

E-Newsletter – 26th August 2022

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1) Information Corner

BERA Noticeboard

Please remember to continue to look at our noticeboard (on the grass verge outside Nisa) on The Broadway, as we provide lots of information about any events that are taking place in our area. If you are having an event and would like us to display a poster for you, please contact Ron.

Important Information

Following on from our newsletter 20th August regarding the cold callers in the white van, we have been contacted by another member who had them knock on his door. Please continue to be aware and let your neighbours also know:

In response to this warning, I have just had a visit from the same men in a white van at 5pm on a Sunday! They say they are from the council but cannot show any ID, one is at the door with the others loitering by the front gate. They got into a white van at the end of the road, very dodgy don't even answer the door.

Attempted Distraction Burglary

Over the past weekend a lady living on her own answered a knock on the door from two men (a black man and a well-spoken white man) in a white van. They claimed to have been pruning trees in the property directly behind on St James Avenue and that they wanted to check if any debris needed to be removed from the garden.

Fortunately, the lady did not let them in and upon checking afterwards did not find any evidence of clippings that required collecting. This was likely a distraction burglary. Please be aware and be cautious when answering your door to anybody that you do not know, or are not expecting.

Southend police warn of possible rogue traders in Thorpe Bay

Officers in Southend have issued advice to residents after reports of possible rogue traders.

Police say they have received reports of possible rogue traders in Thorpe Bay.

They have issued a warning to residents in the area and provided advice to those who may be targeted.

A spokesman for Southend Police said: "We have received reports of possible rogue traders in Thorpe Bay.

"If you receive a leaflet advertising any type of work or someone knocks at your door offering to do work for you, please check their credentials and do not proceed unless you are happy.

"Make sure they are a legitimate company and check their reviews if you can.

"Never feel pressured into getting work done if you don't feel it needs to be done."

Wristbands can help reunite lost children with their parents

We all want our children to be safe at the seaside, so parents and guardians are reminded that wristbands are available from seafront businesses so visiting parents can write their contact information and put it on their child's wrist in case they get separated.

The wristbands are provided by Southend BID and are available from some outlets along the seafront and High Street, including the Pier reception and the foreshore office, which is near the fountains on City Beach.

It comes after a few busy weekends this summer, where police and council officers have spent time reuniting lost children with their adults.

Southend BID gave out 20,000 wristbands to some Southend businesses at the beginning of the summer. To get a wristband, please head to the Pier reception or foreshore office, near to the fountains on City Beach, or ask at seafront business to see if they have any available.

Overhanging Vegetation

If you see any overhanging vegetation which is causing an obstruction to either the roads or pathways, please report this to the council via **mysouthend**. Please see below for more information on mysouthend on the council website (www.southend.gov.uk/mysouthend):

Welcome to MySouthend, the place to manage your council services online

You can go online to:

report a missed bin collection or fly tipping etc.

tell us about a pothole that needs fixing or report other Highway issues

apply for a licence

be involved, apply for services or report issues that make a difference to your community

Do you want updates on the requests you raise?

You can choose to use MySouthend as a guest (without registering) however, to fully benefit from all the reporting options MySouthend offers you, why not 'create an account' and be connected.

While you're there....

You can also find how to access your Council Tax and Business Rates Accounts, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction claims and Landlord account to manage your information online.

Why not also say 'Yes' to paperless? It's quick to do and on selecting this option no more paper bills or benefit notification will be received. You can opt out at any time.

MySouthend is the fastest way to contact the council and you have access to services 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

Contact Switchboard and Out of Hours

Telephone: 01702 215000

Email: council@southend.gov.uk



**THORPE BAY
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**
***FLOWER AND
HOMECRAFT SHOW***

AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HALL
JOHNSTONE ROAD THORPE BAY

SATURDAY: 10th SEPTEMBER

AT 2.15pm

Admission £1 Members free



SBC - Illegal ice cream trader found guilty

An ice cream van seller who illegally traded along Southend seafront has been found guilty and fined the maximum £3,000.

The gentleman concerned appeared at Basildon Magistrates Court on Tuesday 23 August, charged with three counts of breaching section 11 of the Essex Act 1987 by selling ice cream in Thorpe Esplanade.

