

E-Newsletter – 2nd September 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 at ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk.

When Arriva bus drivers are set to strike in Southend

Unite officials said around 800 bus workers at Arriva in Kent and Essex would be striking over a "pay cut presented as rise". The union said staff voted to strike after Arriva offered a 7.8 per cent pay increase.

Arriva bosses described the offer as "generous," but union representatives said the bus firm is "prioritising paying shareholders over decent wages for workers".

It expects to run a limited service in Southend on Monday, September 5, when drivers will be striking. However, bosses say they will provide a further update throughout Monday morning.

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**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



2) National Corner

Calls for fly-tipping fines to rise

Fines for fly-tippers should be raised to “significant” levels to act as a suitable deterrent and hold those responsible accountable, Cllr David Renard, leader of Swindon Borough Council has told the Government. Fly-tipping incidents across the country hit almost one million in 2020, now costing taxpayers in England nearly £50 million a year to clear up. The LGA said while the Government allows unlicensed disposal firms to be fined up to £5,000, those prosecuted for the worst dumping offences were handed an average fine of just £335 in 2020/21.

River pollution targets set

A plan to reduce sewage discharges into England’s rivers and the sea has been announced by government, promising the “strictest targets ever.” Pollution warnings were in place on nearly 50 beaches last week following heavy rainfall leading to water companies dumping untreated sewage. The plan will require water companies to invest a total of £56 billion over 25 years in the “largest infrastructure programme in water company history.”

“Toilet-to-tap” drinking water plans

Water companies are planning “toilet-to-tap” water recycling systems, to turn sewage from lavatories into drinking water, according to the head of the Environment Agency. Sir James Bevan said people need to be “less squeamish” about drinking water taken from sewage plants, and that the “unpopular” move would help protect the UK’s water supply.

Councils warn of soaring costs of road repairs

Councils are warning of the soaring cost of road repairs and street lighting due to rising inflation and the war in Ukraine. Analysis by the LGA and ADEPT found that councils had faced a 22 per cent spike in the cost of road maintenance in the last six months, with a 38 per cent increase in the bill for running and repairing street lights, with some councils having seen their costs double. Before the invasion in February, around 60 per cent of bitumen used in Europe was sourced from Russia.

‘Warm banks’ being set up for winter

Facilities such as churches, community centres and libraries will be available for people to stay warm during the winter months across parts of the country, as the cost of energy soars. The LGA said that while local authorities were doing “all they can”, “warm banks” were “not alternatives” to providing householders with “adequate resources” to make heating homes affordable.

Rail workers to stage two days of fresh walkouts, RMT union say

Rail workers will hold fresh strikes in a long-running dispute over pay, jobs and conditions, the RMT union has said. It said 40,000 of its members who work at Network Rail and 14 train companies will walk out on 15 and 17 September, with the first day of these strikes coinciding with a walkout by train drivers at 12 rail companies organised by the Aslef union.

3) Crime Report 22nd to 28th August 2022

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/220842/22
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 23/08/2022 14:25
 Committed Date (From) 23/08/2022 12:15
 Street partial postcode **GLYNDE WAY SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS BAGS FROM HER DOORSTEP CONTAINING VARIOUS ITEMS WHILST THE VICTIM WAS INSIDE HER DWELLING. STOLEN - MOBILE PHONE LIGHT BLUE WALLET AROUND THE PHONE. THERE WERE PIECES OF PAPER WITH EMAIL ADDRESS ON AND SOME PHONE NUMBERS. : STOLEN - BANK / CREDIT CARD : STOLEN - BANK / CREDIT CARD : STOLEN - BANK / CREDIT CARD : STOLEN - WALLET / PURSE : STOLEN - WALLET / PURSE : STOLEN - LEATHER HANDBAG : STOLEN - UMBRELLA : STOLEN - SUNGLASSES : STOLEN - WALLET / PURSE : STOLEN - MISCELLANEOUS.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/221065/22
 Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
 Reported Date and Time 23/08/2022 18:25
 Committed Date (From) 23/08/2022 14:30
 Street partial postcode **GARON PARK SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN A RED/ORANGE CARRERA PEDAL CYCLE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT SECURED IN A CYCLE RACK, VALUE GBP 200.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/222516/22
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 25/08/2022 15:27
 Committed Date (From) 28/07/2022
 Street partial postcode **LIFSTAN WAY SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS WHITE VEHICLE, INDEX WN53KWB, FROM LOCATION BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/223961/22
 Offence Description Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter
 Reported Date and Time 27/08/2022 10:21
 Committed Date (From) 01/02/2022 00:01
 Street partial postcode **OAKLEIGH AVENUE SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED VICTIMS PROPERTY WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/220809/22
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 23/08/2022 13:32
Committed Date (From) 21/08/2022 12:00
Street partial postcode **KENSINGTON ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS BROWN LEATHER WALLET CONTAINING 1 DEBIT CARD, 2 CREDIT CARDS, TRADE CARDS, CLUBCARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, A PICTURE OF HIS LATE WIFE AND HIS DRIVING LICENSE FROM HIS WHITE TOYOTA HYUS REGIS AND HAVE USED THE CARD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS TOTALLING 200 GBP.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/222751/22
Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
Reported Date and Time 22/08/2022 18:14
Committed Date (From) 22/08/2022 17:13
Street partial postcode **THORPE BAY GARDENS SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/225087/22
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 28/08/2022 16:23
Committed Date (From) 28/08/2022
Street partial postcode **THE BROADWAY SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS SMASHED THE VICTIMS DOOR FRONT CAUSING UNKNOWN DAMAGE VALUE. NO ENTRY GAINED TO PREMISES.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/222764/22
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 17/08/2022 17:20
Committed Date (From) 17/08/2022 09:10
Street partial postcode **DELAWARE ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS BAG FROM THE TOP OF HER VEHICLE WHERE SHE HAD BREIFLY PUT IT. STOLEN - CREAM WATCH SERIES 7 4TH EDN WRIST - LADIES : STOLEN - I PAD PRO 12,9 TABLET : STOLEN - GOLD I PHONE 13 PRO MAX MOBILE PHONE.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 2nd September 2022

