

E-Newsletter – 24th December 2022

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

Thank you for everyone who attended the 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.



A Message from Essex and Suffolk Water

With milder weather forecast in the coming days, we're getting in touch to let you know how the warmer conditions can cause an increase in leaks and bursts.

The deep freeze is expected to lift this weekend (18th), and temperatures are set to reach 12 degrees in some places early next week, with sudden shifts possibly impacting on water networks, pipes, and plumbing.

The change from cold to warm can cause pipes to expand, contract and move. Together with freezing and contracting ground movements, the pipes can then leak, crack or burst.

While these shifts in temperature occur every winter, and we're experienced in managing the issue successfully, the quick shift in extreme temperatures expected over the coming days is expected to make the impact bigger than normal and increase the number of leaks and bursts.

To prepare, we're putting our operational teams on high alert over the weekend and in the run up to Christmas.

Teams of leak technicians are working around the clock finding and repairing leaks as quickly as possible. Network operators are basing themselves at key reservoirs and pumping stations to maximise water resources and monitoring the networks 24/7.

Extra people have been brought into the customer and support teams preparing to deal with the increase in reports of bursts and leaks and ensure customers get any support they need.

To report a leak please go to [Report a problem \(eswater.co.uk\)](https://eswater.co.uk)

Letters patent declaring Southend-on-Sea a City now on public display

The official document handed over by our new King, Charles III that made Southend-on-Sea a City, is now on public display at the Southend Central Museum.

The letters patent is the official written order issued by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to which the Great Seal of the Realm is attached, and declares that Southend-on-Sea is a City.

The honour was bestowed by Her Majesty in October 2021 and announced in Parliament by the then Prime Minister Boris Johnson, following the tragic death of Sir David Amess MP, after he had spent years campaigning for Southend-on-Sea to become a City.

Now as we approach the first anniversary of City Status Day (1 March), the letters patent is presented in a specially made display case and on show for residents and visitors to see in the Southend Central Museum.

To find out opening times of the museum please visit their website:
www.southendmuseums.co.uk

A Message from SCC - Traffic and Highways service

Vehicle crossover applications have been suspended until 6 February 2023. This suspension does not impact residents who have been contacted directly regarding vehicle crossover installation or extensions as part of the footway resurfacing programme. Those applications will still be accepted.

The service has made the decision to suspend applications for a short time, due to the high volume of planned works being completed across the City. Whilst these planned works are on-going, it would be difficult for our contractor to install any new crossovers before the new financial year. This suspension therefore, is to avoid disappointment and to set a realistic timescale and expectation for applicants.

We will be utilising this time to implement a new and more efficient administration process, which we hope improves the service for the residents, our contractors and our officers. We hope that the benefits of the new process will be recognised by all.

2) National Corner

Price of Strep A antibiotics rises sharply

The price of Strep A antibiotics has risen sharply, pharmacists are warning. It has been reported that some pharmacists are seeing the cost of amoxicillin capsules rise to £15, when previously it was £2.

COVID-19 booster jab teams have visited every care home in England

Vaccination teams have visited every care home across the country to offer Covid boosters and flu jabs, according to the NHS. A total of 15,019 care homes have been visited by vaccination teams with 88.6 per cent of eligible residents boosted.

Train strikes to disrupt weekend before Christmas

Train passengers are set to face disruption on the last weekend before Christmas as rail workers continue strike action on Saturday. Most services will be affected as RMT union members stage the second day of their latest 48-hour walk out. Network Rail have advised passengers not to travel unless necessary.

Voter ID changes to be enacted

Changes requiring voters to bring a form of ID to polling stations at next May's local elections will come into force, with the legislation clearing the House of Lords this week. The LGA had called for a delay to the changes, warning the rollout timeframe may be too short to implement the changes securely.

1,200 troops to cover for ambulances and Border Force due to strikes

About 1,200 members of the military and 1,000 civil servants are to be drafted in to cover for striking ambulance and Border Force staff over Christmas, the Government have announced. Around 10,000 ambulance staff in England and Wales will strike on 21 and 28 December in a pay dispute.

