

E-Newsletter – 11th November 2022

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 17th November** 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.

We will once again be supporting the food bank by collecting food. So, if you can donate any tins of meat, vegetables, UHT milk, instant mash, custard, rice pudding etc. that would be greatly appreciated.

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



Christmas Lights Switch On

As you are aware, **the Christmas lights along The Broadway are funded every year by BERA.** We have been informed that this years' switch on will be on Saturday 19th November so please pop along, enjoy them lighting up the street and let them help you to get into the festive spirit!

Elves are ready to 'sleigh' it for the annual Toy Drive

It's that time of year again - we are bringing the ninth annual Toy Drive to Southend-on-Sea this Christmas, with the aim of ensuring all of Southend's vulnerable children and young people receive a gift.

The council elves are prepped, stationed, and ready to wrap and deliver your kind donations. As always, our goal is to give a little bit of Christmas magic to as many children and young people as possible, and with the current cost-of-living crisis, we are anticipating a greater need for gifts this year.

The gifts are distributed to local children's centres, food banks, refuges and children's parties set up by local charities, and are given to vulnerable children and young people who may not have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas. Since the Toy Drive began, 10,288 gifts from the Toy Drive have been donated through local charities and programmes.

If you are able, and would like to donate to the Toy Drive, you can donate gifts to the Civic Centre and the Forum, or purchase gifts from Argosy Toys or Toys 'N' Tuck. You can also purchase toys online from Argosy Toys at www.argosytoys.co.uk and select 'Toy Drive' as option for delivery. So we can ensure our elves have time to wrap and deliver the gifts, please ensure all donations are delivered by Friday 16 December.

What can you donate?

New toys only, suitable for babies, boys and girls aged up to 17 (if any toys require batteries, please include these too)

Vouchers for toys or days out

Selection packs

Pens, pencils and colouring books

Toiletry sets

If you have any questions, or would like to support the Toy Drive, please call the team on 01702 215841 or email toydrive@southend.gov.uk

Traffic and Highways Newsletter

Updates for Thorpe, Shoeburyness and West Shoebury Wards

Footway resurfacing works are planned for:

Lifstan Way (Eastern Esplanade to Northumberland Crescent)

There are no current carriageway resurfacing works.

There are no current TRO Consultations active for these wards.

Junction Protection is being installed in Thorpe ward this month.

The zebra crossing at the junction of Constable Way and Centurion Close will be resurfaced and relined this month.



Scam Alert – British Gas refund

Beware of a phishing email which appears to be from British Gas.

The scam claims you are due a refund for overpaying in 2020-21 and will ask you to follow a link to claim the refund of £315.

The email generally contains a fake 7-digit reference that starts with BG and the British Gas Logo.

If in doubt about an email, contact the organisation directly and do not click on any links.

The legitimate organisation will be happy to help you and not pressure you into providing unnecessary information.

You can report any suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

For more information on how you, your family, your friends, neighbours and colleagues can take steps to prevent becoming a victim of fraud, please visit the fraud advice pages on the Essex Police website www.essex.police.uk

Lest we forget – Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade

Southend-on-Sea's annual Remembrance Sunday commemoration service will take place on Sunday 13 November at the Cenotaph on Clifftown Parade.

Everyone is invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service to honour and pay their respects to those who laid down their lives in the World Wars and other conflicts since.

At 10.15am, the Parade will assemble in Prittlewell Square leading to the Cenotaph. At 11am, the chimes of Big Ben will commence the service, followed by a bugler sounding 'The Last Post' and then there will be two minutes' silence.

The Worshipful The Mayor, Cllr Kevin Robinson will then lay a wreath at the Cenotaph, followed by dignitaries. The Cross of Remembrance will then be placed on behalf of war widows, alongside wreaths laid by emergency services and faith community representatives.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Claire Abraham and the Archdeacon of Southend, The Venerable Mike Power, will lead the service, during which the Veterans Associations will lay wreaths.

Hymns and other musical contributions during the event will be played by Southend Citadel Band of the Salvation Army.

