

E-Newsletter – 14th May 2021

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1) Information Corner

Southend Pass

Please see the below step-by-step information to help members and residents apply for the Southend Pass.

Once you have subscribed as a Southend Pass customer, you will have to activate a parking session every time you park your vehicle. This is done by going into your app, selecting the desired location and how long you want to park for. The process is as below:

1. Log on to the new Southend Parking app (blue background)
2. Select 'New Parking Booking'
3. Type in the location code/name
4. Select the location you are parking at
5. A new dialogue box will open which will show the location you've selected, how long you want to park for and instead of using your payment card – it will allow you to use Southend Pass to 'pay' for the parking.

6. Make sure you have indicated how long you want to park for (between 1 hour and 3 hours)
7. Select 'Get Parking Cost' button
8. The next screen will show details to confirm the details... Select OK.

Please note, if you have the old Mobon app (with orange background), it is suggested that you uninstall it from your phone (as it is not compatible with Southend Pass).

Remaining leisure centres in the Borough set to reopen

The Council's leisure operator has confirmed plans to reopen the remaining three leisure centres in the Borough and restart indoor group exercise classes at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre.

Belfairs Swim Centre, Chase Sports and Fitness Centre and Shoeburyness Leisure Centre are due to reopen after being closed to the public for the past 14 months.

Following the Prime Minister's confirmation that the country will begin step three of the Government's roadmap from Monday 17 May, all three centres will once again welcome visitors, alongside Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, which reopened in late March.

The proposed reopening timetable for leisure facilities across the Borough are as below, please check centre websites for full availability:

- **Belfairs Swim Centre** – reopens Saturday 22 May for lane and family swimming
- **Chase Sports and Fitness Centre** – reopens Saturday 22 May for gym and sports hall court hire
- **Shoeburyness Leisure Centre** – reopens Saturday 22 for lane and family swim sessions, gym and sports hall court hire

Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre will welcome back indoor group exercise classes kicking off a new timetable with a special 5.45am class on Monday 17 May.

Following detailed risk assessments, initially there will not be any group exercise classes at Chase or Shoeburyness due to the social distancing requirements. Group exercise will become available again once the Covid restrictions have been relaxed at the end of June, subject to further progress of the Government's roadmap.

For more information regarding leisure facilities in the town, please go to www.southend.gov.uk/sports-leisure

Essex Police Fraud Alert System - MY INFO? I DON'T THINK SO!

Residents are reminded to keep their personal documents safe after a number of reports of scammers asking for copies of passports and driving licences.

Essex Police have seen a recent trend in scammers requesting personal details which can be used to steal someone's identity.

This has been linked to a number of different scams including:

- HMRC/National Insurance fraud where the criminal claims they need your personal details to prevent prosecution or reinstate your NI number.
- Computer software frauds where the criminal claims to be from your internet provider. They take control of your computer and say they need to take a photo of you and your driving licence/passport to confirm your identity.

Requests for personal details should always be a red flag. You should never provide this information unless you have confirmed who you are dealing with. To protect your information and your money, **Take Five:**

STOP - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT - If you have provided personal details to someone over the phone and you now believe this to be a scam, contact your bank, building society and credit card company immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

DID YOU KNOW? Over 70's can renew their driving licence for free with the DVLA? For those under 70 it costs £14 and should be completed via www.gov.uk/renew-driving-licence or via the letter sent to your home address.

Vital safety barrier works completed across Southend-on-Sea

Work to install new pedestrian and road safety barriers across the Borough has been completed, as part of a £440,000 investment from the council's capital investment programme.

Replacement metal road safety barriers have been installed alongside some of the Borough's busiest roads and replace the existing structures at several locations, including Queensway, Western Esplanade, Chichester Road, Prince Avenue, Leigh High Street, Priory Crescent and Wakering Road.

Along Prittlebrook cycleway and footpath, 120 metres of safety fencing has also been replaced and nine additional vehicle restriction barriers have been installed to stop vehicles driving onto the walkway.

The works were funded as part of the council's capital investment programme in order to address key health and safety issues raised by a safety review in 2020.

Focus on 'Fleeceware'

'Fleeceware' is a recently coined term that refers to mobile applications that come with excessive subscription fees, in March over 200 such apps were discovered being advertised on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

The applications attract users with the promise of a free trial, but once the trial is over, they are charged a recurring subscription fee - even if they have deleted the app - until they cancel the subscription in their device's app subscription settings. One app offers a short free trial followed by a £47.73 per week subscription, potentially costing the victim £2,482.19 per year unless cancelled.

How to avoid 'Fleeceware' apps:

- Be wary of free trials of less than a week - make sure you understand how much you will be charged and that the app is worth the recurring fee.
- Be sceptical of viral adverts for apps - the adverts for 'fleeceware' are likely to have enticing messaging and images to attract users' attention. They likely do not reflect the actual functionality of the application.
- Read the small print - a closer look will likely reveal the true price of the app. Pay close attention to the 'In-app purchases' section and be aware that even if it is a free trial, as there may be automatic charges thereafter.
- Secure your payments - ensure that your payment methods are secured behind a password or biometric check. This can also prevent accidental subscriptions by children.

