

E-Newsletter – 28th May 2021

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1) Information Corner

Final Renewal Reminder

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so by the 31st May as this is the cut-off date for all renewals. Please go to the membership page – payment section for all of the ways to pay. Thank you.

1 hour parking restrictions

The Council will not actively enforce 1 hour parking restrictions on bank holiday Monday unless a request to enforce is received directly.

All Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) are reminded of this informal arrangement on the dates affected.

Planned June highways works

Up to four roads across the borough are planned for repairs and resurfacing throughout June as the council continues with its planned highways works programme.

A full list of roads set for repairs between April 2021 and March 2022 was released in March 2021, as the council's highways contractor, Marlborough, will be repairing and re-laying full roads and stretches of roads that require immediate attention.

Works for the following roads are planned throughout June.

Road name	Planned duration of works – days/nights	Stretch of road being resurfaced
Richmond Avenue	4 Days	From St Andrews Road to Caulfield Road
South Avenue	12 Days	From Hamstel Road to Bournemouth Park Road
Trinity Road	5 Days	From Hamstel Road to Lyme Road
Eastwoodbury Lane	2 Days	From Comet Way to Snakes Lane

A full list of the 30 roads and 31 pavements set to be resurfaced in 2021/22 can be found on the council's website: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/resurfacing>

All road closures will be clearly signposted two weeks before work takes place. All work is dependent on the weather, as crews are not able to lay roads in adverse weather.

How to report a defect

If you are aware of any road defects or roads that need resurfacing or patch work, please report these online via MySouthend.

How we prioritise, repair and resurfacing works

The areas have gone through a strict quality check in line with the council's procedure, which is based on various risks, and in accordance with the Highways Code of Practice. This procedure considers various items including road condition, bus routes, key routes, claims made, incidents, and flood risk.

Scam

We have been advised by a member that the number 07769 665773, United Kingdom is one of the numbers being used for the fake calls from the National Crime Agency.

Another is: 07769 665644, United Kingdom

Please be aware

Essex Police Fraud Alert System – Caution on Holiday Bookings as Travel Restrictions Eased

As lockdown and travel restrictions ease and we are all eager to get away, residents are reminded to be vigilant when booking holidays as £2.2m was lost to holiday fraud last year - an average of £1,242 per victim.

Criminals are becoming increasingly sophisticated by either impersonating travel companies and flight comparison websites or advertising fake accommodation on legitimate sites.

Here are some tips to ensure the holiday you've been dreaming of doesn't become a nightmare:

- Stay safe online: check the web address is legitimate and has not been altered by slight changes to a domain name – such as going from .co.uk to .org.
- Do your research: don't just rely on one review! Do a thorough online search to ensure the company is credible—if it's not there are likely to be warnings posted online.
- Look for the logo: check whether the company is an ABTA Member. Look for the ABTA/ ATOL logo on the company's website. If you have any doubts, you can verify the companies membership via their websites.
- Pay safe: wherever possible, pay by credit card. You should avoid paying directly into a private individual's bank account.
- Check the paperwork: you should study receipts, invoices and terms and conditions, and be very wary of any companies that don't provide any at all. When booking through a Holiday Club or Timeshare, get the contract thoroughly vetted by a solicitor first
- Use your instincts: if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Protect, respect, enjoy this bank holiday weekend

With lockdown restrictions having eased further, a bank holiday weekend approaching and warmer weather predicted, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are urging residents and visitors to be respectful whilst having fun.

Led by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and developed with the local stakeholder group that includes traders, Leigh Town Council, Southend BID and Southend Tourism Partnership, Operation Heatwave has been in place since the end of March to ensure the Borough is ready for the summer season, and help visitors plan their visit, dispose of litter responsibly, find available parking spaces and stay safe.

Community safety

In addition to our security base at Jubilee Beach, a new frontline security base in Old Leigh is now operational and is located inside the Leigh Heritage Centre. This is being used by our community safety officers (CSOs). Other council departments and partners including the police to enhance the overall visible presence in the area. An extra officer has been deployed to monitor our CCTV suite at weekends with a particular focus on the seafront.

The community safety team will also be gathering specific seafront data and insights to help prioritise our resources and inform our partnership work with the police. Our community safety team will be supported by two ambulance crews from Friday to Monday, late afternoon and into the evening.