A number of road closures will be in place in the area surrounding the Cenotaph to accommodate the parade and the service. These closures will be lifted once the service has completed and will be clearly signposted. Any cars found parked within the closures will be lifted to Alexandra Road, so please ensure all cars are removed from the closure areas ahead of the service.

Those who cannot attend the event can follow the service live on the council's social media accounts.

For further details about the Remembrance Day Service – and for information about road closures on the day – please visit www.southend.gov.uk/remembrance

Cost of Living Support Booklet

A Cost-of-living support booklet has been co-produced to support residents during the winter months by the council. For the latest local updates, please go to the council website www.southend.gov.uk

2) National Corner

Council tax bills could rise

The cap that prevents council tax from being raised by more than two per cent a year without a local referendum could reportedly be relaxed by Chancellor Jeremy Hunt. The Government are looking to find around £50 billion in tax rises and spending cuts ahead of the Autumn Statement. It is reported that government could give councils

greater tax rising powers to bring in money to compensate for government spending cuts. The LGA has warned ministers that councils already face a £3.4 billion funding gap next year to “maintain services at pre-Covid levels.” It said council tax would need to rise by more than 10 per cent just to plug that gap, which would be neither “sustainable or desirable.”

Discounts for off-peak electricity usage

Energy regulator Ofgem has officially approved a National Grid scheme that will offer discounts to customers who cut their electricity usage during peak times. British Gas owner Centrica, E.ON and EDF will follow Octopus Energy in participating in the scheme which could save households £100 on their bills this winter and reduce the risk of national power outages.

COVID-19 cases fall

Cases of COVID-19 have fallen in England, Wales and Scotland for the first time since September, latest figures from the Official for National Statistics suggest. Infections across the UK as a whole fell from 2.05 million people testing positive outside of hospitals and care homes for the week ending 17 October, to 1.87 million the following week.

Calls for private litter enforcement

Councils should bring in private enforcement services to tackle litter, according to think tank Bright Blue. Fly-tipping cases have risen to 1.13 million each year, up 16 per cent from 2019/20, and an estimated two million pieces of rubbish are dropped across the country every day. An LGA spokesperson, said: “In some instances, bringing in private companies may be better value for the public, and avoid the cost of littering being passed on to responsible residents. Each council has to decide the best way to tackle litter in their individual communities, but whilst we recognise that responses have to be proportionate, measures must be robust enough to tackle abuse of the local environment.”

Bill of Rights to be reintroduced

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will reportedly bring back the British Bill of Rights as part of his plan to prevent migrants from crossing the Channel. A legal challenge under the European Convention on Human Rights saw the first flight of asylum seekers set for Rwanda grounded earlier this year, but the introduction of a new law could secure the supremacy of UK courts over Strasbourg.

Two-and-a-half-day ambulance wait

Patients are having to wait up to two and a half days for an ambulance, according to a Freedom of Information request. The data reveals delays of more than 24 hours for conditions such as heart attack and strokes, with the longest delay experienced being 59 and a half hours.

Schools axe staff to balance books

A survey of more than 11,000 school leaders in England by the NAHT union has found the majority of schools face having to lay off staff or reduce hours to stay afloat. It found more than 9 in 10 schools won't be able to balance the books without drastic cuts.

Pay-outs to pothole injury victims cost councils £32m in five years

Figures show councils have paid out more than £32 million in compensation to people injured by potholes in the past five years. A total of 157 councils in England and Wales who responded to a Freedom of Information request by Lime Solicitors settled 5,596 personal injury claims in relation to potholes between 2017 and 2021.

Three out of five drivers believe local road conditions have worsened

Three out of five drivers believe the condition of local roads has deteriorated in the past year, a survey by the RAC has found. Just 4 per cent of the 3,102 motorists polled for the RAC said the roads in their area have improved. Cllr David Renard, Transport spokesman for the LGA said: "Despite the efforts of councils, which repair a pothole every 19 seconds, our local roads repair backlog is rising, with latest estimates showing it would take over £12 billion and 10 years to clear. Councils across the country are facing unprecedented increased costs to repair our local roads, keep our street lights switched on and invest in improved local infrastructure."

