

E-Newsletter – 29th October 2020

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1) Information Corner

Scams

A member has contacted us with more possible scams. Please see the below email information from the member:

a) Talktalk

They asked him to take a customer satisfaction survey and enter a prize draw. In fact it wasn't talktalk at all and when he looked carefully at the mail (without clicking on anything of course) it came from someone registered at 801 US Highway California.

b) Boots

Boots letting him know he has a surprise gift waiting for him if he clicked on the link or phone a number. The actual address at the top of the mail was 'cordenbitcoin' so another scam.

c) Door to Door mask sales

People are going door to door handing out masks, they say it's a new initiative from local Government. They will always ask you to please put it on to see if it fits you. It has been doused with chemicals which knocks you out cold and once you're knocked out, they proceed to rob you.

Please do not accept masks from strangers. Remember, we are living in critical times and people are desperate to take advantage with the aim of making money. Crime rate has skyrocketed, so please be cautious and play it safe.

d) Vodafone

A member received a message from Vodafone saying that they are unable to process his payment and to follow the link. However, the member does not have a contract with Vodafone.

e) HMRC

The same member had a telephone call from HMRC, which was a scam as HMRC do not phone the public.

f) O2

Another member had a text message from O2 stating that they were unable to process his payment and in order to avoid fees, please update his information on <https://02.uk.5guser02.com/?02=2>. This came from a mobile number +447946789130. The +44 tells him it came from abroad.

As he doesn't have any account with O2, he deleted the message.

A Message from a member - Thorpe Bay Pumpkin Trail 2020

Our local community is well known for being a family-friendly place to go trick or treating but 2020 means that it has to be contact free. So this year, instead of collecting sweets, we are asking children to collect letters and pumpkins on a neighbourhood trail. There are three trails planned and our fundraising event will run from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November so that little legs can cover all of the routes.

There's lots of information on their FB page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/680407415912019/>

Call for ban on over-the-counter firework sales

A woman who lost her eye after a firework exploded in her face wants to see a ban on their sale to members of the public. It comes as new figures show more than 1,000 emergency incidents involving the explosives were reported in the last three years.

2) Temporary Road Closures

a) Clifftown Parade – Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 2020

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicular Traffic & Prohibition of Witing, Loading & Unloading) (Special Events)

Whilst the restrictions are in place, no person may cause any vehicle to:

ENTER, WAIT LOAD OR UNLOAD on the roads below on SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2020.

SCHEDULE 1 - Temporary Closure To Vehicular Traffic

Clifftown Parade - Between Wilson Road and Prittlewell Square western leg.
From 07.30 hours to 14.00 hours

SCHEDULE 2 - Temporary Prohibition of Waiting, Loading & Unloading

Clifftown Parade - Wilson Road to Prittlewell Square (western leg) Both sides
From 07.30 hours to 14.00 hours

Nothing in the Order will apply to: (a). Any vehicle being used for Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLI, Fire Brigade or Police services; (b). anything done by a Statutory Undertaker vehicle in connection with an emergency repair; (c). anything done with the permission or at the direction of a Civil Enforcement Officer, Event Organisers or a Police Constable in uniform;

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

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

b) Central Avenue, Southend-on-Sea – Emergency Water Repairs - 26th October 2020 for 1 week.

Temporary Prohibition of Entry & Suspension of One-Way Traffic

To facilitate emergency water repairs; they have imposed a Prohibition of Entry & Suspension of One-Way Traffic in Central Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

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

PROCEEDING ON CENTRAL AVENUE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LONSDALE ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH HAMSTEL ROAD

SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH HAMSTEL ROAD TO LONSDALE ROAD.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on **26th October 2020**. This notice will remain in force for a period of 21 days or the duration of the works whichever is the earliest. It is anticipated that the works will last for **1 week**.

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

3) A127 Major Works (A127 and the Bell Junction)

A127 Bell Junction

There will be off-peak (09:00 to 15:00) northbound lane closures on Hogleythick Lane, and westbound off-peak (09:00 to 15:00) lane closures on the A127 (at the Bell Junction), for kerb removal and new carriageway widening works.

A127 Essential Major Maintenance

Carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing to be undertaken this week during night-time (20:00 to 06:30) eastbound road closures working from The Bell junction to Cuckoo Corner and then on to Victoria Avenue up to Fairfax Drive junction.