The Council also has an existing Car Cruise injunction in place which gives police and council enforcement officers extra powers to deal with dangerous driving and antisocial behaviour at unauthorised car cruise events.

COVID-19 safety

Please be mindful that close contact continues to carry a risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, and people must consider the risk to themselves and others. Some people are more vulnerable to Covid than others. Therefore, continue to exercise caution and where appropriate consider using the hands, face, space, fresh air approach.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of smell or change to your sense of smell or taste), you will need to book a PCR test online and continue to self-isolate until you receive the results.

For those without symptoms, the Council's community collect initiative is still running and rapid Covid-19 self-test kits are being offered to everyone living and working in the Borough.

You can collect LFD testing kits from participating pharmacies.

Litter

Alongside its usual street cleansing programme, the council has introduced the following additional measures to manage waste during peak times:

- Additional larger EuroBins are in place across the Borough including two more in Old Leigh (making four in total), four at East Beach and ten more at City Beach (20 in total).
- Additional litter picking and bin emptying is taking place in our main parks at weekends and during the school holidays, with four staff based at Belfairs Park, Priory Park, Chalkwell Park and Southchurch Park from 11:30am to 7:30pm.
- Additional litter picking and bin emptying is also taking place at Thorpe Bay Gardens, Shoebury Common, Leigh Cliffs and Marine Parade/Belton Hills (in addition to Southend Cliffs, Prittlewell Square, Warrior Square Gardens). Two extra mobile litter pickers will support other areas.

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Full bins should be reported via MySouthend, a link to which can be found at the top of the <https://www.southend.gov.uk> homepage.

Other additional resources:

- Extra resources for the peak season include toilet attendants at key locations, additional cleaning staff for open spaces, beachcombers and evening cleaning.
- Extra medical support will be in place over the Bank Holiday weekend

- Additional temporary toilets have been installed in Old Leigh, City Beach, Shorefields and Darlows Green
- Additional toilet cleaning is taking place at weekends and school holidays at Belfairs Park, Priory Park and Southchurch Park
- Additional hand sanitizer stations are in place
- Six extra seasonal foreshore staff are in place to accommodate expected higher demand and providing first aid, information, advice and guidance. They will be located at Jubilee Beach (first aid base), Shoebury Common Slipway, Two Tree Island and Old Leigh. The Jubilee Beach office will be open for extended hours.

Parking

For more information on car parks and charges, visit the car parking page on our website.

Visitors can plan ahead for parking by downloading the Southend Parking app before they depart and paying on their phone when they arrive. This also offers the added benefit of enabling you to top up your parking from your phone if you end up staying longer than you thought you would. You can also purchase the Southend Pass via this app, an annual parking pass that offers discounted parking.

For more information and to download the Southend Parking app, please visit our website.

The Blue Flag award winning beaches at Shoebury Common, Shoebury East Beach and Thorpe Bay also offer great places to enjoy the seaside and thousands of parking spaces, with many available when central areas are full. Signage is in place to help direct visitors to these beaches.

Beach safety

The Council offers the following advice to help ensure a visit to the beach is remembered for all the right reasons.

- **Supervise children and vulnerable adults** at all times. There is safety in numbers.
- **Wear jelly shoes** or other sensible footwear on the beach and in the sea. As with all seafronts, hidden dangers such as sharp shells and rocks may be hidden under the sand or water.
- **Don't climb the rocks:** Several areas of our seafront have rocks, including our seafront lagoon at Three Shells Beach. Please do not climb them. Not only could you become injured, but you also risk falling injured into the sea, impeding your chances of swimming to safety.
- **Observe signs and flags:** Be aware of your surroundings and the times of the tides. There is a link to tide timetables on our website: Mooring Application and Tide Tables – Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. Heed warning signs and flags: they could save your life!

