

## E-Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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### **1) Information Corner**

#### **To Stop Over 85,000 Additional Trucks Using The City's Highways' ePetition - closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

Just a reminder that the e-Petition closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, so if you, your family members and friends have not signed it, please do so as soon as possible. You will need separate emails to be able to sign the e-petition individually and please follow the details below:

- a) Type <https://democracy.southend.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=69t> into your search bar, this will take you to the current ePetitions page.
- b) Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the ePetition titled 'To Stop Over 85,000 Additional Trucks Using The City's Highways' and this will take you to the petition.
- c) Click on 'Log in or register and sign the ePetition'
- d) If you already have an account, please use those details to log in. If you do not, click on 'Register as a new user'
- e) Fill in the form with your name, address and create a password as requested
- f) Click on the 'register' button
- g) Read the information and click the 'sign' button

Contrary to certain people's thoughts, our chair was **not** on the Development Control Committee, was **not** made aware of these lorries as it was a planning housing

application in 2021 **not** a lorry moving application. The only time the truck movements came forward was in 30<sup>th</sup> Novembers Development Control Committee meeting with the description again only showing a development in Shoeburyness. The proposal was about the land at Barge Pier Road and Ness Road and the truck movements were only mentioned in the details of that report. Thankfully, our chair was at that meeting and picked up the lorry movements.

If you are unable to sign the ePetition, please email or write directly to the committee section at the council and if you have social media, please share it on there.

## Share it, sign it, stop it

### Renewal of your BERA Membership 2023

As you are aware, your BERA membership runs for a calendar year from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December. It is important that renewals are paid as soon as possible, as this will enable BERA to plan activities involving advance payments of money. Please see your membership form below and note the **new bank details** on our website. May we kindly ask that even if you are paying online, that you still complete the membership form and return it to Ron, in order for us to have your current contact details.

BERA is happy to state that the membership fee will still only be £10.00 per year, per household. This equates to less than 20p per week for all of the information that is sent to you on our regular newsletters, along with the protection of the area we live. Of course, if you still wish to donate more than the membership fee, this will be gladly received.

BERA is still extremely focused with the removal of restrictive covenants, keeping our area safe from overdevelopment including flats, crime where we supply car-key pouches and personal and panic alarms, anti-social behaviour and sourced the planting of shrubs and trees (200 trees in the last 20 years alone). Plus, ensuring the continued sponsoring of the Christmas Lights in The Broadway and supplying where needed pink and blue sacks to all our members. This has been done quietly and efficiently by the committee.

Also, our chair has stepped away from his cabinet role in the council to concentrate more on local issues. This has given him more time to meet with members who prefer a more face to face communication and to discuss any issues that you might have, even for a coffee outside of our normal coffee mornings (Ron's treat!). Please contact Ron to arrange ([ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk) or 01702 588662).

**BERA – The Residents’ Association - [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for new and existing members**

**January - December 2023**

**Please pay £10 by cash or make cheques payable to:**

***“Burgess Estate Residents Association”***

**There is also the facility to pay by online by bank transfer (see payment page of [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk))**

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Rev): .....

First Name: .....

Surname: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code:.....

Telephone: .....

E-mail: .....

**Please return the completed form with payment to:**

**Ron Woodley, Chair BERA  
91 Tyrone Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3HD**



## **BERA Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all who attended yesterdays' coffee morning, it was great to see you all. The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 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.

## **Census 2021 – housing, education and sexual orientation and gender identity results**

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recently published data about housing and education in England and Wales. They have also published the first census estimates on gender identity and sexual orientation. This is the first time a census of England and Wales asked people about their sexual orientation and gender identity. These new figures will be vital in helping shape services in years to come.

Housing, education and sexual orientation and gender identity results for England and Wales can be found at :

You can find out more about the housing results for England and Wales on the ONS website.

You can find out more about the education results for England and Wales on the ONS website.

You can find out more about sexual orientation and gender identity results for England and Wales on the ONS website.

## **Beware of door-to-door scams**

Most door-to-door scams involve selling goods or services that are either not delivered or are very poor quality. You won't get value for money and you may get billed for work you didn't want or agree to.

