

E-Newsletter – 15th July 2022

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 21st July** at **10.00am to midday** at **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road). We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms, contactless debit card blocking pouches, no cold caller stickers and the car key signal blocking pouches, which are free to members.

All welcome to come for a chat, tea and cake and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

Please note that this will be the **last coffee morning until September**. We will advise you nearer the time of the return date, so watch this space and keep your eye on our noticeboard for information about what is happening in and around the area.

Essex Police Update - Be Fraud Smart

Ten golden rules to prevent fraud

Fraud is when a person lies to you, or 'scams' you, to gain an advantage, such as taking your money or learning private information about you. This could be via email, text, phone or in person, either on the street or on your doorstep.

Remember these ten golden rules to help you prevent fraud and beat the scammers.

- Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes.
- Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
- Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
- Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
- Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.
- Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links in an email.
- Don't just rely on glowing testimonials. Find solid, independent evidence of a company's success.
- Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
- If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help.
- Don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

Essex Police – Local Update

A new service called 999 BSL has launched. It enables users of British Sign Language (BSL) to contact police, fire, ambulance and coastguard services in an emergency. For more information, visit: <http://999bsl.co.uk>

New Visual Impairment Procedure

A new force procedure to help safeguard vision impaired members of the community who need to confirm if a person at their door is a police officer has been launched on Monday 27 June.

Use of the Visual Impairment Procedure (or VIP) is optional, but it adds a layer of security and assurance when visual identification of a police officer by their uniform or warrant card is impractical. The procedure works using a one-time memorable password, which is agreed between the caller and the contact handler at 101 or 999. The procedure can be used by anyone with a vision impairment, to any degree, or anyone who cares for or supports someone who is vision impaired.

Focus on Energy Scams

Scammers are sending text messages appearing to be from Ofgem offering rebates—THIS IS A SCAM. Scammers may sometimes contact you pretending to be

from Ofgem. For example, a scammer might call saying they are from Ofgem, suggest you switch and then ask for your bank details. They might try to contact you by:

- knocking at your door
- phone call
- social media
- email
- pop-up message on a website
- instant message
- text message.

These are energy scams. Ofgem would never sell you energy, ask for personal information or come to your property.

Report the scam to Action Fraud, the reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. If you have given any of your personal information like your bank details, contact your bank immediately for help.

Hot and dry weather warning – Essex & Suffolk water use advice

We're asking everyone to think about how much they use and to make changes to save water, especially in the garden. This includes not leaving a sprinkler on overnight or watering your grass.

Reducing the amount of water you use can help protect our precious resources but can also reduce your bill if you have a water meter!

WHY IS WATER WORTH SAVING?

While sometimes it feels like it rains every day, any water that we take from the environment to make it safe to drink and use, has an impact on nature – so we'd like to leave as much in rivers and streams as we can.

Our growing population and climate change also means demand for water is increasing which is putting pressure on supplies.

It's easy for you to use less water each day by following our top 5 water saving tips below.

- If the padding pool is out, don't fill it to the top and let it spill over. And when you're done, cover it so it can be reused over a few days and then use the water from your pool to water the plants.
- Turn the sprinkler off - grass can survive for four to six weeks without being watered.
- Use a watering can instead of a hose or sprinkler, and water plants in the evening or first thing in the morning as sun and wind can take away moisture.
- Stay hydrated by keeping a jug of water in the fridge so you've plenty of cool and refreshing water to hand, without having to keep the tap running.

- Avoid using the hose to wash the car - either leave it or use a bucket.

2) National Corner

Warning over 'cheap accessories' that fail to protect from sun ahead of heatwave

The Met Office has issued a warning over "cheap accessories" which fail to protect people from the sun, as the UK heads for a heatwave next week. Wearing a cheap pair of sunglasses could damage the eyes, as they hardly protect from UV rays and experts are urging people to buy proper eyewear with UV protection and, if possible, wraparound coverage.

Councils use gritters in UK heatwave

Gritters will be deployed across the UK in the coming days to spread light dustings of sand to soak up excess tar and minimise chances of road surfaces melting. The LGA said: "This proactive work helps reduce the potential damage high temperatures can inflict on our roads, so keeping them safe and limiting disruption. Councils will continue to monitor road temperatures and once the weather cools will begin carrying out repairs if needed."