Possible Scams

We have been contacted by a member with two possible email scams that he has received. The member said that he has not been a customer with either company. Please be aware and see below:

a) Talktalk

“Great news, you have been a customer of TalkTalk for 5 years now and we will reward your loyalty with a surprise gift. Log on here to claim your gift”.

b) Tesco

“Great news, you have been a customer of Tesco mobile for 3 years now and to reward your loyalty you can claim a new smart phone as a thank you from us. Log on here to select your new phone”.

2) A127 Major Works (A127 & the Bell Junction)

A127 Bell Junction - 10th May to 14th May

Mon-Fri there will be eastbound and westbound off-peak (09:00 to 15:00) lane closures Mon-Fri on the A127 (at the Bell Junction), for new carriageway widening and footway works.

The A127 eastbound right hand turn lane into Hogleythick Lane is also be closed, to allow new kerbs to be laid to the pedestrian crossing island on the eastbound carriageway. Traffic will be diverted to the Cuckoo Corner Roundabout Junction during this time.

3) Weekly Works

Address 1	Start	End	Works Reference	L.A.Ref	Traffic Management
WESTERN ESPLANADE	02/04/2020	01/04/2022	JR001-TEMPDIST2825	106534	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION - delays unlikely
RAPHAEL DRIVE	08/03/2021	11/06/2021	AZ007-1001014417	113138	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION - delays unlikely
VAUGHAN AVENUE	06/04/2021	28/07/2021	AZ502-1001051843	115771	GIVE & TAKE - delays possible
HAMSTEL ROAD	06/04/2021	18/05/2021	AZ502-1001050968	115696	ROAD CLOSURE - delays likely
GLENMORE STREET	07/04/2021	18/05/2021	AZ502-1001019984	113535	GIVE & TAKE - delays possible
YARNACOTT	12/04/2021	14/05/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN030-07	114837	GIVE & TAKE - delays possible
FERMOY ROAD	19/04/2021	16/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN083-04	113212	ROAD CLOSURE - delays likely
SNAKES LANE	26/04/2021	01/06/2021	AZ502-1001055100	116141	NO CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION - delays likely

WHITEGATE ROAD	28/04/2021	14/05/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN045-17/A	116274	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION - delays unlikely
THE LEAS	29/04/2021	21/05/2021	KG010-S018TLEAS	113269	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - delays likely
BRENDON WAY	30/04/2021	17/05/2021	AZ502-1001055101	116140	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION - delays unlikely
SERVICE ROAD FOR 50 TO 58 SNAKES LANE	30/04/2021	21/05/2021	AZ502-1001058818	116592	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION - delays unlikely
MARCUS AVENUE	04/05/2021	04/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN015-14	116476	GIVE & TAKE - delays possible
ADMIRALS WALK	04/05/2021	04/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN077-04	116535	GIVE & TAKE - delays possible
CHURCH ROAD	04/05/2021	31/05/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN093-09	116510	GIVE & TAKE - delays possible
THORPE HALL AVENUE	04/05/2021	24/05/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN083-03	113208	LANE CLOSURE - delays likely
VICTORIA ROAD	06/05/2021	06/05/2021	EN014-M17680	113583	ROAD CLOSURE - delays likely

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 14th May 2021

Application Number: 21/00474/FULH
 Officer: Kara Elliott
 Erect two storey side extension
211 Newington Avenue Southend-On-Sea Essex

Ward: Southchurch

Application Number: 21/00926/CLP
 Officer: Robert Lilburn
 Hipped to gable roof extension with dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace (Lawful development certificate - proposed)
73 Riviera Drive Southend-On-Sea Essex

Ward: Southchurch

Application Number: 21/00914/FULH
 Officer: Oliver Hart
 Erect single storey side/rear extension
83 Tyrone Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 21/00929/FUL
Officer: Scott Davison
Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 241 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 21/00942/FULH
Officer: Scott Davison
Erect two storey side extension and part single/part two storey rear extension, alter elevations
9 Sedgemoor Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 21/00943/FULH
Officer: Scott Davison
Convert existing attached garage into habitable accommodation and alter front elevation
9 Sedgemoor Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 21/00946/CLP
Officer: Kara Elliott
Hip to gable roof extension, dormer to rear with juliette balcony and rooflights to front (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)
31 Ulster Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Ward: West Shoebury

5) List of Decisions Issued **Week Ending 9th May 2021**

APPLN. NO: 21/00503/FULH
Officer: Scott Davison
ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS
267 MAPLIN WAY NORTH THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

Ward. Southchurch

APPLN. NO: 21/00592/FULH
Officer: Oliver Hart
ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMER WINDOW TO REAR, ALTER ELEVATIONS
3 LADRAM WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

