

## E-Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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We hope you had a happy Christmas and we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

### **1) Information Corner**

#### **A Pen Found in The Broadway**

A few days before Christmas a pen was found in The Broadway. It is inscribed and if it is yours or you know who has lost it, please contact Ron [ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk) and we will contact the gentleman who found it for its safe return. Thank you.

#### **More than 2,000 children benefit from 2022 Toy Drive generosity**

More than 2,000 children have received a Christmas present thanks to the generosity of residents who donated gifts to Southend-on-Sea City Council's annual Toy Drive.

A grand total of 3,127 toys were generously donated this year, making up a total of 2,031 wrapped toys, as some parcels have more than one gift, using 600 metres of wrapping paper and 17 rolls of sticky tape.

Alongside individual residents donating presents, there were contributions from pupils at Chalkwell Hall School, the Kings Road United Reform Church, Southend Youth Council, First Bus Essex, South Essex College, Olympus, Wayland Games and Southend Airport.

A huge thanks also goes to Argosy Toys, Toy 'n' Tuck, The Forum and Sale Appliance for their support collecting and delivering toys.

## **Cabinet set to discuss new moving traffic enforcement powers**

An application to Government for moving traffic enforcement powers to help reduce congestion and make roads safer, is set to be discussed at cabinet next week (agenda item 10, Thursday 12 January 2023).

Local authorities outside of London can now apply for moving traffic offences powers, enabling them to issue fines to drivers for certain offences, as part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, that currently only the police have the power to enforce. It's important to note that the enforcement powers of speeding and dangerous driving will remain exclusively with the police.

If approved by cabinet, the council, who already has the powers to enforce against illegal and dangerous parking, will be able to apply to enforce the below moving traffic offences, which will increase road safety, reduce congestion, and boost active and public transport:

- driving through a 'No Entry' sign
- banned right or left turns
- entering yellow box junctions when the exit is not clear
- driving where and when motor vehicles are prohibited
- driving on routes that are for buses and taxis only
- weight restrictions
- ensuring streets outside schools are kept clear and safe

The council's cabinet are recommended to support and agree a submission to the Department for Transport, enabling the application process detailed within the report to begin, including a public consultation.

## **Cabinet to discuss new safety rail at Southchurch Park lake**

Installation of new safety rail at Southchurch Park lake is set to be discussed at cabinet next week (agenda item 17, Thursday 12 January 2023).

The timber shin rail that originally sat on sections of the eastern side of Southchurch Park lake was removed in 2020, as the barrier was no longer fit for purpose.

Following the removal of the barrier, a risk assessment has identified the need for a new safety rail in a number of areas of the eastern part of the lake to maintain specific protection, for instance, the duck feeding station.

It is important that these areas are protected but that the lake maintains its open aspect as much as possible. The council's cabinet are recommended to agree the replacement of small sections of the rail where appropriate and keep the remainder of the eastern section open.

## **Council set to consult on PSPO for antisocial car cruises as soon as possible**

The council's cabinet will discuss holding a public consultation into whether a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) should replace the existing Car Cruise Injunction Order which ends on 12 April 2023 (Cabinet item 16, Thursday 12 January 2023).

If approved, a statutory consultation would take place as soon as possible over a four-week period involving residents, city centre and seafront businesses, voluntary and community representatives as well as Essex Police and Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Many complaints have been received from local businesses and residents regarding noise from vehicles, the smell of smoke in the air, loud music, parking breaches, littering and other examples of anti-social behaviour. Three MP complaints have also been received since June 2021 from their constituents.