Rail fares rise

Regulated rail fares in England are set to rise by 5.9 per cent from March in order to "support crucial investment and the financial stability" of the railway, according to the Department for Transport. Despite fares not being increased in line with inflation which stood at 10.7 per cent in November, the rise is the largest in more than a decade.

Over-50s encouraged to end early retirement

The Government is considering plans to encourage retired middle-aged workers back into jobs to boost the economy, it is reported. Older people who have given up work following the pandemic could be offered a "midlife MoT" to entice them back into employment, which would assess their finances and also be used to help identify opportunities for part-time or flexible work, mentoring and skills training.

Fresh nurse strike dates announced in England

Nurses will go on strike again on 18 and 19 January in England unless pay talks are opened, with more nurses at hospital trusts than before being involved in the strike action, the Royal College of Nursing has said. Meanwhile, the GMB union has called off a second day of ambulance strikes planned in England and Wales for 28 December, but it announced a new co-ordinated walkout on 11 January.

3) Crime Report 12th to 18th December 2022

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/300561/22
 Offence Description ASB - Nuisance
 Reported Date and Time 16/12/2022 17:03
 Committed Date (From) 16/12/2022 17:03
 Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 NUMEROUS UNKNOWN YOUTHS HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE AREA. THERE ARE NUMEROUS NEIGHBOURS CALLING IN THAT THEY ARE A GENERAL NUISANCE IN THE AREA.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/300753/22
 Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 14/12/2022 10:00
 Committed Date (From) 14/12/2022 09:30
 Street partial postcode **OAKLEIGH AVENUE SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS HOME BY KICKING THE DOOR IN AND HAS RUN UPSTAIRS IN ORDER TO DEMAND MONEY FROM THE VICTIM.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/300290/22
 Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
 Reported Date and Time 16/12/2022 17:22
 Committed Date (From) 16/12/2022 16:30
 Street partial postcode **THE BROADWAY SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS PEDAL CYCLE FROM OUTSIDE TESCO BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND WITHOUT PERMISSION.

STOLEN - MOUNTAIN BIKE PURPLE MOUNTAIN BIKE WITH BLUE/PURPLE SPOKE COVERS ON BOTH WHEELS, AND A RIP ON THE SEAT.

Ward	Thorpe
Crime Reference Number	42/301192/22
Offence Description	Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time	13/12/2022 11:04
Committed Date (From)	13/12/2022 10:40
Street partial postcode	SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 3
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS THREATENED TO THROTTLE THE VICITM UNLESS MONEY WAS HANDED OVER.

4) Temporary Road Closure

Station Road, Thorpe Bay - Manhole cover replacement works - 09:30 until 15:30 on the 10th of January 2023

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from entering & exiting Station Road at its junction with Maplin Way.

The closure is scheduled to commence from 09:30 until 15:30 on the 10th of January 2023 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be via Maplin Way, Thorpe Esplanade, Thorpe Hall Avenue, Acacia Drive & vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst manhole cover replacement works take place. Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 23rd December 2022

Application Number: 22/01933/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Install vehicle crossover on to Hamstel Road, alterations hardstanding area and boundary wall
89 Hamstel Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/02366/CLP **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: James Benn
Convert garage into habitable accommodation (Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed)
103 Ashurst Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/02353/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott

Erect part single/part two storey side/rear extension with hip to gable end roof extension, porch extension to front, alter side elevation and partially convert detached garage at rear for use as games room and car port (Amended proposal)
56 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 22/02363/CLE

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

Use outbuilding as residential dwelling (Certificate of Lawful development - Existing)

65 Lifstan Way Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 22/02387/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey side extension

18 Swallowcliffe Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 18th December 2022

APPLN. NO: 22/01938/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO REAR TO FORM RESIDENTIAL ANNEX FOR ANCILLARY USE TO MAIN DWELLINGHOUSE

8 BURLESCOOMBE CLOSE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02014/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE/REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER ROOF TO EXISTING GARAGE

15 GLYNDE WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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