Carriageway drainage gully repairs and installation works are continuing during the daytime (09:00 to 15:00), under westbound lane closures, from the Bell Junction to Borough Boundary.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 23rd October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01663/FULH

Officer: Kara Elliott

ALTERATIONS TO FRONT ELEVATION COMPRISING OF FASCIA AND COLUMNS TO FRONT, INSTALL BALUSTRADE TO EXISTING FIRST FLOOR VERANDA WITH COVERED CANOPY AND COVERED STORAGE AREA TO SIDE
HARAN 92 WILLINGALE WAY THORPE BAY

Ward. Southchurch

Date Valid. 12 October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01694/FULH

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO REAR TO FORM RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE FOR ANCILLARY USE TO MAIN DWELLING (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
15 PHILPOTT AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Ward. Southchurch

Date Valid. 14 October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01701/FULH

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION WITH EXTERNAL STAIRCASE
33 WILLINGALE WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Ward. Southchurch

Date Valid. 15 October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01740/TPO

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Ward. Southchurch

Date Valid. 20 October 2020

FELL TO LOW STUMP - 1) SUPPRESSED ACER PSEUDOPLATANUS (SYCAMORE), SECTION DISMANTLE TO NEAR GROUND LEVEL - 2) TWIN ACER PSEUDOPLATANUS (SYCAMORE), FELL TO LOW STUMP AND GRIND FOLLOWING CROWN DIEBACK - 3) MULTI - STEMMED AESCULUS HIPPOCASTANUM (HORSE CHESTNUT), REMOVE DEADWOOD OVER 30MM - 4) LARGE FAGUS SYLVATICA (BEECH) ON EAST BOUNDARY, CROWN THIN BY 10% AND REDUCE EASTERN EDGE OF CROWN BY 1.5M - 5) LARGE FAGUS SYLVATICA (BEECH) REAR WESTERN SIDE OF HOUSE AND CROWN THIN BY 10% AND REDUCE WESTERN AND NORTHERN EDGE OF CROWN BY 1.5M - 6) LARGE FAGUS SYLVATICA (BEECH) REAR EASTERN SIDE OF HOUSE (APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT TO A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER)

SOUTHCHURCH LAWN WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 20/01660/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 14 October 2020

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION TO FORM GARAGE AND HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

55 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01672/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

Date Valid. 12 October 2020

HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION WITH DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN LOFTSPACE, ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, PORCH TO FRONT AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

26 ELM GROVE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01722/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Julie Ramsey

Date Valid. 19 October 2020

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

404 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01738/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 19 October 2020

ALTER FRONT ELEVATION AND CONVERT GARAGE IN TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

6 GREENWAYS THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01683/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 13 October 2020

DEMOLISH EXISTING BUILDING, ERECT CHALET BUNGALOW WITH BASEMENT LEVEL, BALCONY TO REAR, LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

60 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

APPLN. NO: 20/01697/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

Date Valid. 14 October 2020

DEMOLISH EXISTING BEACH HUT AND ERECT REPLACEMENT BEACH HUT

BEACH HUT 519 SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE

APPLN. NO: 20/01704/FUL

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

ERECT SINGLE STOREY OFFICE BUILDING WITH ASSOCIATED CYCLE AND BIN STORAGE

REAR OF 101 NESS ROAD SHOEBURYNES

Ward. West Shoebury

Date Valid. 16 October 2020

5) List of Decisions Issued **Week Ending 25th October 2020**

APPLN. NO: 20/01389/CLP

Officer: Oliver Hart

SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROPOSED)

72 GLYNDE WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

Ward. Southchurch

APPLN. NO: 20/01281/FULH

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMERS TO FRONT AND REAR, INSTALL BALCONY TO REAR, EXTEND EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS ONTO CHELSWORTH CLOSE

3 CHELSWORTH CLOSE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

Ward. Thorpe

APPLN. NO: 20/01382/FULH

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND CONVERT EXISTING GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

5 WOODGRANGE CLOSE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

Ward. Thorpe

APPLN. NO: 19/00755/FUL

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

ERECT ONE TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE ON COMBINED PLOTS 4 AND 5

135 NESS ROAD SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

Ward. West Shoebury

APPLN. NO: 20/01385/FULH

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

250 MAPLIN WAY NORTH THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

Ward. West Shoebury

APPLN. NO: 20/01433/AD

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Robert Lilburn

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 04
(MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE OF VENTILATION AND EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT)
OF PLANNING PERMISSION 20/00263/FUL DATED 26.05.20

98 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01569/GPDE

Ward. West Shoebury

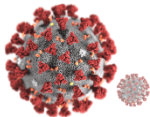
Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 6M BEYOND THE
EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 2.4M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A
MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.86M

67 THORPEDENE GARDENS SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: GPD Non Conditional

6) Coronavirus Information



***Please be aware that the rate of cases is increasing
in Southend and England ***

Cost of facemasks to rise as Treasury scraps VAT exemption on PPE

The cost of disposable face masks is to increase by a fifth from next week after the Treasury scrapped a VAT exemption on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Care home providers have warned the extra costs could mean some businesses are no longer viable.

Traffic flow cameras 'monitoring pedestrians for social distancing'

The Mail claims pedestrians are being monitored for social distancing as part of a government-backed project secretly rolled out across Britain. It says at least 363 cameras originally installed to monitor traffic flow have been repurposed without public consultation.

Fake coronavirus marshals trick their way into homes as experts issue warning

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute is warning of a scam where fake coronavirus marshals and phoney medical professionals are pretending to be genuine to get inside people's homes. It has asked the public and councils to spread the correct safeguarding information to protect people, in particularly elderly and vulnerable individuals.

