

E-Newsletter – 1st October 2020

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Reminders

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1) Information Corner

Scams

We are receiving numerous emails each week from members regarding scams that they have received either by phone or email. The general rules are:

- If you receive an email from someone you do not know, then do not open it and just delete it.
- If you receive a phone call from someone you do not know, do not give any of your personal information over the phone and do not press any phone options, just put the phone down.

- If you are concerned, speak to a member of your family or neighbour for advice.

Please remember that your bank/credit card company would not ask for your personal information over the phone.

For more information on what to do if you have received a scam email or phone call, please go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/

Mobile COVID-19 testing site due to open at Shoebury Park

A mobile testing unit for COVID-19 has been set up for appointments at Shoebury Park.

The additional site will be open two days of the week from Tuesday 29 September, on alternative days to the mobile testing site at Southend Airport, therefore increasing the amount of appointments which can be offered.

It is also in addition to the bookings only walk-through testing facility site at Short Street car park, being run by the Department of Health and Social Care.

It is important that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms of a high temperature, a new persistent cough and a change or lack of taste or smell, book a test as soon as possible via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

You **MUST** have an appointment in order to receive a test at these sites.

When you make your appointment, you will be advised of which site to attend. The testing will take place in the parking area in Shoebury Park, which is accessible from Elm Road.

Testing is available for everyone, with additional support for vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Anyone testing positive for the virus in England will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to help them track their contacts. This will help people to identify who they may have been in close contact with, protecting others from further transmission.

Close contacts of those testing positive will also hear from NHS Test and Trace, advising them to stay at home for 14 days to prevent them from unknowingly spreading the virus. They will only be advised to book a test if they develop symptoms in order to ensure tests are available for those who need them.

2) Southend NHW Crime Report – 21st to 27th September 2020

Ward	Southchurch
Reference	42/152037/20
Offence Type	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
Reported Date	21/09/2020 15:57

Committed From 20/09/2020 20:00
 Street Town **Archer Avenue Southend-on-Sea**
 MO SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SECURE REAR GARDEN WHERE THEY CUT THE LOCKS OFF THE VICTIMS TWO ELECTRIC BIKES TO STEAL BOTH OF THEM.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Reference 42/152269/20
 Offence Type Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date 21/09/2020 19:53
 Committed From 21/09/2020 00:00
 Street Town **Newington Avenue Southend-on-Sea**
 MO SUSPECT HAS REMOVED 350 GBP CASH FROM THE VICTIMS BAG.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Reference 42/152601/20
 Offence Type Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date 22/09/2020 10:52
 Committed From 20/09/2020 23:05
 Street Town **Southchurch Boulevard Southend-on-Sea**
 MO SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS RED MAZDA CX-3 BY UNKNOWN MEANS. THE SUSPECTS DID NOT STEAL ANYTHING FROM THE VEHICLE. THERE IS CCTV AT THE NEIGHBOURS AND THE NEIGHBOUR HAS HAD HIS VEHICLE INTERFERED WITH AS WELL.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Reference 42/154310/20
 Offence Type Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date 22/08/2020 19:00
 Committed From 01/08/2020 12:00
 Street Town **Sherwood Way Southend-on-Sea**
 MO SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED MONEY BELONGING TO THE VICTIM BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Reference 42/156070/20
 Offence Type Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date 27/09/2020 02:14
 Committed From 25/09/2020 09:00
 Street Town **Archer Avenue Southend-on-Sea**

MO SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS INSECURE BLACK FORD TRANSIT VAN WHICH WAS PARKED ON THE FRONT DRIVEWAY. SUSPECT HAS SEARCHED THE INTERIOR. NOTHING STOLEN AND NO DAMAGE CAUSED.

Ward **Thorpe**
Reference 42/152063/20
Offence Type Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date 21/09/2020 16:36
Committed From 21/09/2020 11:36
Street Town **Victoria Road Southend-on-Sea**
MO SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TAKEN THE VICTIMS PACKAGE AFTER IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO HER B&B ADDRESS.

