

E-Newsletter – 8th 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.

Roofing contractor caught damaging footway

The Highways Enforcement Team proactively patrol the highway network looking for instances of damage or interference to the public highway. Recently, one officer spotted a private roofing contractor had damaged and subsequently attempted an illegal repair of the footway. The officer intervened and spoke with the contractor who admitted liability after some discussions. The Enforcement team will now be seeking to recover all costs from the third party.

Special operation at Eastern Avenue

After numerous complaints to both Southend-on-Sea City Council and the Police regarding non-compliant parking and alleged threatening behaviour, a 'special operation' was planned at McDonalds near Eastern Avenue on Friday 24th June 2022 to support the local residents and to promote engagement/education with food delivery drivers.

Issues in the area occur due to McDonalds becoming busier with delivery drivers parking in the surrounding area of the restaurant, and this has caused inconvenience for the residents getting in and out of the slip road. There are double yellow lines along the area that passes McDonalds, however, non-compliant parking is still common. Unfortunately, when residents have spoken to drivers, there have been allegations of threatening behaviour and although this area is covered by Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) patrols, the drivers are reported to be moving their vehicles before a Penalty Charge Notice can be issued but then returning to the site after the CEO has left.

The Highways & Parking Technical Operations Team Leader planned the operation with a team from APCOA (parking enforcement contractor) to attend the area on possibly the busiest night of the week for takeaways. This was coordinated to help support the residents and where possible, engage with the food delivery drivers.

The team arrived at 4.30pm to make sure they were in place for the start of the busy Friday rush for takeaways and stayed on site until 8.30pm when things started to slow down. The object of the operation was to keep the entire area free from non-compliant parking and to engage with drivers explaining why the operation was taking place.

The team were greeted with numerous comments of 'thanks' from the residents who were grateful that they could drive to their homes without negotiating large numbers of vehicles parking on the double yellow lines.

The operation was a success, and the area was clear of non-compliant parking and residents were able to access their properties freely throughout the evening. Unfortunately, this type of operation does take resources from other areas and isn't something that is sustainable regularly, but the Parking team hope that these special operations will help deter non-compliant parking in the future.

Upcoming carriageway resurfacing

- Eastern Avenue - From bus stop outside the Wellesley Hospital to outside no. 22 on opposite side of the road – (Commencing middle of the month) - 2 nights
- Delaware Road - From no. 52 to no. 232 (Commencing end of the month) – 2 days
- Milton Road - Outside St Bernards School to J/w A13 London Road (Commencing at the end of the month)

Upcoming footway resurfacing

- Snakes Lane - Rayleigh Rd to Kingsdown School (Commencing end of the month) – Approx. 3 weeks
- Buxton Avenue & Buxton Square – Entire lengths (Commencing middle of the month) – Approx. 8 weeks
- Salisbury Ave - Balmoral Rd to Cliff Ave (Commencing end of the month) – Approx. 4 weeks
- Macmurdo Road – Entire length (Commencing end of the month) – Approx. 6 weeks
- Hamstel Road - Phillpott Ave to Central Ave (Commencing start of the month) – Approx. 4 weeks
- Pantile Avenue - Norwich Ave to Lewes Rd (Commencing end of the month) – Approx. 4 weeks
- Fleetwood Avenue – Entire Length (Commencing towards middle of July) - Approx. 6 weeks

Penalty charge notices (PCN)

What do you do if you are in receipt of a PCN?

In the case of a PCN being issued, you will need to follow the PCN appeals process.

If you wish to challenge your Penalty Charge Notice (PCN), you can do this using our online form.

If you challenge a PCN, the case will be placed in a queue for consideration. No action will be taken or further charges applied until we have considered the comments and responded to the offender in writing. We appreciate your patience as this process can take between 4 to 6 weeks and even longer during busy periods.

City Fibre updates

City Fibre are still working hard to install fibre optic services for residents around Southend-on-Sea.

City Fibre are currently working on London Road, which they need to complete a majority of the wards in this area. They are moving on to Leigh-on-Sea Broadway and surrounding areas shortly.

In late September they will continue with works on London Road from Chalkwell Park to Southend-on-Sea town centre. Contact details for CityFibre: For 24/7 assistance please call 08002986267

Arriva Bus Service Changes (effective 17 Jul & 24 Jul 22)

From 17th July 2022 the following changes will be in place:

Route 4A - Landwick to Southend City Travel Centre. The frequency for this service is 2 hourly (Sundays only) The revised route the service now operates from Landwick via Asda, North Shoebury Road, Bourmes Green Chase, Southchurch Road to Southend Travel Centre. This will be operated on behalf of Essex County Council.