The proposed behaviours to be consulted on in respect of car cruiser events include:

- Excessive noise of any kind
- Danger to road users and pedestrians
- Damage or risk of damage to any property
- Any nuisance to another person not participating in the car cruise
- Driving at excessive speed
- Driving in convoy
- Racing other motor vehicles (including motorcycles and quad bikes)
- Performing stunts in motor vehicles (including motorcycles and quad bikes)
- Sounding horns or playing radios
- Dropping litter
- Shouting, swearing, abusing or otherwise intimidating another person
- Parking and exiting motor vehicle whilst left in a non-designated parking space (regarding car cruiser events only)
- Nitrous Oxide use within vehicles
- Excessive noise emanating from modified vehicle exhaust systems

If agreed, the consultation will be followed by a next steps report and Cabinet may then be asked to implement a PSPO if the statutory criteria is met, and it is believed to be a necessary and proportionate response to the issues identified.

## **Southchurch Park**

The emergency defibrillator on the cricket pavilion in Southchurch Park has been vandalised and will need to be replaced. We believe this happened the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> January between the hours of 17:00 and 23:00.

If you were in Southchurch Park during that time and saw any suspicious behaviour around the pavilion it can be reported to the Police using the reference number DP-552-23-4242-01

## **Council to raise income to help protect frontline services and deal with financial challenge**

Southend-on-Sea City Council's cabinet is to consider an increase in fees and charges to tackle a large budget gap as part of its draft budget for 2023/24 (Cabinet item 6, Thursday 12 January 2023).

Most of the fees and charges contained within the council's draft budget are proposed to increase by inflation of around 10% in 2023/24. Other specific changes include generating additional income by increasing pier charges, along with cremation and burial costs for non-residents. The combined income package is designed to help protect frontline services for the most vulnerable.

As part of this package, paid for parking sessions and permits will also see an inflationary increase, whilst the Southend Pass would be increased from £8.50 to £10 per month.

Charging hours along the Zone 1a parking area could be extended to 9pm. Enforcement hours will be increased to support these restrictions. Southend Pass Holders will be able to use their pass during these extended hours, but under the proposals, the Cliffs Pavilion and Shorefield Road car park will remain chargeable to 6pm only.

Other considerations include stopping free parking for councillors, and car parking charges could be introduced from 2024/25 in our four main parks for stays of over two hours to tackle the issue of commuters parking all day and to try to ensure genuine users of the parks are not inconvenienced. Any income generated by such charges will be re-invested into the City's highway network.

The admission increases proposed for the Pier are estimated to raise an extra £250k, which will be invested into the maintenance of this major local tourist attraction. Cremation and burial charges are set to rise to similar levels around the region for non-residents of Southend-on-Sea.

The draft budget will be considered by the council's cabinet on Thursday 12 January 2023, the council's three scrutiny committees at the start of February, with the final budget to be considered at Full Council on Thursday 23 February 2023.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Train strikes**

The first of five consecutive days of national rail strikes have begun, closing much of Britain's rail network and a skeleton service for commuters on urban and intercity lines. Passengers were being urged to attempt to travel only if necessary, with about 20 per cent of trains expected to run.

### **Train drivers offered pay rise in bid to end strikes**

Train drivers have been offered a four per cent pay rise for two years in a row by the body that represents rail companies, in a bid to end strike action. Today (7<sup>th</sup>)

marks the second day of a 48-hour walkout by tens of thousands of RMT members, with only around 20 per cent of services on the rail network expected to run.

## Teachers plan co-ordinated strikes

Teachers are planning to co-ordinate strikes to close as many schools as possible, it is reported. Three of the UK's major education unions will close ballots next week and if they reach the threshold required for industrial action, teachers will be the next major public sector group to walk out.

## New energy payments for low income households

Low income households will receive £900 in the Spring, which will be paid directly to bank accounts in three payments, the Department for Work and Pensions has said. There will also be a separate £150 payment for people with disabilities and £300 for pensioners to supplement their Winter Fuel Payments.

## Strike law lets bosses sack workers and sue unions

Employers will reportedly be able to sue unions and sack staff under government plans to curb the right to strike. Rishi Sunak is set to announce legislation to enforce "minimum service levels" in six sectors, including the health service, rail, education, fire and border security.

