

E-Newsletter – 16th December 2022

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Thank you for supporting BERA for the past year and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

Thank you for everyone who attended yesterday's coffee morning. The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 19th January 2023** 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.



FEELING UNWELL THIS FESTIVE SEASON?

KNOW YOUR HEALTHCARE OPTIONS THIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR:

- Community Pharmacy opening times
- Evening and weekend appointments from your GP surgery
- NHS.uk Health A to Z
- Go online at 111.nhs.uk or call NHS 111

Visit EssexDoYourBit.nhs.uk for more information.



Mid and South Essex

2) National Corner

Get a pre-Christmas COVID-19 jab, NHS urges

The NHS is urging people to have a pre-Christmas jab if eligible, as COVID-19 infections show a slight rise in parts of the UK in the approach to winter. In the week to 26 November, around 1.1 million people in the UK tested positive – 1.7 per cent of the population.

Local pharmacies ‘close to the edge’

Pharmacists have warned that the sector is “close to the edge” following reports they may have to step in for striking nurses. Over 90 per cent of community pharmacies get their income via NHS contractual funding, which has faced real term cuts of 25 per cent since 2015, the December 2022 Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee community pharmacy briefing showed.

Councils struggle to find gritter drivers amid shortages

Staff shortages in the HGV industry have left councils struggling to find gritter drivers as freezing temperatures cause travel disruption across the country. The LGA's Winter Resilience Survey found around two-thirds of councils have struggled to recruit and retain drivers this winter. An LGA spokesperson said: "Councils along with many other organisations have had continued difficulties in recruiting HGV drivers. To ensure gritting lorries can get out to treat roads and pavements this winter, councils have been retraining and redeploying existing staff as well as making use of short-term agency workers."

Major rail strike begins

Members of the RMT rail workers' union are beginning fresh strike action. They will walk out on four days this week – Tuesday (13th) and Wednesday (14th), and again on Friday (16th) and Saturday (17th).

Second largest fall in real wage growth this year while unemployment rises

Latest official figures from the Office for National Statistics show the UK recorded its second largest fall in real wage growth this year in October while the unemployment rate also rose.

Alternative strep A antibiotics

Pharmacists will now be able to give patients alternative forms of penicillin to help treat strep A infections, following a rise in demand for the medicine. The UK has registered 18 deaths of children with the rare infection, with experts advising anyone concerned about symptoms to seek prompt medical advice.

Flu hospitalisations rise

The number of people hospitalised as a result of flu has risen by more than 40 per cent in a week, according to NHS data. Rates are currently more than eight times higher than expected at this time of year, with admissions potentially passing the peak of the 2017-18 outbreak if the current trajectory continues, which led to almost 30,000 deaths. Data shows 6.76 per 100,000 in England are hospitalised with flu, overtaking Covid for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

Interest rates raised

Interest rates have been raised to 3.5 per cent from three per cent by the Bank of England, marking the ninth time in a row it has increased rates. The increase now sees UK interest rates at their highest level for 14 years as it battles to halt soaring prices. The rise will result in higher mortgage payments for some homeowners at a time when many are concerned about the rising cost of living.

3) Crime Report 5th to 11th December 2022

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/295971/22
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	08/12/2022 21:40

Committed Date (From) 30/11/2022
Street partial postcode **NEWINGTON AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE. THE VICTIM LEFT HIS VEHICLE PARKED OUTSIDE HIS GIRL FRIENDS HOUSE AND HAS SINCE NOTICED IT HAS GONE MISSING. VEHICLE RECOVERED.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/294726/22
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 06/12/2022 15:51
Committed Date (From) 26/11/2022 00:45
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO VICTIM BEACH HUT CAUSING DAMAGE AND DAMAGED A KAYAK INSIDE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/295532/22
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 08/12/2022 09:52
Committed Date (From) 07/12/2022 15:00
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO WHITE FORD TRANSIT AND STOLEN TWO DEWALT POWER TOOLS AND TWO BATTERIES FROM WITHIN.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/295759/22
Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 08/12/2022 14:41
Committed Date (From) 26/11/2022
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE BREAKING INTO A COX 22 FISHING BOAT. NOTHING TAKEN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/294775/22
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 04/12/2022 18:31
Committed Date (From) 04/12/2022 04:20
Street partial postcode **BLYTH AVENUE SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS HOME THROUGH A WINDOW AND BY PULLING AT THE FRONT DOOR.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 16th December 2022

Application Number: 22/02214/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
Erect single storey infill extension between garage and main dwelling and convert part of garage into habitable accommodation
28 Wyatts Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/02326/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 259 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay

Application Number: 22/02350/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
Erect single storey side extension and convert garage into habitable accommodation and erect single storey detached outbuilding in rear garden
74 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/02359/NON **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Amendment to front elevation under window from wood panel cladding to bricks to match existing house (Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 21/02083/FULH - convert garage into habitable accommodation and alter front elevation - dated 06.12.2021) (Part Retrospective)
86 Bishopsteignton Shoeburyness Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 11th December 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01932/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND PORCH TO FRONT, LAYOUT PARKING AND FORM VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO HAMSTEL ROAD (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
232 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01960/FUL **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Kara Elliott
INSTALL REPLACEMENT SHOPFRONT, RAMP, STEPS, AND HANDRAIL TO FRONT AND ERECT REPLACEMENT STORAGE OUTBUILDING TO REAR.
181 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01955/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT ROOF EXTENSION WITH FRONT, SIDE AND REAR DORMERS, ERECT REAR, SIDE AND FRONT EXTENSIONS INCORPORATING GARAGE, RELOCATE DOOR ENTRANCE TO FRONT AND ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

12 CHERRYBROOK THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01912/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE AND CONSERVATORY TO SIDE, INSTALL DORMER TO FRONT AND SIDE WITH RECESSED BALCONY TO SIDE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ERECT DETACHED OUTBUILDING TO SIDE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, INSTALL NEW VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO THE BROADWAY

3 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

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