

E-Newsletter – 30th September 2022

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 20th October** 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.

Priory Park voted local favourite in UK's Favourite Parks 2022 awards

The award is based on a public vote and a total of 364 parks were nominated across the UK with over 30,000 votes cast for local green spaces loved and admired by the public.

As well as winners in each of the Home Nations, those parks finishing in the top 20% of the public vote have achieved 'Local Favourite' status, reflecting the love shown for them by their communities. Priory Park is one of these parks.

This caps a successful year for the City of Southend's green spaces, having once again been awarded seven prestigious Green Flag Awards for its parks and open spaces at Belfairs, Chalkwell, Southchurch, Shoebury, Southchurch Hall Gardens,

Leigh Library Gardens and Sutton Road Cemetery & Southend Crematorium. The awards coincided with Love Parks Week (29 July to 5 August) which saw local people take part in a wide range of events to showcase the fantastic parks and open spaces on offer across the City.

Other Essex parks included in the East of England Local Favourite category are Lake Meadows Park and Wickford Memorial Park in Basildon and Highwoods Country Park in Colchester.

The full list of winners and local favourites is detailed on the Fields in Trust website with further information about the UK's Favourite Parks campaign.

Barbecue ban set to cover City's beaches to help keep people safe

Barbecues on beaches are set to be banned in Southend-on-Sea following a public consultation which saw over 50% of respondents in favour of a complete ban on seafront and foreshore areas.

Following a number of serious incidents across the City, the council launched a consultation on 29 July to gauge the views of local people on the use of barbecues and personal watercrafts across the entirety of the seafront. Following the completion of the consultation, results have indicated that a complete ban on barbecues should be introduced, and new restrictions should also be put in place for the use of personal watercrafts, such as jet skis.

The use of personal watercraft (PWC) in the restricted area are to be made subject to a Southend-on-Sea City Beach and Coastal Waters Code of Practice (COP). This would bring the same restrictions that apply in the surrounding area managed by the Port of London Authority (PLA). This means that motor powered watercrafts must adhere to speed restrictions, can only access the water via the approved launching site in Shoeburyness, cannot operate in the restricted areas and must have an appropriate insurance policy in place.

The new restrictions would be enforced through a public space protection order (PSPO), meaning anyone found to be having a barbecue in the restricted areas or breaching the watercraft restrictions, could be issued a fixed penalty notice (FPN) by the council.

2) National Corner

COVID-19 cases rise in England and Wales for first time in two months

COVID-19 cases in England and Wales have risen for the first time in two months, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics. About 927,900 people in private households across the country are likely to have tested positive for coronavirus in the week ending 14 September, up 5 per cent from 881,200 for the week before.

Covid winter wave

The number of COVID-19 infections are on the rise in England, potentially signalling the start of the winter wave of the virus, according to Dr Mary Ramsay, Director of

Public Health Programme at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). A total of 7,024 people were in hospital with COVID-19 in England as of 28 September, a jump of 37 per cent on the previous week, NHS figures show.

Eight in ten bosses think workers do less at home

A survey by Microsoft has found that 87 per cent of employees in the UK felt they were productive when they worked remotely, whilst 80 per cent of managers reported that they felt employees did less work whilst at home.

Households raid savings as bills rise by more than £145 a month

Households' savings have more than halved since the start of the year as the soaring cost of living forces people to tap into their rainy-day funds. The cost of essential goods such as food, energy and mortgage repayments has risen by £145.50 a month this year for the average household, according to research by accounting firm KPMG, with households expected to be nearly £1,800 worse off on average by the end of the year and many facing an even steeper increase in their regular bills.

Tumbling gas prices on track to slash £60bn cost of energy bailout

Britain's energy bills freeze could prove much less expensive than feared by early next year, as City forecasters predict that gas prices will fall this winter following a successful effort across Europe to fill reserves. A halving in gas prices in the coming months would push average household bills below the £2,500 limit set by the Government's Energy Price Guarantee, slashing the cost of the intervention, according to estimates by Deutsche Bank.