Then, from 24th July 2022 the following changes will be in place:

Route 1 will be split into Route 1 and Route 2 to improve punctuality of the service.

Route 1 - Southend City Travel Centre to Rayleigh Station. This service will now only operate between Southend and Rayleigh. The frequency will be up to every 10 minutes Monday to Friday, up to every 12 minutes on Saturdays and up to every 30 minutes on Sundays

Route 2 - Southend City Travel Centre to Shoeburyness. This service will replace service 1 between Southend and Shoeburyness. The frequency will be up to every 12 minutes on Monday to Friday, and up to every 15 minutes on Saturdays and up to every 30 minutes on Sundays.

Route 6 – Southend City Travel Centre to Temple Sutton. The route will operate up to every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday and hourly on Sundays

Route 7/8 – Shoeburyness or Landwick to Rayleigh Station . The core frequency of this route will reduce to every 20 minutes Monday to Saturday, every 30 minutes between Shoeburyness and Rochford on Sundays. Route 7- Serving Ashingdon will operate through the main part of the day with 2 buses an hour Monday to Saturdays, every hour on Sundays. Route 8 Serving Hawkwell will operate hourly Monday to Saturday and no service Sundays, Buses for Wakering and Landwick will operate up to every 40 minutes Monday to Saturday. Service 4A will operate every 2 hours on Sundays for Wakering and Landwick.

Route 9 – Shoeburyness East Beach to Rayleigh Station. The frequency will be up to every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday, up to every 30 minutes on Sundays

Route 29 – Southend City Travel Centre to Belgrave Road. The route will operate up to every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday and hourly on Sundays

For the latest timetable information
scan the QR code or visit:
www.arrivabus.co.uk/southend-changes



2) National Corner

COVID-19 infections increase

The number of people in the UK with COVID has risen to almost 2.3 million, up from 1.7 million people the previous week and the highest estimate for total infections since late April. Rising UK infections come amid a warning from the World Health Organisation that the pandemic not over.

COVID-19 booster for all over-50s

All over-50s are likely to get another coronavirus booster in the autumn to avoid winter pressures on the NHS, it has been reported. An extra six million middle-aged people are expected to be offered a fourth dose as an Omicron sub-variant continues to push up cases and hospital admissions.

8.6 million parking tickets issued by private firms

Drivers have been handed 8.6 million parking tickets across Britain by private firms in the last 12 months up by 50 per cent compared with four years earlier. An average of 23,000 tickets a day were issued between April 2021 and March 2022, according to data from the Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency.

Residents to vote on street names

Residents will be able to vote down proposed changes to street names under a new law to prevent the removal the names of controversial figures from signs. The Government is to announce new legislation that will require all councils in England to consult with residents and businesses and hold a vote on any suggested name changes.

Mandatory masks on hospital wards

Hospitals are reintroducing mandatory masks and social distancing as they deal with 10,658 patients in hospital with the virus yesterday, up from 3,835 on June 4. It is likely that hospital admissions in the latest wave, driven by the BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron sub-variants, will exceed this year's previous peak of 16,600 patients in April.

Two million workers will no longer pay National Insurance

More than two million low-income workers will no longer pay National Insurance from now, owing to a change in the way the tax is collected. Employees can now earn £12,570 a year before paying National Insurance, up from £9,880 a year previously.

E-scooter trials extended despite spike in pedestrian injuries

Trials of e-scooters have been extended by 18 months despite a surge in the number of pedestrians injured by the contraptions. Transport minister Trudy Harrison announced that English local authorities have the option of continuing pilot schemes for rental e-scooters until the end of May 2024, which will allow the Government to "gather further evidence where gaps are identified, building on the findings of the current evaluation".

Vaping among children doubles in two years as experts blame TikTok

Vaping among children and teenagers has almost doubled in two years, data suggests, with experts blaming the rise on people using disposable e-cigarettes on

TikTok and Instagram. The survey of children, carried out for the Action on Smoking and Health charity, showed that seven per cent of 11- to 17-year-olds are vapers, up from four per cent in 2020.