Bus fares to cost no more than £2

Affordable bus fares are due to be introduced in England from October, with a £2 cap on all local and regional journeys. A taxpayer subsidy will reportedly cut the cost of travel for six months during autumn and winter, with bargain rates for cross-country trips of up to 80 miles and lasting more than three hours, according to a government scheme intended to address a long-standing anomaly whereby bus services in England are more expensive and less frequent than in London.

Pet owners caught without dog mess bags could face £100 fine

Rushcliffe Borough Council has introduced new rules to fine dog owners who do not carry bags to pick up dog mess, following similar rules brought in by councils in Somerset, Devon, Lancashire and Derbyshire. Council wardens will now be permitted to approach and challenge owners on whether they have the "means to pick up" and can fine them £100 if they do not, with those who fail to settle the fine potentially taken to court and ordered to pay £1,000 if convicted.

COVID-19 restrictions could return

Health minister, Lord Kamall has said that COVID restrictions could be reintroduced if a rising number of cases has an impact on the NHS backlog. Official data shows that rates of COVID-19 are up 18 per cent from the previous week.

Ambulance services on brink of collapse

Ambulance services across the country are on the brink of collapse as a result of intense pressure caused by record numbers of callouts. Hospitals with the longest delays in handing over patients to accident and emergency staff reportedly see crews waiting for up to 12 hours with the target time is 15 minutes or less.

Monkeypox ‘could become endemic in UK’ without action

Monkeypox could become endemic in Britain without more action from the Government, a group of charities and experts have warned. As of July 11, there were 1,735 confirmed cases in the UK in the latest outbreak, 96 per cent of which have been found in England.

Drivers at eight train companies back strikes

Members of the drivers union Aslef at eight train companies have backed industrial action, with train drivers have voting overwhelmingly to strike over pay. Aslef members at Chiltern, LNER, Northern, TransPennine Express, Arriva Rail London, Great Western, Southeastern and West Midlands Trains voted by around 9-1 in favour of strikes.

Rail strikes in August

Rail workers are set to strike for a further two days in August following a dispute over jobs, pay and conditions, the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers has confirmed. National Rail and 14 train operators will walk out on 18 and 20 of August, with another strike planned on 27 July, the day before the Commonwealth Games opens in Birmingham.

3) Crime Report

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/176267/22
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (£5,000 and over)
Reported Date and Time	07/07/2022 18:42
Committed Date (From)	07/07/2022 18:39
Street partial postcode	BOURNES GREEN, WAKERING ROAD SS1 3
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT NAMED THREW BRICKS AT 8 WINDOWS AT PROPERTY, CAUSING THEM TO SMASH.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/176904/22
Offence Description	Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time	08/07/2022 11:54
Committed Date (From)	07/07/2022 18:00
Street partial postcode	SURBITON AVENUE SS1 2
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED POKEMON CARDS BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/177574/22
Offence Description	Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time	09/07/2022 01:17
Committed Date (From)	09/07/2022 01:17

Street partial postcode **DALMATIA ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT NAMED HAS BEEN FOUND IN PROPERTY GARDEN, WITH HIS HEAD THROUGH THE CAT FLAP.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/172190/22
Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time 03/07/2022 18:56
Committed Date (From) 03/07/2022
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN BROKE INTO PAVILLION, CAUSING DAMAGE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/172813/22
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 04/07/2022 16:14
Committed Date (From) 03/07/2022 09:00
Street partial postcode **KENSINGTON ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT SMASHED THROUGH FLAT WINDOW AND ALSO SMASHED THE REAR WINDOW TO A GREEN JAGUAR S TYPE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/175435/22
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 07/07/2022 08:01
Committed Date (From) 06/07/2022 18:30
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO BLUE VOLVO V40 16 BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND REMOVED WORK EQUIPMENT.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/175624/22
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 28/06/2022 10:47
Committed Date (From) 17/06/2022 19:30
Street partial postcode **WALTON ROAD SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN DAMAGED A BLUE FORD TRANSIT BY DRIVING INTO IT AND ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE THE WING MIRROR. SUSPECT VEHICLE - BEIGE NISSAN NOTE N-TEC AUTO.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/173003/22
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 04/07/2022 19:33