Ward **Thorpe**
Reference 42/152849/20
Offence Type Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date 22/09/2020 15:51
Committed From 22/09/2020 11:45
Street Town **Shaftesbury Avenue Southend-on-Sea**
MO SUSPECTS UNKNOWN STOLE THE VICTIMS BLACK 'WHISTLE' HANDBAG WITH SILVER TRIM FROM THE TOP OF HER PRAM. THE BAG CONTAINED HER PURSE WITH BANK CARD, DRIVING LICENCE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Reference 42/154429/20
Offence Type Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date 24/09/2020 16:13
Committed From 23/09/2020 18:00
Street Town **Sandringham Road Southend-on-Sea**
MO SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TRESSPASSED ONTO VICTIMS PROPERTY, LEVERED THE DOOR OF AN EXTERNAL SHED OFF ITS HINGES AND STOLEN PEDAL BIKES FROM INSIDE.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Reference 42/152101/20
Offence Type Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date 21/09/2020 17:39
Committed From 18/09/2020 17:00

Street Town
MO

Blyth Avenue Southend-on-Sea
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS
SILVER RENAULT TRAFIC VAN INDEX
EA09OJB BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward
Reference
Offence Type
Reported Date
Committed From
Street Town
MO

West Shoebury
42/153551/20
Theft if not classified elsewhere
22/09/2020 14:11
22/09/2020 14:08
Ness Road Southend-on-Sea
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN REFUSED TO PAY FOR
THE MEAL AFTER THE CARD WAS DECLINED
LEAVING A BILL OF 75GBP LEFT UNPAID.

3) Temporary Road Closures

- **Leigh Hill, Leigh-On-Sea – 28th September 2020 for 1 week - Emergency Water Repairs**

To facilitate emergency water repairs; they have imposed a prohibition of traffic in Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea.

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:

PROCEEDING ON LEIGH HILL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLIFF PARADE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH LEIGH PARK ROAD.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 28th September 2020. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

Whilst this section of Leigh Hill is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

- **Victoria Avenue, Southend-On-Sea – 12th October 2020 - Gas Main Replacement Works**

The Effect of the order will be:

To prohibit any vehicle from turning left into Great Eastern Avenue at its junction with Victoria Avenue.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 12th October 2020.

The alternative route will be via Victoria Avenue, Queensway, Queensway & London Road Roundabout, Queensway & Victoria Avenue.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst gas main replacement works take place.

Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

4) A127 Major Works Update (A127 and Bell Junction)

A127 Bell Junction - 28th Sept to 2nd Oct

There will be northbound daytime (09:00 to 15:00) lane closures **Monday to Friday** on Holeythick Lane this week, for site clearance, and carriageway widening works.

A127 Essential Major Maintenance - 28th Sept to 2nd Oct

Monday 28th Sept - Narrow lane markings on the eastbound carriageway are to be removed under a night-time (21:00 to 05:00) eastbound road closure, from Rayleigh Weir to Kent Elms. On the same night, post surfacing integrity surveys and painting of speed camera markings are being undertaken in the section of carriageway from Bellhouse Lane to Kent Elms.

Monday to Friday - Carriageway stabilisation works are being undertaken during night-time (20:00 to 06:30) eastbound road closures from the Tesco Roundabout to The Bell Junction; and carriageway drainage gully repairs and installation works are continuing, during day-time (09:00 to 15:00) eastbound lane closures from the Bellhouse Lane Junction to the Tesco Roundabout.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending - 25th September 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01503/CLP

Officer: Hayley Thompson

CONVERT GARAGE INTO OUTBUILDING TO FORM OFFICE, ALTER ELEVATIONS (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
195 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Ward. Thorpe

Date Valid. 23 September 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01547/FULH

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENTION AND RAISED TERRACE TO REAR (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
31 FERMOY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Ward. Thorpe

Date Valid. 21 September 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01495/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 11 September 2020
HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION AND INSTALL DORMER TO REAR WITH
JULIETTE BALCONY TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE
LOFTSPACE, ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH RECESSED
BALCONY TO REAR AND ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
31 ULSTER AVENUE SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

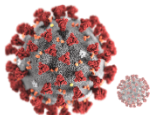
APPLN. NO: 20/01496/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 22 September 2020
ERECT FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION AND EXTEND PORCH TO FRONT
123 NESS ROAD SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 20/01510/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 14 September 2020
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, CONVERT GARAGE INTO
HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ALTER ELEVATIONS
9 FITZWARREN SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 20/01537/CLP **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 24 September 2020
CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ALTER FRONT
ELEVATIONS (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)
179 BISHOPSTEIGNTON SHOEBURYNES ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01540/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 18 September 2020
ERECT HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT,
DORMER TO REAR, SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ALTER
ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
67 THORPEDENE GARDENS SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

6) Coronavirus Information



Weekly Briefing from Southend Borough Council on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak - 25th September 2020

Test and trace support payment: From Monday 28 September people on a means-tested benefit and a low income who are advised by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate, but are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result will be eligible for the test and trace support payment scheme. This will be a one off £500 payment.