3) Crime Report 27th June – 3rd July 2022

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/164774/22
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 23/06/2022 17:06
 Committed Date (From) 23/06/2022 16:45
 Street partial postcode **BOURNES GREEN CHASE SS3 8**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TAKEN A MOBILE PHONE FROM THE VICTIMS BAG DURING THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT IN A PUBLIC PARK.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/165298/22
 Offence Description Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 28/06/2022 09:05
 Committed Date (From) 28/06/2022 08:30
 Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DRILLED INTO THE REAR SHUTTERS ON THE VICTIMS WHITE MERCEDES ANTOS REFRIGERATED VAN USING A CORDLESS DRILL, BEFORE ACTIVATING THE ALARM ON THE VEHICLE AND MAKING OFF WITHOUT GAINING ENTRY.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/170797/22
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 02/07/2022 21:48
 Committed Date (From) 02/07/2022 10:30
 Street partial postcode **WHITTINGHAM AVENUE SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS TAKEN 4500GBP FROM THE VICTIM.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/171309/22
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 03/07/2022 12:12
 Committed Date (From) 02/07/2022 18:00
 Street partial postcode **CHERRYBROOK SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS GREY FORD COUGAR, BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAS STOLEN HIS SUNGLASSES FROM INSIDE.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/171426/22

Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 03/07/2022 14:20
 Committed Date (From) 03/07/2022 00:01
 Street partial postcode **LITTLE THORPE SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO OR STEAL THE
 VICTIMS GREY MERCEDES GLA FOR REASONS UNKNOWN BUT WERE
 UNSUCCESSFUL.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/168122/22
 Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 23/06/2022 07:51
 Committed Date (From) 22/06/2022 22:30
 Street partial postcode **BRUNSWICK ROAD SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS OPENED FRONT NEARSIDE DOOR BY MEANS
 UNKNOWN ON GREY CITOEN C4. SEARCHED VEHICLE, NO PROPERTY
 STOLEN OR DAMAGED.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/168929/22
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 01/07/2022 16:23
 Committed Date (From) 30/06/2022 18:00
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 DAMAGED - SILVER FORD FIESTA, INDEX NL06JYT

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/164768/22
 Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 27/06/2022 18:26
 Committed Date (From) 25/06/2022 14:20
 Street partial postcode **BRIDGE CLOSE SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE USED AN IMPLEMENT UNKNOWN TO FORCE
 THE FRONT DOOR TO PREMISES, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE FRONT DOOR
 LOCK WHICH WAS LEFT HANING OFF. NO ENTRY GAINED AND NOTHING
 STOLEN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/171413/22
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 03/07/2022 14:01
 Committed Date (From) 02/07/2022 22:00
 Street partial postcode **ULSTER AVENUE SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS RED FORD MONDEO BY MEANS UNKNOWN. PERFORMED A MESSY SEARCH AND STOLEN THREE ITEMS WORTH 66.00 GBP.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 8th July 2022

Application Number: 22/01273/FUL
Officer: Kara Elliott

Ward: Southchurch

Demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement dwellinghouse with pitched roofs to front and rear elevations, flat roof dormers to front and side elevations, juliet balconies to front and rear elevations (Part Retrospective)

19 Ladram Way Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01290/FULH
Officer: Scott Davison

Ward: Thorpe

Erect single storey rear/side extension with balcony over, erect single storey front infill extension and alter elevations

130 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01320/CLP
Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Ward: Thorpe

Hip to gable roof extension with dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace (certificate of lawful development - proposed)

361 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01321/FULH
Officer: Hayley Thompson

Ward: Thorpe

Erect single storey side and front extensions

361 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01282/FULH
Officer: Oliver Hart

Ward: West Shoebury

Erect single storey lower ground floor rear extension with raised decking, install raised decking to rear at ground floor level, install solar shading to lower ground and ground floor rear, alter front facade, install new window to first floor side and alter elevations

30 Lodwick Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

Prior Notifications: The application(s) below are for prior approval of details submitted pursuant to exercising permitted development rights granted by the General Permitted Development Order 1995. If further information is required, please contact the case officer for an explanation or clarification.

Application Number: 22/01370/TEL
Officer: Oliver Hart

Ward: Southchurch

Install 15m high H3G street pole with 3No. additional equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works

STREET RECORD Southchurch Road Southend-on-sea

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 3rd July 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01020/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY GLASS EXTENSION TO FRONT OF EXISTING
GARAGE, INSTALL TIMBER SCREENING TO EXISTING BOUNDARY WALLS

31 THORPE BAY GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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