Millions to find second job

Research by Royal London found that 5.2 million workers have turned to second or multiple jobs while another 10 million plan to. This is reportedly due to the rising cost of living, which is increasing at its fastest rate in 40 years and is driven largely by the rising cost of food and energy.

PSPOs fail to stop antisocial behaviour, report claims

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) fail to adequately tackle anti-social behaviour, a report by Sheffield Hallam University has claimed. The report found that homeless people dispersed using the orders simply returned back later. Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Chair of the LGA's Safer and Stronger Communities Board said PSPOs work best when "used as part of a wider package of measures that link up with support services to help address the root causes of homelessness."

Warning of rising levels of flu this winter as vaccination drive launched

The UK Health Security Agency has launched a COVID-19 booster and flu vaccination programme, warning of rising levels of flu this winter due to a lack of immunity among the population. Around 33 million people in England will be eligible for a free flu vaccination this year, while 26 million are also eligible for an autumn COVID-19 booster.

Asthma attacks in more than 1 million people linked to cost of living rise

More than a million people in the UK have experienced asthma attacks after cutting back on medicine or heating, a survey by Asthma and Lung UK has found. One in five people living with asthma in the UK have had an attack as a result of changes they have been forced to make due to rising energy, food and household bills.

Royal Mail workers to hold 19 days of strike action

The Communications Workers Union (CWU) is holding strike action for postal workers on various days starting on Thursday 13 October, taking in Black Friday week and Cyber Monday. The strike action will be taken by all workers on 13, 20, and 25 October, and 28 November.

Customers urged to submit electricity meter readings now

Households are being urged to submit electricity meter readings to power providers before the energy cap rise on Saturday. Energy experts say submitting up-to-date readings before then will prevent companies from estimating electricity use and charging the higher rate for energy used before the price is increased.

Over 40 per cent of mortgages withdrawn

More than 40 per cent of available mortgages have been withdrawn by lenders since the Government's budget on Friday, according to latest figures from Moneyfacts. A total of 1,621 mortgages have been withdrawn from the market, with 2,340 remaining on sale, as lenders struggle to price them amid uncertainty on financial markets.

NHS staff quitting for private sector jobs

NHS staff are being forced to skip meals to feed their children or even quit their jobs for roles in the private sector as a result of the rising cost-of-living, a new NHS survey suggests. Two-thirds of surveyed trusts "report a significant or severe impact from staff leaving", with services struggling to respond to rising operational pressures. Official data indicates there are currently 132,000 vacancies across NHS trusts in England.

GCSE and A-Level grades set to fall

AS, A-level and GCSE grades are expected to drop in England next year, falling "much closer" to pre-pandemic levels, according to the exams watchdog Ofqual. Following three years of adjustments as a result of COVID-19, this year's marking system was adjusted to reflect a "midway point" between 2019 and 2021, but Ofqual say the next step is a return to pre-pandemic grading, starting next year.

3) Crime Report 19th – 25th September 2022

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/240150/22
Offence Description	Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time	14/09/2022 10:37
Committed Date (From)	13/09/2022 16:00
Street partial postcode	WAKERING ROAD SS1 3
Offence Details (MO)	

SUSPECT NAMED HAS ATTACKED THE VICTIM KICKING AND PUNCHING HIM AND HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS IPHONE.

Ward **Southchurch**
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Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time 14/09/2022 10:37
Committed Date (From) 13/09/2022 16:00
Street partial postcode **WAKERING ROAD SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT HAS GRABBED THE VICTIM AND REMOVED THE VICTIMS IPHONE.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/240969/22
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 20/09/2022 19:56
Committed Date (From) 19/09/2022 07:30
Street partial postcode **ARCHER CLOSE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE STOLEN ITEMS FROM THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, A BEIGE VAUXHALL VECTRA, WHEN IT WAS LEFT UNLOCKED FOR A FEW MINUTES. STOLEN -BLACK WALLET / PURSE RIVER ISLAND WALLET BLK BK/YELLOWISH,RED, GREEN FRONT £80 : STOLEN - DOLLARS : STOLEN - BANK / CREDIT CARD : STOLEN - BANK / CREDIT CARD.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/241283/22
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 21/09/2022 09:36
Committed Date (From) 20/09/2022 18:00
Street partial postcode **PHILPOTT AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, GREY FORD FOCUS, AND REMOVED A ROLEX WATCH AND 10GBP FROM INSIDE.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/241413/22
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 21/09/2022 11:50
Committed Date (From) 18/09/2022
Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH RECTORY CHASE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PUT GLUE IN THE LOCK OF VICTIMS FRONT DOOR, CAUSING DAMAGE.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/242358/22
Offence Description Attempted - Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time 22/09/2022 12:48