Application Number: 22/01654/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: James Benn
Erect single storey side/rear extension
6 Coptfold Close Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01658/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Erect part single/part two storey side/rear extension, install dormer to rear and alter elevations
27 St Augustines Avenue Thorpe Bay 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: 22/01710/GPDE **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 4m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 3m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 3m
63 Marcus Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 28th August 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01430/TEL **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Kara Elliott
INSTALL 15M HIGH H3G STREET POLE, 3NO. EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS
GRASS VERGE HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Decision: Prior Approval Is Required/Refuse

APPLN. NO: 22/01250/CLP **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Kara Elliott
USE COMMERCIAL GROUND FLOOR UNIT (CLASS E) AS SELF-CONTAINED FLAT AND ALTER FRONT ELEVATION (CLASS C3)(LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE)
67 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Decision: Refuse Lawful Development

APPLN. NO: 22/01339/FUL **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
REPLACE EXISTING BEACH HUT
BEACH HUT 565 SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD SHOEBURYNESS

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

6) Appeal Bulletin 1 May - 31 August 2022

APPEALS LODGED

APPLICATION REF. NO	21/02533/FULH
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL	69 St Andrews Road Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea Essex SS3 9JL - Erect part single/part two storey side and rear extension, install Juliette balconies to rear, alter elevations (Amended Proposal)
DATE LODGED	04.05.22
OFFICER DEALING	Abbie Greenwood
COMMENTS DUE DATE	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
WARD	West Shoebury
APPLICATION REF. NO	21/02543/FUL
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL	193 Eastern Esplanade Southend on-sea Essex SS1 3AA - Erection of kiosk and change of use to cafe with outdoor seating (Retrospective) (Amended Proposal)
DATE LODGED	27.05.22
OFFICER DEALING	Robert Lilburn
COMMENTS DUE DATE	01.07.22
WARD	Thorpe
APPLICATION REF. NO	21/02139/FUL
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL	New Wick Farm Wakering Road Southend-on-sea Essex SS3 0QA - Demolish existing agricultural building, erect no.3 detached dwellinghouses with associated parking and amenity space (Amended Proposal)
DATE LODGED	21.06.22
OFFICER DEALING	Robert Lilburn
COMMENTS DUE DATE	26.07.22
WARD	Southchurch
APPLICATION REF. NO	22/00834/FULH
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL	176 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex SS1 3JP - Erect single storey rear extension (retrospective)
DATE LODGED	25.07.22
OFFICER DEALING	Scott Davison
COMMENTS DUE DATE	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
WARD	Thorpe

APPEALS DETERMINED

APPLICATION REF. NO	21/00361/FUL
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL	Flat 1 SE Court 107A Ambleside Drive Southend-On-Sea Essex SS1 2UP - Change of use of one self-contained flat (Use Class C3) to mixed use self-contained flat and hotel accommodation (Sui Generis) (Retrospective)
APPEAL DECISION	Appeal Dismissed
DATE OF DECISION	21.06.22
WARD	Thorpe

7) Coronavirus Information

Monthly Covid Briefing – August

This is now moving to bi-monthly, so the next one will be in October.

To ensure you keep up to date with all the latest COVID-19 information, please ensure that you subscribe to updates from GOV.UK (there is a simple option to subscribe to all topics) and sign up for emails from DHSC.

KEY UPDATES/ACTIONS

- Updated Guidance on use of the Covid-19 pass for travel is published
- Pausing of regular asymptomatic testing for Covid-19 from 31st August is announced
- National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports published
- New surgical hubs across the country will address Covid backlogs
- DHSC has now reduced the COVID-19 Alert Level from 3 to 2
- **Local updates:** Walk-in clinics and their opening times are available on the Essex Covid Vaccine website, with specific locations below:

Leigh-on-Sea walk-ins
Southend-on-Sea walk-ins
Thorpe Bay walk-ins

If you plan to attend a walk-in clinic, please bring your NHS number and ID with proof of your age (for example, driving licence or passport), if you can.

Find out more about eligibility at NHS.UK.
Book or manage your booster vaccine
at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/ or call 119

Regular information is also being updated on the EPUT website.

Coronavirus case data

- This is published on our website and includes the daily 7-day rate of positive cases per 100,000. Some of the data from that page has been pulled out and is below:

7-day rate of positive cases as of **31 August 2022 is 48.7 per 100,000** (down from 146.1 per 100,000 on 27 July 2022).

The rate in the **60 and over age bracket is 63.2 per 100,000** (down from 180.8 per 100,000 27 July 2022).

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 19 August 2022 but were registered up to 27 July 2022: **840 (+11)** ONS Source:

- **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

- **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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