### 3) Crime Report 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Ward	<b>Southchurch</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/301797/22
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time	19/12/2022 13:13
Committed Date (From)	19/12/2022 13:13
Street partial postcode	<b>SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4</b>
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THROWN EGGS AT THE VICTIM CAR CAUSING DAMAGE TO PAINTWORK.

Ward	<b>Southchurch</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/302457/22
Offence Description	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time	16/12/2022 20:06
Committed Date (From)	14/12/2022
Street partial postcode	<b>WILLINGALE WAY SS1 3</b>
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BY MEANS UNKNOWN GAINED ACCESS INTO THE VICTIMS ADDRESS AND HAS STOLEN HER SET OF SPARE CAR KEYS. THE SUSPECT HAS THEN SUBSEQUENTLY STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, A BLACK MERCEDES 350, INDEX BU20HZK.

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/301786/22
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle

Reported Date and Time 19/12/2022 12:49  
Committed Date (From) 18/12/2022 00:01  
Street partial postcode **PARKANAUR AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS RANGE ROVER, VEHICLE INDEX GU66BBO, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/301828/22  
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 19/12/2022 12:38  
Committed Date (From) 15/12/2022 13:45  
Street partial postcode **BURGES ROAD SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS TRIED TO GAIN ACCESS TO AN OUTHOUSE BELONGING TO THE VICTIM.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/304152/22  
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 22/12/2022 07:29  
Committed Date (From) 21/12/2022 22:00  
Street partial postcode **PARKANAUR AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE PREMISES VIA THE FRONT DOOR. NO DAMAGE CAUSED, NOTHING STOLEN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/303665/22  
Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle  
Reported Date and Time 22/12/2022 14:46  
Committed Date (From) 02/12/2022  
Street partial postcode **ST. ANDREWS ROAD SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS BIKE BY MEANS UNKNOWN, COSTING 500GBP.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/304768/22  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 24/12/2022 13:37  
Committed Date (From) 23/12/2022 17:30  
Street partial postcode **NORTH SHOEBURY ROAD SS3 8**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND REMOVED ITEMS WITHIN.

## Crime Report 26<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/305336/22  
 Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)  
 Reported Date and Time 26/12/2022 02:11  
 Committed Date (From) 26/12/2022 02:10  
 Street partial postcode **CANTERBURY AVENUE SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN PUSHED THE VICTIM AND THEN GRABBED THE VICTIMS MONEY BAG, WHICH CONTAINED GBP 1200.00 CASH AND A CARD PAYMENT MACHINE WITH FORCE BEFORE RUNNING OFF.

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/305984/22  
 Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)  
 Reported Date and Time 23/12/2022 18:47  
 Committed Date (From) 23/12/2022 18:40  
 Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE TO COMMUNAL DOORS AND GRAFFITI TO LIFT DOORS AND STAIRWELLS BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND WITH UNKNOWN IMPLEMENTS.

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/307653/22  
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
 Reported Date and Time 30/12/2022 14:30  
 Committed Date (From) 30/12/2022 12:40  
 Street partial postcode **GARON PARK SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED A BLACK LEATHER MANDATORY PURSE WITH BUTTERFLIES AND FLOWERS ON FRONT AND CONTENTS FROM INSECURE BAG LEFT ON A CLOTHES PEG IN THE CLOCKROOM AT LOCATION ADDRESS.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/308131/22  
 Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling  
 Reported Date and Time 31/12/2022 08:10  
 Committed Date (From) 31/12/2022 01:00  
 Street partial postcode **CAULFIELD ROAD SS3 9**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 DEFENDANT HAS FORCED OPEN THE FRONT DOOR USING UNKNOWN TOOL, CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE TO THE FRONT DOOR. MESSY SEARCH OF GROUND FLOOR AND NO ITEMS STOLEN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/308135/22  
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 31/12/2022 11:10  
Committed Date (From) 31/12/2022  
Street partial postcode **ST. ANDREWS ROAD SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
DEFENDANT HAS USED AN UNKNOWN TOOL IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE  
OPEN THE FRONT DOOR, CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE.