Committed Date (From) 22/09/2022 08:20
 Street partial postcode **HAMSTEL ROAD SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ASSAULTED THE VICTIM AND ATTEMPTED TO TAKE HIS PHONE.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/241306/22
 Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 18/09/2022 09:11
 Committed Date (From) 18/09/2022 06:50
 Street partial postcode **WARWICK ROAD SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TRIED THE VICTIMS BLACK FORD FIESTA DOOR HANDLE. NO ENTRY GAINED.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/242722/22
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 23/09/2022 07:22
 Committed Date (From) 22/09/2022 21:30
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIMS WHITE VAUXHALL VIAVARO BY CUTTING A SIDE DOOR. ONCE INSIDE THEY HAVE REMOVED A VAN VAULT CONTAINING A LARGE QUANTITY OF TOOLS.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/243678/22
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 24/09/2022 15:45
 Committed Date (From) 24/09/2022 14:30
 Street partial postcode **THE BROADWAY SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS BLUE FORD C-MAX, INDEX EY59UGH, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/244217/22
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 25/09/2022 06:25
 Committed Date (From) 24/09/2022 16:00
 Street partial postcode **WOODGRANGE DRIVE SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN, BY MEANS UNKNOWN, HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS BLACK RANGE ROVER VRM, EY22KYJ.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/240688/22
 Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling

Reported Date and Time 20/09/2022 12:35
Committed Date (From) 06/09/2022 10:00
Street partial postcode **SEDGEMOOR SS3 8**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO A SECURE PREMISES VIA A DOWNSTAIRS WINDOW. ONCE INSIDE HAS MADE A TIDY SEARCH, NO ITEMS APPEAR TO BE MISSING.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/243520/22
Offence Description Attempted - Theft from shops and stalls
Reported Date and Time 22/09/2022 08:11
Committed Date (From) 21/09/2022 20:55
Street partial postcode **WEST ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS ATTEMPTED TO STEAL ITEMS FROM THE STORE BY CONCEALING THEM WITHIN A BAG, BEFORE BEING STOPPED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 30th September 2022

Application Number: 22/01390/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
Install 0.6m trellis to top of existing 1.8m boundary fencing to sides of rear garden (retrospective)
67 Lifstan Way Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/01770/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Install dormers to rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace and alter front elevation
153 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/01807/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Outbuilding to rear (Lawful development certificate-proposed)
27 St Augustines Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 25th September 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01443/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND PORCH TO FRONT, LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT AND FORM NEW VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO HAMSTEL ROAD (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
232 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01331/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Abbie Greenwood Applicant: Mr Shah ERECT FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION TO FORM ONE X 1 BEDROOM 1 PERSON SELF-CONTAINED FLAT WITH BALCONY AND SEPARATE ACCESS VIA COVERED EXTERNAL STAIRCASE TO REAR AND AMEND REFUSE STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS.

140 - 142 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01710/GPDE

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 4M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 0.01M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3M

63 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: GPD Refusal

APPLN. NO: 22/01517/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Oliver Hart

CHANGE OF USE OF DWELLINGHOUSE (CLASS C3) TO CHILDREN'S/YOUNG PERSONS' HOME (CLASS C2), CONVERT EXISTING GARAGE INTO OFFICE WITHIN THE HOME

47 ELM ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01783/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT AND FORM NEW VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO BLYTH AVENUE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

67 BLYTH AVENUE SHOEBURYNESSE ESSEX

Decision: Withdrawn

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