University staff to strike

University lecturers and other staff across the UK will strike this month over pay, pensions and working conditions. Strikes will take place on 24, 25 and 30 November at 150 universities, and 70,000 staff members will strike. The Royal College of Nursing is expected to announce today (9th) that nurses have voted to take strike action in many parts of the country.

Nurses across UK back strikes in pay dispute

Nurses across the UK have voted to strike over pay with action expected to start by the end of the year. The walkout will involve Royal College of Nursing members in more than half of hospitals and community teams, but emergency care will still be staffed.

Food banks at 'breaking point' as 1.3 million emergency parcels given out in just six months

Food banks are being driven to "breaking point" with almost 1.3 million emergency parcels given to people in just over six months, a leading charity has said. The Trussell Trust said almost half a million of the food parcels given out went to children after new research showed record-breaking levels of need, with 320,000 being forced to turn to food banks for the first time in the last six months.

Antibody jab approved for common winter virus RSV

A new treatment to protect babies against a common and potentially dangerous winter virus has been approved by the UK regulator. The single antibody shot helps stop infants getting chest infections, such as pneumonia, for about six months and a large study has now begun to find out whether nirsevimab should be offered to all babies in the UK.

3) Crime Report 31st October – 6th November 2022

Ward	Crime Reference Number	Offence Description	Reported Date and Time	Committed Date (From)	Street	partial postcode	Offence Details (MO)
Southchurch	42/268420/22	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	31/10/2022 00:15	31/10/2022 00:10	SOUTHCHURCH ROAD	SS1 2	SUSPECT UNKNOWN DAMAGED A YELLOW 2007 PEUGEOT EXPERT VAN BY BREAKING THE DOOR AND SMASHING A GLASS PANE.
Southchurch	42/269341/22	Theft if not classified elsewhere	31/10/2022 19:58	26/10/2022 15:30	BOURNES GREEN, WAKERING ROAD	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED A PANDORA CHARM BRACELET WHICH WAS ACCIDENTALLY LEFT IN A LOCKER AT THE GYM.
Southchurch	42/269355/22	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	31/10/2022 16:30	28/10/2022 16:00	WILLINGALE WAY	SS1 3	UNKNOWN SUSPECTS ENTERED PROPERTY BY MEANS UNKNOWN. STOLEN - COLLECTION OF MEN'S SUITS AND CLOTHES, DESIGNER HANDBAGS, WOMEN'S SHOES, ASSORTED JEWELLERY, VEHICLE KEY AND A CARTIER WATCH.
Southchurch	42/269939/22	Burglary - Business And Community	01/11/2022 13:35	27/10/2022 15:00	WAKERING ROAD	SS3 0	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN ENTERED WORKSHOP AND THREW CANS OF PAINT AND EQUIPMENT AROUND. A SET OF TURNING CHISELS, FIVE HANDPLANES, A VICE, TWO SASH

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							CLAMPS, TWO HAND CHISELS AND TWO HAND BATTERY DEWALT DRILLS HAVE BEEN STOLEN.
Southchurch	42/271659/22	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	03/11/2022 20:59	03/11/2022 18:00	GARON PARK	SS2 4	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN REMOVED A PEDAL CYCLE.
Southchurch	42/271856/22	Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)	03/11/2022 20:34	03/11/2022 20:30	BRIGHTON AVENUE	SS1 2	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED THREW A BRICK THROUGH PROPERTY WINDOW, CAUSING DAMAGE.
Southchurch	42/272273/22	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	03/11/2022 15:58	03/11/2022 15:50	HAMSTEL ROAD	SS2 4	SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED CUT PADLOCK TO PEDAL CYCLE WHICH WAS SECURED OUTSIDE OF SHOP. STOLEN - WHITE AND GREEN MOUNTAIN BIKE.
Southchurch	42/273037/22	Theft if not classified elsewhere	05/11/2022 08:24	14/06/2022 20:34	SHOEBURY ROAD	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED PULLED UP TO PUMP 6, FILLED UP A WHITE MERCEDES VITO WITH 111.57GBP OF DIESEL AND LEFT MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO PAY.
Thorpe	42/270037/22	Theft if not classified elsewhere	01/11/2022 14:53	01/06/2021 09:00	THORPE HALL AVENUE	SS1 3	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN REMOVED GOLF CLUBS AND CLOTHING FROM LOCKER BY MEANS UNKNOWN. SUSPECT UNKNOWN
Thorpe	42/270058/22	Theft if not classified elsewhere	01/11/2022 15:14	25/10/2022 13:30	CHELSEA AVENUE	SS1 2	REMOVED THE BACK WHEEL FROM THE PEDAL CYCLE WHILST IT WAS SECURED TO A LAMPOST.