2) Temporary Road Closures

a) Kings Road, Hall Park Avenue, The Leasway, The Meadway, The Drive & Old Leigh Road, Westcliff-On-Sea - 14th June 2021 till the 13th July 2021 – Gas main replacement works

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from (These works will be done in phases)

1. Entering Kings Road from its junction with Chalkwell Avenue to Leigh Road, a westbound directional closure (FIRST PHASE)
2. Entering & exiting Hall Park Avenue at its junction with Kings Road
3. Entering & exiting The Leasway at its junction with Kings Road
4. Proceeding on The Meadway from its junction with Kings Road to The Drive
5. Entering & exiting The Drive at its junction with Kings Road
6. Banned right turn from Old Leigh Road into Kings Road
7. Entering Kings Road from Leigh Road to its junction with The Meadway, eastbound directional closure (SECOND PHASE)
8. Stopping, waiting, loading or unloading on Kings Road from its junction with Leigh Road to its junction with The Meadway.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 14th June 2021 till the 13th July 2021.

The alternative route will be via Chalkwell Avenue, London Road, Leigh Road and vice versa for the Kings Road closure.

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.

b) Belton Gardens, Leigh-On-Sea - 28th May 2021 for 1 day - Emergency Sewer Repairs

To facilitate emergency sewer repairs; they have imposed a prohibition of traffic in Belton Gardens Leigh-On-Sea.

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

PROCEEDING ON BELTON GARDENS BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH BELTON BRIDGE & BELTON WAY EAST.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 28th May 2021. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 day.

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

c) Green Lane, Leigh-On-Sea – 28th May 2021 for 1 week - Emergency Electrical Repairs

To facilitate emergency electrical repairs; they have imposed a prohibition of traffic in Green Lane Leigh-On-Sea.

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

PROCEEDING ON GREEN LANE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS OF WREN AVENUE AND DANDIES DRIVE

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 28th May 2021. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

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

CityFibre Works

Please find below a list of roads in the Thorpe Ward where we are working in next week.

CF Permit Reference	Road Name	Scheduled start	Scheduled End Date
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-04	Fermoy Road	19/04/2021	16/06/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN015-14	Marcus Avenue	04/05/2021	04/06/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-03	Thorpe Hall Avenue	10/05/2021	04/06/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN093-01	Barrowsand	20/05/2021	28/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-12	The Broadway	01/06/2021	24/06/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-14	Elm Grove	03/06/2021	07/06/2021

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

A127 Bell Junction - 24th May to 28th May

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

Mon-Fri there will be a permanent southbound lane closure on Rochford Road, for new kerb line, footway and pedestrian crossing installation.

4) Weekly Works

Address 1	Start	End	Works Reference	L.A.Ref	Works Status	Traffic Management
GLENMORE STREET	07/04/2021	04/06/2021	AZ502-1001019984	113535	IN PROGRESS	GIVE & TAKE - Delays possible
VAUGHAN AVENUE	06/04/2021	28/07/2021	AZ502-1001051843	115771	IN PROGRESS	GIVE & TAKE - Delays possible
MARCUS AVENUE	04/05/2021	04/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN015-14	116476	IN PROGRESS	GIVE & TAKE - Delays possible
ADMIRALS WALK	17/05/2021	11/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN077-04	116535	IN PROGRESS	GIVE & TAKE - Delays possible
CHURCH ROAD	04/05/2021	31/05/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN093-09	116510	IN PROGRESS	GIVE & TAKE - Delays possible
THORPE HALL AVENUE	10/05/2021	04/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN083-03	113208	IN PROGRESS	LANE CLOSURE - Delays likely
THE LEAS	29/04/2021	21/05/2021	KG010-S018TLEAS	113269	IN PROGRESS	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - Delays likely
SNAKES LANE	26/04/2021	01/06/2021	AZ502-1001055100	116141	IN PROGRESS	NO C/W INCURSION - Delays unlikely
BELTON GARDENS	17/05/2021	19/05/2021	AD026-58150680	114808	IN PROGRESS	ROAD CLOSURE - Delays likely
STORNOWAY ROAD	17/05/2021	13/08/2021	AZ502-1001019945	113542	IN PROGRESS	ROAD CLOSURE - Delays likely
HAMSTEL ROAD	06/04/2021	04/06/2021	AZ502-1001050968	115696	IN PROGRESS	ROAD CLOSURE - Delays likely
THORPE HALL AVENUE	17/05/2021	17/05/2021	EN014-M6674	113944	PROPOSED WORKS	ROAD CLOSURE - Delays likely
FERMOY ROAD	19/04/2021	16/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN083-04	113212	IN PROGRESS	ROAD CLOSURE - Delays likely
RAPHAEL DRIVE	08/03/2021	11/06/2021	AZ007-1001014417	113138	PROPOSED WORKS	SOME C/W INCURSION - Delays unlikely

DROITWICH AVENUE	11/05/2021	07/06/2021	AZ502-1001020075	113544	IN PROGRESS	SOME C/W INCURSION - Delays unlikely
BRENDON WAY	30/04/2021	01/06/2021	AZ502-1001055101	116140	IN PROGRESS	SOME C/W INCURSION - Delays unlikely
SERVICE ROAD FOR 50 TO 58 SNAKES LANE	30/04/2021	01/06/2021	AZ502-1001058818	116592	IN PROGRESS	SOME C/W INCURSION - Delays unlikely
WESTERN ESPLANADE	02/04/2020	01/04/2022	JR001-TEMPDIST2825	106534	PROPOSED WORKS	SOME C/W INCURSION - Delays unlikely

5) List of Applications Registered **Week Ending 28th May 2021**

Application Number: 21/00999/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Spyros Mouratidis
 Convert loftspace into habitable accommodation and form recessed balcony to the front
125 Thorpe Bay Gardens Thorpe Bay Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00924/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
 Officer: Oliver Hart
 Erect first floor side extension
161 Church Road Shoeburyness Essex

Application Number: 21/00986/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
 Officer: Kara Elliott
 Hipped to half hipped roof extension and install dormers to rear with balconies to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, raise ridge height of outcrop to front
4 Malmsmead Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/01023/PA3COU **Ward: West Shoebury**
 Officer: Abbie Greenwood
 Change use of ground floor from shop to 2no work/live units (Prior Approval)
9 - 11 Avon Way Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

6) List of Decisions Issued **Week Ending 23rd May 2021**

APPLN. NO: 21/00630/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
 Officer: Spyros Mouratidis
 ERECTION OF OUTBUILDING TO BE USED PARTIALLY AS ANNEX AND PARTIALLY FOR STORAGE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE USE OF THE MAIN DWELLING ON SITE
23 WICK CHASE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00615/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT FRONT EXTENSION AND RAISE ROOF TO EXISTING GARAGE, RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT AND EXTEND ROOF WITH DORMERS TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOF, PITCHED ROOF TO FRONT PORCH, BALCONIES TO FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

532 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00766/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

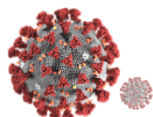
Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS

165 KENSINGTON ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

7) Coronavirus Information



Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 28th 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/>.

Aged 30 and over vaccination: The NHS are now inviting those aged 30 and over to have their COVID-19 jab. Read more on NHS.UK.

One-dose Janssen COVID-19 vaccine approved by the MHRA: The vaccine has been approved after meeting the required safety, quality and effectiveness standards. Read more on GOV.UK.

- **Southend Community Testing Programme:**

Everyone is being urged to use twice-weekly home testing kits. The Council's community testing programme is to close its two remaining rapid

lateral flow device (LFD) assisted swabbing sites by 29 May as it moves towards encouraging testing at home for everyone. Read the media release on our website.

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 testing options are available at www.southend.gov.uk/gettested . Testing is key to stop the spread and identify cases.

- **PCR sites:**

In liaison with the DHSC, their managed mobile testing unit has moved from Hamlet Court Road Car Park to Shoebury Park Car Park and is open from Monday-Friday between 09:30 and 15:00. Appointments will be bookable on the national system at: Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and the service will also offer drive through testing. The other PCR sites in the Borough are at Southend Airport, Elm Road car park, Leigh-on-Sea, Short Street, central Southend.

- **Protect, respect, enjoy:**

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- **Face coverings for taxi drivers:**

Taxi drivers across Southend-on-Sea have been given free face coverings to hand out to their passengers free-of-charge. Read the media release on our website.

- **Business grants:**

Business grants in place from November lockdown: 7,554 grant payments totalling £16.9m

Restart Grants: 989 grant payments totalling £7.5m

Additional Restriction Grants - Discretionary 428 grant payments totalling £0.75m

Discretionary grants: Paid £1.941m to 611 businesses

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

- **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 **28 May 2021 is 10.4 per 100,000** (up from 9.3 per 100,000 on 21 May). The rate in the **60 and over age bracket is 6.6 per 100,000** (up from 2.2 on 21 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 14 May but were registered up to 22 May 2021: **676 (+1)**.

- **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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