Ward. Southchurch

APPLN. NO: 21/00655/FULH
Officer: Oliver Hart
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
99 BURLESCOOMBE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

Ward. Southchurch

APPLN. NO: 21/00253/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

HIPPED TO PART HIPPED ROOF EXTENSION AND ENLARGEMENT WITH DORMERS TO FRONT AND REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT TWO STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS

73 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00380/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

42 GREENWAYS THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00381/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSIONS TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE, ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT AND REAR, ALTER ELEVATIONS (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

42 GREENWAYS THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 21/00442/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH FIRST FLOOR TERRACE

137 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00502/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT DORMERS TO SIDE ELEVATIONS TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

23 DUNGANNON DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00510/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

EXTEND EXISTING GARAGE TO SIDE AND ALTERATIONS TO FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS

48 CHELSWORTH CRESCENT THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00531/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

DEMOLISH EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION AND INSTALL PRIVACY

SCREENING AND GLASS BALUSTRADE TO EXISTING FIRST FLOOR REAR
BALCONY (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
528 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00545/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Robert Lilburn

REPLACE EXISTING BEACH HUT BEACH HUT

380 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00541/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

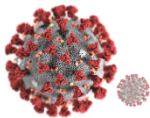
Officer: Robert Lilburn

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION WITH DORMER TO REAR TO FORM
HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE ROOF SPACE (CERTIFICATE OF
LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED)

87 CAULFIELD ROAD SHOEBURYNESS ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

6) Coronavirus Information



Indian COVID-19 variant concerns ahead of 17 May reopening in UK

Some scientists are cautioning that a rise in the number of cases of the Indian COVID-19 variant should slow down the Government's roadmap out of lockdown. According to the COVID-19 genomics UK consortium database there have so far been 1,393 instances of the Indian COVID-19 variant, making it the second most common variant in the UK.

Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 14th May 2021

Key updates/actions

- **Vaccination:**

With the vaccination roll-out underway, regular information is being updated on the EPUT website and the dedicated Essex COVID vaccine website. Figures are now also being reported by the national programme on a STP/ICS footprint – the latest weekly figures can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>.

- **COVID-19 testing:**

General: Testing options includes two rapid testing **LFD** sites available at Unit Twenty-One and Belfairs Methodist Church. The LFD rapid testing and some local PCR testing sites are operating as collection points for symptom-free home testing kits. Kits may also be collected from selected pharmacies and local libraries.

Full details of all the booking and walk-up options are available at www.southend.gov.uk/gettested Testing is key to stop the spread and identify cases.

Reminder on Community Collect: Rapid Covid-19 self-test kits are being offered to everyone living and working in Southend-on-Sea under the Community Collect initiative to support the government's roadmap out of lockdown.

Grants:

Business grants in place from November lockdown: 7,548 grant payments totaling £16.9m

Restart Grants: 840 grant payments totaling £6.5m

Additional Restriction Grants - Discretionary 172 grant payments totaling £0.24m

Discretionary grants: Paid £1.941m to 611 businesses

Small business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grants: Paid c. £37.5m to 3,086 businesses

- **Stage 3 of the roadmap out of lockdown:**

The Borough is preparing for a further easing of lockdown restrictions from Monday 17 May 2021. From this date, you can socialise indoors in a group of up to 6 people or 2 households, including for overnight stays. Up to 30 people can meet outside. Pubs, theatres and other venues can open indoors. Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can open for people on holiday. **Leisure and culture venues to re-open:**

Fusion, the Council's leisure operator has confirmed plans to reopen the remaining three leisure centres in the Borough and restart indoor group exercise classes at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre.

Cultural venues in Southend are also to start reopening their doors to the public from Tuesday 18 May 2021

- **Red, amber and green list rules for entering England:**

Countries rated as red, amber or green for Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the rules you must follow to enter England are on the Government website. People who live in England who have had a full vaccine course (2 doses), will be able to demonstrate their COVID-19 vaccination status for outbound international travel to countries where this is recognised.

New measures to boost national response to the B.1.617.2 variant:

Action is being taken nationally to control the variant first identified in India which is beginning to spread in certain areas across the country.

- **Coronavirus case data:**

This is published on our website and now also includes the daily 7 day rate of positive cases per 100,000.

7-day rate of positive cases as of **14 May 2021 is 13.1 per 100,000** (up from 9.8 per 100,000 on 7 May). The rate in the **60 and over age bracket is 6.6 per 100,000** (up from 4.4 on 7 May).

- **ONS death data:**

Southend-on-Sea residents' deaths registered inside and outside of Southend-on-Sea with any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate that occurred up to 30 April but were registered up to 8 May 2021: **675 (+2)**.

- **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

- Members of the public who need to self-isolate but are stuck and have no local support from friends and family can call the helpline on 01702 212497. A full list of support contact numbers is available on the corporate website

- **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.

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