Under section 11 of the Essex Act 1987, it is an offence to sell anything from within the designated areas of Southend-on-Sea. A list of all the roads affected by this bylaw can be found on SBC website.

The gentleman ignored several warnings from council officers in 2020 and 2021 that if he continued to sell ice creams from his van along the seafront, he would face prosecution.

Pleading not guilty and following a seven-hour trial at Basildon Magistrates Court, he was found guilty on all charges and fined the maximum amount of £1,000 for each charge, a total of £3,000. He was also ordered to pay £3,652 costs and £170 victim surcharge.

2) National Corner

Calls for increase in fly-tipping fines

Councils have called for courts to issue heavier punishments for flytippers, after LGA analysis showed that average fine was just £335 for 2020/21, less than the fixed penalty councils can issue. Environment spokesperson for the LGA Cllr David Renard said, "Without higher fines for the worst-kind of offences, criminals will remain undeterred. Magistrates need new sentencing guidelines for fly-tipping, to make court action more worthwhile for councils and in turn, reduce fly-tipping in our communities."

People urged to claim council tax rebate

People who do not pay their council tax via direct debit have been urged to claim their payment to help with the cost of energy bills. Cllr Andrew Western, Chair of the LGA's Resources Board said: "Anyone who is eligible for the £150 payment, but who has not claimed for it yet, should contact their council as soon as possible."

6m disabled people to get £150 cost of living payment in September

About 6 million disabled people across the UK will receive a £150 cost of living payment from the end of next month, the Government has said. The one-off payment, announced in May, will be paid automatically to people who receive certain disability benefits from 20 September and the majority of eligible people will receive their payment within a couple of weeks of this date.

Minimum wage should be increased to £15 an hour, says TUC

The minimum wage should be increased to £15 an hour as soon as possible to help millions of low-paid workers struggling with the cost of living, the TUC has said. The

union body said the Government needed to draw up plans to get wages rising and that too many workers were living “wage packet to wage packet”.

British Gas to help cut bills

Britain’s biggest energy supplier has pledged to donate 10 per cent of its profits to help customers tackle soaring bills for the “duration of the energy crisis.” British Gas, which has seen significant profits this year, said thousands of households would receive grants of between £250 and £750. This news comes as NHS leaders warn that a “huge mental health crisis” is possible this winter as a result of rising energy and food costs.

GCSE results expected to fall

Hundreds of thousands of students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be receiving their GCSE results this morning, with the exams sat in summer the first in three years due to the pandemic. Results are expected to fall on the previous two years as a result of the disruption experienced by the class of 2022 but be higher than 2019.

End to asymptomatic hospital testing

Routine testing among NHS and care home staff who do not have symptoms of COVID-19 is set to be paused at the end of the month, as case rates and hospitalisations continue to fall. Testing for people with symptoms will continue in some NHS, social care and prison system settings, and for those admitted to hospices, going into care homes and immunocompromised patients.

Energy bills increase

Households face an 80 per cent increase in their energy costs in October, taking a typical bill to £3,549 a year. The rise follows a 54 per cent increase in April, which saw average bills surge to £1,971 a year.

Postal workers strike

Today is the first of four days of industrial action from 115,000 Royal Mail postal workers, with walkouts also taking place throughout August and September. Letters will not be delivered on strike days and some parcels will be delayed.

Blood pressure checks at NHS pharmacies

Over 5,000 people will have their lives saved by blood pressure checks at local pharmacies, research by the NHS has shown. Analysis suggests that the scheme will prevent 5,500 heart attacks and 8,140 strokes and save 4,400 lives over the next five years. 1

Surgical hubs to tackle backlog

Over 50 new surgical hubs are to be opened across England to help tackle the backlogs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Health Secretary Steve Barclay. The hubs will provide at least 100 more operating theatres and 1,000 beds which will be allocated for planned operations. The target of the hubs is to deliver almost two million extra routine operations over the next three years.