#### **4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Application Number: 22/02418/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
Erect first floor front extension over existing attached garage, install new window to side, install solar panels to rear and alter elevations  
**54 Willingale Way Thorpe Bay Essex**

#### **List of Applications Registered Week Ending 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Application Number: 23/00001/AD **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Scott Davison  
Application for Approval of Details pursuant to conditions 03 (waste management and refuse collection), 04 (cycle parking), 06 (approved parking layout) and 08 (fenestration details) of planning permission 20/01115/PA3COU dated 10.09.2020  
**117 Hamstel Road Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 22/02369/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
Erect single storey side and rear extension with rooflights to side and rear elevations (Part Retrospective)  
**35 Dungannon Drive Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 22/02449/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Dormers to sides to form habitable accommodation in loftspace (Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed)  
**74 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 22/02466/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect first floor extension to rear and first floor balcony to rear, extend existing dormer to side  
**146 Johnstone Road Thorpe Bay Essex**



Application Number: 22/02470/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey outbuilding to rear for use as temporary residential annexe / garden room ancillary to main dwellinghouse

**36 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/00005/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: Kara Elliott

Erect single storey side and rear extension, replace existing pump house to rear, erect new additional outbuilding and erect pergola seating area to rear (Amended Proposal)

**63 Marcus Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 22/02465/FULH

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: Scott Davison

Erect two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

**9 Sedgemoor Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 22/02473/CLP

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Dormer to rear and convert garage in to habitable accommodation and alterations to front and rear elevations (Lawful Development Certificate-Proposed)

**16 Hayes Barton Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

APPLN. NO: 22/02102/FULH

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ROOF LANTERN (RETROSPECITVE)

**17 ARMITAGE ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02012/FUL

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLINGHOUSE WITH BASEMENT AND ASSOCIATED AMENITY SPACE

**LAND ADJACENT 242 DELAWARE ROAD SHOEBURYNESS**

Decision: Refuse Permission

## **List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

APPLN. NO: 22/02028/FUL

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: James Benn

INSTALL EXTERNAL DOOR ACCESS TO REAR

## 244 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02110/PA64

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Scott Davison

CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR SHOP (CLASS E) AND FIRST FLOOR MAISONETTE TO ONE DWELLINGHOUSE (CLASS C3) AND ALTER FRONT ELEVATION (PRIOR APPROVAL)

## 44 BARNSTAPLE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Prior Approval Refused COU

## 6) APPEALS BULLETIN FOR 1 September – 30 December 2022

### APPEALS DETERMINED

APPLICATION REF. NO  
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL

21/01460/TEL

**Telecommunications Lifstan Way  
Southend-on-sea Essex**

Install 15m Slimline Phase 8 streetpole with wraparound cabinet at base, 3no. additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works (Amended Proposal)

APPEAL DECISION  
DATE OF DECISION  
WARD

**Appeal Allowed**

28.10.22

**Thorpe**

APPLICATION REF. NO  
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL

22/00834/FULH

**176 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex SS1  
3JP**

Erect single storey rear extension (retrospective)

APPEAL DECISION  
DATE OF DECISION  
WARD

**Appeal Allowed**

13.10.22

**Thorpe**

APPLICATION REF. NO  
LOCATION AND PROPOSAL

21/02533/FULH

**69 St Andrews Road Shoeburyness  
Southend-on-sea Essex SS3 9JL**

Erect part single/part two storey side and rear extension, install juliette balconies to rear, alter elevations (Amended Proposal)

APPEAL DECISION  
DATE OF DECISION  
WARD

**Appeal Dismissed**

14.10.22

**West Shoebury**

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