Second wave forecast to be more deadly than first

Downing Street is reportedly privately working on the basis that the second wave of COVID-19 will be more deadly than the first, with the death toll remaining high throughout winter.

Calls for UK national lockdown grow as coronavirus death toll passes 60,000

The number of people killed by COVID-19 in the UK passed 60,000 on Tuesday as the country reached a 200-a-day death toll weeks earlier than feared by the Government's chief scientific adviser. This has bolstered calls for a national "circuit breaker" to stop an exponential rise in cases. Latest figures show that a further 367 people have died in the UK in the last day, the highest daily increase in five months and 50 per cent higher than the daily increase last week.

More than half of secondary schools sent pupils home last week to self-isolate

Official data shows that more than half of secondary schools sent pupils home last week to self-isolate. Latest data from the Department for Education shows last Thursday 55 per cent of secondaries had students learning from home, up from 46 per cent the previous week.

Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 23rd October 2020

Key updates/actions

- **Local COVID-alert tiers** – Essex County Council has moved into HIGH alert level. Southend-on-Sea remains in MEDIUM alert and has not yet made a request to move tiers.
- **Local COVID-alert information** is available on our website and will be regularly updated to reflect the current position: www.southend.gov.uk/covidalert
- **National information on the COVID-alert levels** is available on GOV.UK
- **Travelling and mixing between different alert tier areas:** Information on this has been published on our website.
- **Coronavirus case data:** This is published on our website and now also includes the daily 7 day rate of positive cases per 100,000. Some of the data from that page has been pulled out and is below
- **7-day rate** of positive cases as of 22 October was **67.7 per 100,000**. This has risen from 36 per 100,000 on 8 October. The increase in rate has been similar in the 60 and over age bracket, rising from 33 per 100,000 on 15 October to **46.2 per 100,000** on 22 October.
- **ONS death data:** Southend-on-Sea residents' deaths registered inside and outside of Southend-on-Sea based on any mention of

COVID-19 on the death certificate that occurred up to 9 October 2020 but were registered up to 17 October 2020: **214 (+1)**

- **Data monitoring/cases in west of Borough:** We monitor all local positive cases by individual postcode and ward. The information is shared with the Health Protection and Oversight and Engagement Boards. We continue to explore sources of the recent increase in positive cases in Belfairs, Chalkwell and Leigh wards. Although there is no direct link between cases, we have extrapolated a number of potential causes and are undertaking a look-back of NHS Test and Trace information to validate these. We will then be addressing these through a number of means including communications and engagement. We will continue to be both vigilant and seek to respond immediately to any concern that we identify. This mode of surveillance has been the main essence of our success in keeping cases low and minimising outbreaks in our various settings.
- **Stay safe this Hallowe'en:** The Council is urging local people to stay safe and consider alternatives to trick and treat this year.
- **Face coverings:** Parents have been asked to wear a face covering on the school run. A letter was sent via schools on 16 October.
- **#Quit4COVID:** A campaign to encourage people to quit smoking has been launched by Smokefree Southend, the Council's dedicated stop smoking service.
- **Remembrance 2020:** Residents urged to honour the fallen whilst protecting the living.
- **NHS COVID-19 app:** We are continuing to promote 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.
- **National and local data:** 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.

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 29th October 2020

Department of Health and Social Care

- In an announcement today (29th), the following areas will move to Local Covid alert level “high” from 00.01 on 31 October:
 - o Yorkshire and the Humber: East Riding of Yorkshire, Kingston-Upon-Hull, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire;
 - o West Midlands: Dudley, Staffordshire, Telford and the Wrekin;
 - o East Midlands: Amber Valley, Bolsover, Derbyshire Dales, Derby City, South Derbyshire, the whole of High Peak; Charnwood;
 - o East of England: Luton; and
 - o South East: Oxford City.
- The full list of local Covid alert levels by area will be updated to include changes.
- New guidance is released on the Test and Trace diagnostic network, including what happens after samples are submitted and how the laboratories process tests.
- In a press release, the NHS COVID-19 app will become more user friendly and accurate. It will be better at estimating distance between users to increase the accuracy of close-contact notifications .
- In a press release, interim results are released from one of the country’s largest coronavirus studies
 - o Over 85,000 volunteers tested in England in latest significant study
 - o Infections continued to rise across all regions 16-25 October, with 128 people per 10,000 infected
 - o Reinforces the need to follow local COVID alert level rules and remember ‘Hands. Face. Space’

Foresight projects

- The C19 National Foresight Group have recently made their third Covid Pandemic Interim Operational Review (October) available to the public.

MHCLG

- In an announcement today (29th), more than £150m funding is available for 3,300 new long-term homes for rough sleepers and other vulnerable people in England.

DfE

- A seventh notice about changes to state-funded school inspections requirements is issued, alongside a seventh notice to modify pupil registration requirements for temporary pupils.

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