3) Crime Report 15th to 21st August 2022

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/214158/22
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 13/08/2022 17:21
 Committed Date (From) 13/08/2022 17:21
 Street partial postcode **GARON PARK SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BEEN TRESSPASSING AT THE BUSINESS AND
 HAVE STOLEN SOME LOW VALUE BALLS FROM THE PLAY AREA.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/214960/22
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 16/08/2022 10:11
 Committed Date (From) 15/08/2022 15:45
 Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS WALKED PAST VICTIM WHO WAS SITTING
 DOWN IN A SHOP AND STOLEN VICTIMS BAG THAT WAS ON THE FLOOR
 BESIDE VICTIM.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/216025/22
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under
 £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 17/08/2022 13:15
 Committed Date (From) 17/08/2022 12:15
 Street partial postcode **CHINCHILLA ROAD SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO REAR GATE AND GUTTERING OF
 THE PROPERTY, USING MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/218375/22
 Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 20/08/2022 10:58
 Committed Date (From) 20/08/2022
 Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH RECTORY CHASE SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS HOUSE VIA THE BACKDOOR AND
 TAKEN ITEMS FROM HER BEDROOM. STOLEN - BINOCULARS : STOLEN -
 RADIO EQUIPMENT : STOLEN - COSMETICS LIPSTICKS

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/215794/22
 Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 16/08/2022 21:41

Committed Date (From) 11/08/2022
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**

Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS TO A SECURE GARAGE, NOT CONNECTED TO A DWELLING, BY JEMMY THE LOCKS TO THE GARAGE. THEN SUSPECTS HAVE PULLED THE BOTTOM CORNER OF THE DOOR UP ENOUGH TO CRAWL INSIDE. TOOLS TAKEN AND A FREEZER LEFT OPEN, AND ALL THE FOOD DEFROSTED.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/216704/22
 Offence Description Aggravated vehicle taking
 Reported Date and Time 13/08/2022 07:25
 Committed Date (From) 13/08/2022
 Street partial postcode **KENSINGTON ROAD SS1 2**

Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE FROM THEIR HOME ADDRESS AND CRASHED IT ON CHALKWELL AVENUE, CAUSING UNKNOWN DAMAGE TO THE RAILINGS ON THE ROAD. THEY HAVE DECAMPED THE VEHICLE AND RUN OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF SOUTHEND.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/217194/22
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 19/08/2022 04:39
 Committed Date (From) 19/08/2022 03:30
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**

Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED VICTIMS MOTORBIKE, INDEX NUMBER EW655GV, OVERNIGHT AND WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/217439/22
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 19/08/2022 15:42
 Committed Date (From) 18/08/2022 21:00
 Street partial postcode **VICTORIA ROAD SS1 2**

Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN VICTIMS WHITE/RED MOTORCYCLE LEXMOTO, INDEX NUMBER LX17ZKC, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/219183/22
 Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
 Reported Date and Time 21/08/2022 12:17
 Committed Date (From) 20/08/2022 14:07
 Street partial postcode **DELAWARE ROAD SS3 9**

Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE BEEN CAUSING ISSUES AT THE CENTRE AND HAVE STOLEN ITEMS FROM BEHIND THE RECEPTION.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 26th August 2022

Application Number: 22/01639/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
Extend existing central bay window to front and install fully glazed casement doors, infill first floor rear extension, dormer to side, and alterations to elevations
27 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01531/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect single storey rear extension
23 Elm Road Shoeburyness Essex

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: 22/01664/PA3COU **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Abbie Greenwood
Change of use to first floor Office Space (Class E) to form 2 self-contained flats (Class C3), alter existing ground floor shop front to form entrance and staircase to access flats (Prior Approval)
140 - 142 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 21st August 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01169/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
INSTALL NEW VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO HAMSTEL ROAD
124 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01290/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION WITH BALCONY OVER,
ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT INFILL EXTENSION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS
130 BURGESS ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01333/PA3COU **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Abbie Greenwood
CHANGE OF USE TO FIRST FLOOR OFFICE SPACE (CLASS E) TO 2 SELF
CONTAINED 1 BEDROOM 1 PERSON FLATS (CLASS C3) (PRIOR APPROVAL)
140 - 142 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Withdrawn

APPLN. NO: 22/01570/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION TO CONVERT LOFT INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, DORMER TO REAR AND ROOFLIGHT TO FRONT (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

20 TUDOR GARDENS SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

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