis Date Valid. 19 June 2020 Area BORO
EXTEND EXISTING CROSSOVER ONTO THE BROADWAY
112 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/00981/FULH Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Julie Ramsey Date Valid. 22 June 2020 Area BORO
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS
103 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01001/FULH Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 25 June 2020 Area BORO
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
21 THORPE BAY GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01003/FULH Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 25 June 2020 Area BORO
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TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
198 VICTORIA ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01012/GPDE Ward. Thorpe
Officer: Hayley Thompson Date Valid. 24 June 2020 Area BORO
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WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.8M
15 WARWICK ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX