

E-Newsletter – 7th May 2021

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1) Information Corner

Essex Police Fraud Alert System - FLUBOT—ANDROID USERS BEWARE

Guidance has been issued but the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) about 'FluBot' - spyware affecting Android phones and devices that is delivered via the package delivery messages covered by a previous alert.

The spyware is installed when the text message asks them to install a tracking app due to a missed package delivery (currently these scams claim to be DHL but the brand could change). The app is the spyware and will steal passwords and other sensitive data, as well as accessing contacts to send out more text messages.

If you have already clicked the link to download the application:

- Do not enter your password, or log into any accounts until you have followed the below steps.
- To clean your device, you should:
 - Perform a factory reset as soon as possible. The process for doing this will vary based on the device manufacturer and guidance can be found via the NCSC website. Note that if you don't have backups enabled, you will lose data.
 - When you set up the device after the reset, it may ask you if you want to restore from a backup. You should avoid restoring from any backups created after you downloaded the app, as they will also be infected.

- To protect your accounts:

- If you have logged in to any accounts or apps using a password since downloading the app, that account password needs to be changed and if you have used these same passwords for any other accounts, then these also need to be changed.

Fireplaces worse than traffic for pollution

Fireplaces and stoves are now the largest single source of primary particle pollution in the UK, with about 40 per cent of the country's total coming from just seven per cent of homes. A ban was introduced last week on sales of coat and wet wood in England as traffic and industry is overtaken by this pollutant.

Census 2021 text scams UK: Which? issues urgent warning over online scam that could cost you £1,000

We have been contacted by a member as he has received a Census scam text that sounded genuine.

Which? has issued an urgent warning over an online scam related to the 2021 Census.

The UK consumer champion says it's seen several variations of a census scam circulating online.

The census is a survey about all the households in England and Wales, and Census Day was held back on Sunday, March 21.

It's filled out every 10 years and it's the law for everyone to complete the census and provide accurate information because it helps decide how services are funded in your area.

But an online scam is said to be fraudulently targeting some members of the public.

Which? says any letters, phone calls, texts or emails attempting to take payment for a late or incorrect census submission are scams and has reminded people to remain vigilant.

CityFibre

Please find below the list of CityFibre works taking place in the Thorpe Ward 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- PN015-12	Burges Road (Phase 2)	19/04/2021	18/05/2021

KG027SE-FTTH- PN083-11	Station Road	23/04/2021	18/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN015-14	Marcus Avenue	04/05/2021	04/06/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN083-03	Thorpe Hall Avenue	04/05/2021	24/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN015-05	St. James Avenue	04/05/2021	14/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN093-03	Dungannon Chase	06/05/2021	19/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN093-01	Barrowsand	06/05/2021	11/05/2021

2) List of Applications Registered **Week Ending 7th May 2021**

Application Number: 21/00734/OUT

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

Erect dwellinghouse with parking space to side and associated amenity space to rear (Outline) (Amended Proposal)

Land Rear Of 219 Kensington Road Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00813/FUL

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

Erect two storey rear extension at first floor and form 2no. self-contained flats with terrace to first floor side, form new commercial unit to ground floor side

123 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00840/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

Erect single storey rear extension to existing garage, alter roof of garage to create workshop in roofspace and install dormers to front elevation

173 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00848/FUL

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

Change of use from guest house (Class C1) to care home (Class C2)

The Waverley 191 Eastern Esplanade Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00853/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

Erect single story rear extension

122 Lifstan Way Southend-On-Sea Essex

Application Number: 21/00832/FUL

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Oliver Hart

Demolish existing building, erect chalet bungalow with basement level, balcony to rear, layout parking to front (Amended Proposal)

60 Leitrim Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00846/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

Demolish garage, erect single storey side and rear extension

78 Richmond Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00879/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

Erect single storey side/front extension with porch to front and alter rear elevation (Amended proposal)

122 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex

3) List of Decisions Issued **Week Ending 2nd May 2021**

APPLN. NO: 21/00267/ADV

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Robert Lilburn

ERECTION OF DOUBLE SIDED FREE STANDING SIGN (RETROSPECTIVE)

NEW WICK FARM WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Advertisement

APPLN. NO: 21/00365/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

FORM VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO NEWINGTON AVENUE

7 NEWINGTON AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00310/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

43 CLIEVEDEN ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00430/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PORCH AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

2 MEADOW DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00469/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROPOSED)

75 EASTERN ESPLANADE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 21/00473/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION, ERECT DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

99 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission Date

APPLN. NO: 21/00482/AD

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITIONS 05 (EMERGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE PLAN), 07 (DETAILS OF SECURE CYCLE STORAGE) AND 08 (DETAILS OF REFUSE STORAGE) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 20/00795/FUL DATED 27/07/2020

66 VICTORIA ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Part/Refuse Part Consent

APPLN. NO: 21/00493/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

Mr And Ms R & D Blyth & Winska ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ROOF LANTERN (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

116 KENSINGTON ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00091/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Robert Lilburn

ERECT TWO BUILDINGS COMPRISING OF NO.7 REPLACEMENT GARAGES FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE BUILDING (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

REAR OF 141 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNESS

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00149/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

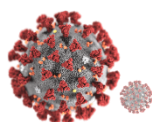
Officer: Robert Lilburn

DEMOLISH EXISTING BUILDING COMPRISING OF 3 GARAGES AND ERECT DETACHED DWELLINGHOUSE, WITH AMENITY SPACE TO SIDE AND OFF STREET PARKING TO FRONT

REAR OF 141 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNESS

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

4) Coronavirus Information



Fake COVID-19 vaccine cards sold online for as little as £5

Fake vaccine cards have been sold online for as little as £5, prompting fears that some travellers could cheat COVID-19 passport schemes. The cards – almost identical to those given out by the NHS to people who have received jabs to protect them against the virus – can be customised with details to falsely show a person has received a specific vaccine and the date on which it was administered.

Under 40s to be offered alternative jab

People under 40 will be offered an alternative to the AstraZeneca vaccine due to concerns over rare blood clots. To date, more than 51 million vaccines have been administered in the UK and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has reported 242 cases of clotting, including 49 deaths.

School face mask rule may be lifted

Secondary school students may not be required to wear a face mask in school as part of the third step of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown. Restrictions are set to ease further on 17 May and this date could signal the end of masks in school, despite a group of teaching unions and scientists asking for a delay until 21 June. An estimated 43,000 children and 114,000 school staff are thought to be currently suffering from long COVID.

Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 7th 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 across the Borough, with the Shoebury Youth Centre site closing today. 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. Read the media release on our website.

- **Business grants:**

Business grants in place from November lockdown: 7,466 grant payments totaling £16.68m

Restart Grants: 767 grant payments totaling £6.02m

Discretionary grants: Paid £1.941m to 611 businesses

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

- **Phase 2 of Additional Restriction Group (ARG):**

Applications are now being welcomed for phase 2 of the ARG allocation for the borough, which is open to businesses that can demonstrate business related costs and a reduction in their income of at least 25% as a result of COVID-19, from 5 November 2020, as well as taxi drivers licenced by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. This includes both businesses that appear on the **MHCLG** Business Rates Rating List and those that do not.

- **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 **7 May 2021 is 9.8 per 100,000** (down from 12.6 per 100,000 on 30 April). The rate in the **60 and over age bracket is 4.4 per 100,000** (down from 11 on 30 April).

- **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 23 April but were registered up to 1 May 2021: **673 (+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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