The new payment will be administered by local authorities and will apply to those who start to self-isolate from 28 September 2020 onwards. Local authorities have been asked to start making payments by 12 October. We aim to start before this and those who start to self-isolate from 28 September can get payments backdated.

NHS COVID-19 app: We are promoting the national launch of the NHS COVID-19 app across a variety of channels. Residents across the country are being urged to download it and help protect themselves and their loved ones. Read the media release.

Government announcement: On Tuesday, the government announced further national measures to address rising cases of coronavirus in England, including new rules on face coverings, mixing with other households, and how businesses operate. Read more on GOV.UK

National and local data: Please visit the test and trace section of our website for the latest national and local data: www.southend.gov.uk/testandtrace

A link to the national NHS Digital information shows information by time intervals (for example, 3-days, 7-days, 30-days, etc), as well as the total numbers and requests or referrals to NHS 111.

Local test and trace team: Council staff are being trained to help the test and trace effort and attempt to make contact with those not reached by the national system.

Work with schools regarding outbreaks and testing: We are working with schools to ensure clear local accountability and responsibility as well as effective contact tracing, some of which has been undertaken locally.

We have worked with PHE and schools to define the local process and the East of England Directors of Public Health have agreed a revised memorandum of understanding which includes revised risk assessment and letter templates for schools to use to ensure consistency. These have been circulated to all of our headteachers.

We have also agreed with NHSE to include school staff testing (key workers) at the SLTC (Garon Park) site from today (25th September).

Support helpline for parents: A support helpline has been set up for parents who have concerns about sending their children to school due to COVID-19. The helpline

(01702 212520) will start from Monday 28 September and operate from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Read the media release

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.

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 30th September 2020

Prime Minister Boris Johnson led a briefing on Coronavirus at Downing Street yesterday. In his statement, Johnson:

- Clarified intensifying local lockdowns, reiterating 'What we are not doing at the moment is going back to the [National lockdown] situation we had in March'. Future National measures are not ruled out, with data remaining under 'constant review'.
- Spoke of providing regular updates through occasional press conferences.
- Thanked university students for responsible behaviours and spoke of a training packages to support young people. He reconfirmed plans will enable students to return home by Christmas.
- Noted that the impact of the latest package of COVID-19 prevention measures was beginning to appear, but results will take time.
- The UK are on target to conduct 500,000 tests a day by October, and currently exceeding the testing of Germany and Spain.
- 32bn items of PPE are ordered, building a 4 month stockpile for this winter. He expects UK manufacturers to meet 70% of demand for PPE by December.
- 2,000+ beds can be available across seven Nightingale hospitals.
- Ventilator availability is now trebled to 31,500.
- **Key messages urged people to:**
 - o 'Stick to it together - and we should stick to it with confidence'.
 - o 'Protect the NHS, save lives, keep children in school, and keep economy moving'.
 - o Use 'common sense and willingness to make sacrifices for the safety of others'.
 - o Download the NHS Test and Trace app.
 - o We are not 'giving up', the aim is to 'fight and defeat COVID'. If the NHS is overwhelmed by COVID, it is unlikely people could access other areas of care.

- o 'With testing, treatment and an eventual vaccine we will get there'.
- **Data updates shared during the briefing:**
 - o 7,108 cases and 71 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours.
 - o Excess deaths by all causes show a wave from late March to July in all cause and COVID-19 associated mortality.
 - o Current pattern in cases indicates a heavier concentration in the North West, North East and the Midlands. There is also an increase in COVID activity across general England.
 - o By age, cases are increasing 'quite rapidly among teenagers, and young adults'.
 - o Despite increased hospitalisations, the NHS is currently coping.
 - o Doubling time of the virus is slower at present, than seen in March.

Department of Health and Social Care

- Guidance is updated for businesses and organisations on how to recognise, contain and report incidents of coronavirus and added children's homes, courts and tribunals to the list of action cards by sector.
- Guidance for parts of the North East restricting indoor inter-household mixing outside own households or bubbles, is enforceable by law from today.
 - o The rules apply to 7 areas: Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Northumberland, and Sunderland.
 - o COVID-secure schools and workplaces are not affected by this update.

Department for Education

- Guidance is updated on what councils will need to do for school transport from the start of the autumn term. The document now includes an added link to PHE guidance in 'Prevention', clarifying guidance on when to self-isolate.
- Guidance is updated for higher education providers in England on when and how to reopen their campuses and buildings. The travel and transport section of the guidance has been updated.

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport / Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

- Working Safely during Coronavirus guidance has been updated for Providers of grassroots sport and gym/leisure facilities. Updates include guidance on keeping customers safe, social distancing and face coverings.

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