Committed Date (From) 04/07/2022 08:30
 Street partial postcode **WEST ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS GAINED ENTRY VIA THE ROOF OF PROPERTY. UNKNOWN IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN STOLEN AT THIS TIME.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/174571/22
 Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 06/07/2022 09:28
 Committed Date (From) 05/07/2022 11:00
 Street partial postcode **GUNFLEET SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO FORCE THE LOCK ON PROPERTY FRONT DOOR. NO ENTRY GAINED.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/178974/22
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 10/07/2022 07:49
 Committed Date (From) 10/07/2022 01:30
 Street partial postcode **NESS ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT NAMED JUMPED ON A BLACK HYUNDAI GETZ, CAUSING DAMAGE.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 15th July 2022

Application Number: 22/01359/FUL **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Oliver Hart
 Erect single storey rear extension to provide additional storage space for ancillary use to shop and form amenity roof terrace
217 - 219 Hamstel Road Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01162/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Robert Lilburn
 Layout parking to front and form new vehicle crossover onto Shaftesbury Avenue:
188A Shaftesbury Avenue Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01299/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Hayley Thompson
 Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 192 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay

Application Number: 22/01313/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Replace flat roof with new pitched roof and alter elevations (Amended Proposal)
173 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01329/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Install solar panels to roof of detached outbuilding in rear garden
29 St Augustines Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01381/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Edward Robinson
Erect single story rear extension and alter side elevation
129 Lifstan Way Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01409/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Form new canopy to front and side
154 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01412/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Robert Lilburn
Raise ridge height, form hipped to gable roof extension with dormer to rear and
juliette balconies to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect single
storey side/rear extension (Amended Proposal)
565 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01413/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect single storey rear extension
79 Huntingdon Road Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01416/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Abbie Greenwood
Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 155 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay

Application Number: 22/01340/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern
15 Wicklow Walk Shoeburyness Southend-on-Sea

Application Number: 22/01339/FUL **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 565 Shoebury Common Road Shoeburyness

Application Number: 22/01376/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Layout parking to front and form new vehicle crossover onto Blyth Avenue
67 Blyth Avenue Shoeburyness Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 11th July 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/00972/CLP **Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Kara Elliott

CONFIRMATION USE OF DWELLINGHOUSE AS A YOUNG ADULTS HOME IS A C3 DWELLINGHOUSE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

27 CHAINGATE AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 22/01026/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT ROOF EXTENSION WITH FRONT, SIDE AND REAR DORMERS, ERECT REAR, SIDE AND FRONT EXTENSIONS INCORPORATING GARAGE, RELOCATE DOOR ENTRANCE TO FRONT AND ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

12 CHERRYBROOK THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01043/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Robert Lilburn

FORM ADDITIONAL VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO THORPE HALL AVENUE TO FORM AN IN AND OUT DRIVEWAY ACCESS

259 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01047/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Scott Davison

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION

95 ASHURST AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01344/ROT **Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Kara Elliott

INSTALL 15M SLIM LINE STREET POLE WITH BUILT IN CABINET AND 3NO. SEPARATE EQUIPMENT CABINETS ALONGSIDE EXISTING STREET FURNITURE ON PAVEMENT

GRASS VERGE HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Telcom notice – Register

APPLN. NO: 22/01183/GPDE **Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 4M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 3.75M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 2.4M

223 AMBLESIDE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: GPD Non Conditional

APPLN. NO: 22/00993/ADV **Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

INSTALL NON-ILLUMINATED SIGN TO NORTH ELEVATION FLANK WALL
48 NESS ROAD SHOEBURYNNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Advertisement

APPLN. NO: 22/01311/ROT

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Oliver Hart

REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING 12.5M SLIM-LINE MONOPOLE SUPPORTING 3NO. ANTENNAS, 1NO. METER CABINET AND INSTALLATION OF A REPLACEMENT 17.5M SLIM-LINE MONOPOLE, SUPPORTING 3NO. ANTENNAS, 1 NO. REPLACEMENT METER CABINET, 1NO. 300MM TRANSMISSION DISH AND ANCILLARY THERETO INCLUDING 6NO. REMOTE RADIO HEADS (RRHS) AND 1NO. GPS MODULE

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAMPPOST SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD
SHOEBURYNNESS**

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 22/01315/ROT

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Kara Elliott

INSTALL A 1 X 8M WOODEN POLE (7.2M ABOVE GROUND)

LAND OUTSIDE 26 TRAFALGAR ROAD SHOEBURYNNESS

Decision: Telcom notice - Register

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