Some scammers conduct surveys just to get your personal details or as a cover to sell you goods or services you don't want or need, such as roofing work or patio replacement.

Unscrupulous employees sometimes still act illegally even when selling a genuine product by a genuine business. If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID. If you're not happy, don't let them in.

Never call the phone number on their ID card to check them out. Ask the salesperson to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.

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 our website, [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

## **2) National Corner**

### **Police could get new powers to shut down protests**

The Government plans to give the police new powers to shut down protests before they cause serious disruption. It said the proposals would help officers clamp down on “a disruptive minority” who use tactics such as blocking roads and slow marching.

### **Energy boss warns higher bills are here to stay**

The boss of Norwegian energy company Equinor has warned that he does not expect gas and electricity bills to return to the levels they were before COVID-19. Anders Opedal said the transition from fossil fuels towards less damaging sources of energy meant costs would remain high.

### **School strikes**

Headteachers are reportedly refusing to put in place contingency measures that could limit the impact of staff walkouts. The first school walkout of National Education Union (NEU) members across England and Wales is scheduled for Feb 1 which is becoming a de facto general strike day as train drivers, civil servants, and university staff are also taking industrial action.

### **Teachers to strike in England and Wales**

Teachers will strike over pay in England and Wales on seven dates in February and March, the National Education Union has announced. National strikes are scheduled for 1 February, 15 and 16 March as well as several regional dates, with the NEU saying the strike will affect 23,400 schools.

### **Sports facilities face closure**

Sports facilities across the country face closure this year unless the Government reverse its decision to exclude swimming pools from its energy discount scheme, according to a group of leading bodies. Eight organisations, including the LGA, UK Active and the Youth Sport Trust, warn that rising bills have already forced more than 350 leisure centres, pools and gyms across the UK to close temporarily or permanently or made changes to their services in the past year.

### **Ambulance and nurse strikes**

Nurses will be joined by ambulance workers for a day of industrial action on 6 February in England and Wales as part of the largest NHS walkout in the current dispute. Four new days of strike action have been announced by the GMB, with one coinciding with a nurses' date marking the first time both have acted on the same day.

## Plastic bottle return scheme

A deposit return scheme for plastic bottles in England is expected to be announced tomorrow. This scheme was a 2019 manifesto pledge, and aimed to introduce a deposit return programme to incentivise people to recycle plastic and glass.

### 3) Crime Report 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/7151/23  
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 12/01/2023 21:36  
 Committed Date (From) 10/01/2023 21:30  
 Street partial postcode **NEWINGTON CLOSE SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN ITEMS FROM INSIDE THE VICTIMS VAUXHALL ASTRA, FOLLOWING A MESSY SEARCH AFTER IT WAS LEFT UNLOCKED.

Ward **Thorpe**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/4976/23  
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
 Reported Date and Time 09/01/2023 17:16  
 Committed Date (From) 02/01/2023  
 Street partial postcode **WOODGRANGE DRIVE SS1 3**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS PLACED NAILS ON THE VICTIMS DRIVEWAY SO THAT WHEN SHE DRIVES HER CAR SHE RUNS OVER THE NAILS AND DAMAGES THE TYRES.

Ward **Thorpe**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/6455/23  
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 11/01/2023 20:23  
 Committed Date (From) 11/01/2023 20:20  
 Street partial postcode **SANDRINGHAM ROAD SS1 2**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, INDEX LB17DZY, FROM THE LOCATION BY MEANS UNKNOWN. VEHICLE RECOVERED.