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Thorpe	42/270479/ 22	Theft or Unauthoris ed Taking of a Pedal Cycle	02/11/2022 08:10	31/10/2022 18:00	THE BROADWAY	SS1 3	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED REMOVED A GREY MOUNTAIN BIKE THAT HAD BEEN LEFT FOR A SHORT TIME. SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED THREW A STONE AT VEHICLE WHICH HAS CHIPPED THE REAR PASSENGER MIRROR. SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED AND NAMED KICKED PROPERTY FRONT DOOR, CAUSING DAMAGE.
West Shoebury	42/272494/ 22	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	04/11/2022 21:25	04/11/2022 20:53	ELM ROAD	SS3 9	
West Shoebury	42/273678/ 22	Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)	05/11/2022 20:41	05/11/2022 20:00	NESS ROAD	SS3 9	

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 11th November 2022

Application Number: 22/02102/FULH
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern
17 Armitage Road Southend-on-Sea Essex

Ward: Southchurch

Application Number: 22/02170/CLP
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Single storey side extension (Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed)
116 Barnstaple Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Ward: Southchurch

Application Number: 22/02123/AD
Officer: Robert Lilburn
Application for approval of details pursuant to conditions 03 (details of materials), 04 (details of hard and soft landscaping), 05 (details of refuse storage), 06 (details of cycle storage) and 09 (details of renewable energy) of planning application 21/00149/FUL dated 26.04.2021
Rear Of 141 West Road Shoeburyness

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 22/02168/FULH
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect single storey rear and side extensions, convert garage into habitable accommodation
196 Bishopsteignton Shoeburyness Essex

Ward: West Shoebury

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 6th November 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01784/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
10 GLYNDE WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01511/BC3 **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Oliver Hart
INSTALL PERMANENT SCULPTURE COMPRISING OF A BRICK COLUMN
SCULPTURE (A) AS PART OF THE "MADE FROM THIS LAND" SCULPTURE
TRAIL ON FOOTPATH AT THORPE HALL AVENUE (SITE 2)
PAVEMENT ADJACENT TO THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01756/AMDT **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 02 (APPROVED PLANS) REPLACE PLAN
NUMBERS P1000 AND P1001 WITH PLAN NUMBERS P1000B AND P1001A -
MOVE THE REAR WALL OF THE EXTENSION OUT BY 300MM TO AVOID A
PUBLIC SEWER (MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT OF PLANNING PERMISSION
22/01098/FULH DATED 15/07/2022).
16 WARWICK ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01762/PA3COU **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Kara Elliott
CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR DOG GROOMING PARLOUR (CLASS E)
TO FORM 1 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS (CLASS C3) AND ALTER FRONT
ELEVATION (PRIOR APPROVAL)
67 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Decision: Prior Approval Refused COU

APPLN. NO: 22/01826/GPDS **Ward. West Shoebury**
Officer: Oliver Hart
INSTALL PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS TO SOUTH ASPECT OF CHURCH SPORTS
HALL ROOF (PRIOR APPROVAL)
**SHOEBURYNESS AND THORPE BAY BAPTIST CHURCH THORPEDENE
GARDENS SHOEBURYNESS**
Decision: GPDS Conditional Approval

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