Ward **Thorpe**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/8000/23  
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 14/01/2023 11:00  
 Committed Date (From) 04/01/2023 21:00  
 Street partial postcode **MARLBOROUGH ROAD SS1 2**

## Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS INSECURE VEHICLE, A RED NISSAN QASHQAI, WHILST THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON THE VICTIMS DRIVEWAY. ONCE INSIDE THE SUSPECT REMOVED VARIOUS ITEMS INCLUDING GBP 130.00 CASH.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/4632/23  
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 09/01/2023 09:26  
Committed Date (From) 08/01/2023 22:00  
Street partial postcode **CHELDON BARTON SS1 3**

## Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THE VICTIMS BACK GARDEN AND GAINED ACCESS TO THE GARAGE BY UNKNOWN MEANS AND STOLEN 2 BIKES.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/4913/23  
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 09/01/2023 07:00  
Committed Date (From) 08/01/2023 21:00  
Street partial postcode **AYLESBEARE SS3 8**

## Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT HAS STOLEN THE KEYS TO TWO VEHICLES FROM INSIDE THE ADDRESS AND DRIVEN REGISTERED VEHICLES AWAY. REMOVED -SILVER FORD FOCUS INDEX GU64TDV, RECOVERED -BLUE FORD FIESTA.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/5350/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date and Time 10/01/2023 09:05  
Committed Date (From) 10/01/2023 00:01  
Street partial postcode **SHOEBURY ROAD SS1 3**

## Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE REAR WINDOW OF VICTIMS FORD TOURNEO CUSTOM VAN AND BENT THE REAR WIPER BY MEANS UNKNOWN. NOTHING SEEMS TO BE MISSING.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/7356/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 13/01/2023 09:16  
Committed Date (From) 12/01/2023  
Street partial postcode **RACKENFORD SS3 8**

## Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS BLUE HYUNDAI CAR, INDEX EN160SO, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/7711/23  
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 13/01/2023 09:25  
Committed Date (From) 13/01/2023 03:00  
Street partial postcode **TORRINGTON SS3 8**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS VIA A WINDOW TO VICTIMS ADDRESS. SUSPECT HAS RUN AWAY WHEN VICTIM SHOUTED AT THEM.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/8005/23  
Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 14/01/2023 11:09  
Committed Date (From) 14/01/2023  
Street partial postcode **DELAWARE CRESCENT SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO VEHICLE FORD FIESTA AND HAS DAMAGED ITEMS WITHIN FOR UNKNOWN CAUSES.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/8786/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 15/01/2023 18:19  
Committed Date (From) 14/01/2023 22:00  
Street partial postcode **YARNACOTT SS3 8**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED BOTH INDEX PLATES FROM THE VICTIMS VEHICLE A GREY BMW 320D, BY MEANS UNKNOWN WHILST THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED OUTSIDE THE VICTIMS HOME ADDRESS.

#### **4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Application Number: 23/00073/AD **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: James Benn  
Application for Approval of Details pursuant to conditions 03 (details of cycle store), 04 (details of refuse and recycling store) and 07 (details of parking) of planning permission 22/01857/PA3COU dated 02.12.2022  
**817 Southchurch Road Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/00085/BC4 **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
Erect single storey extension linking the infant and junior schools  
**Bournes Green Junior School Ladram Road Thorpe Bay**



Application Number: 23/00065/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey side extension, partially convert garage into habitable accommodation and alterations to front and rear elevations

**92 St Augustines Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/00066/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Install dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in loftspace, alter front elevation and install 6No. PV/Solar Panels (Amended proposal)

**153 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 22/02230/FULH

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: James Benn

Hipped to gable roof extension with dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in loftspace

**52 Herbert Road Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 23/00056/FULH

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Erect single storey rear extension (Amended Proposal)

**23 Elm Road Shoeburyness 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: 23/00007/GPDE

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 5m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 3m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 3m

**92 Brunswick Road Southend-on-sea Essex**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

APPLN. NO: 22/02253/BC4

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

ERECT THREE TEMPORARY PORTACABINS FOR USE ANCILLARY TO MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING (RETROSPECTIVE)

**SOUTHCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01224/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

REPLACEMENT PITCHED ROOF, SIDES AND REAR TO BEACH HUT  
(RETROSPECTIVE)

**BEACH HUT 345 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02239/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION AND REPLACE PITCHED  
ROOF OVER EXISTING EXTENSION TO REAR

**26 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02241/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND ALTER FRONT  
ELEVATION

**403 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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