

E-Newsletter – 10th February 2023

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 16th 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.

Renewal Time

Thank you to the members who have already renewed as without your support, we would not be able to continue to do the work we do to keep the Estate to great place it is to live and work in. **Please complete and return the renewal form, even if you pay by bank transfer (and quote your address in the reference section so we know who has paid)**, in order for us to have your up-to-date contact details. There are three ways for you to pay this year.

- 1) Online bank transfer from your bank account (please see our website for our new bank details)
- 2) £10 cash
- 3) £10 cheque (made payable to Burges Estate Residents Association)

BERA – The Residents’ Association - www.bera.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for new and existing members

January - December 2023

Please pay £10 (indicate method of payment below):

- Cash
- Cheque payable to: “*Burges Estate Residents Association*”
- Bank transfer. (See payment page of www.bera.co.uk and quote your address in the reference section so we know who has paid)

(Please also complete and return this form even if you have paid by bank transfer)

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

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

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

Telephone:

E-mail:

**Please return the completed form, with payment or bank transfer
box ticked, to:**

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

Be aware – a message from a member

A member had two young lads (20 - 25) call on him on Monday 6th February to ask if he needed his car cleaned - they had high vis jackets and just one bucket between them. He told them that he washed his own car but then they asked him if his CCTV cameras were serviced by a security company to which he replied they were. This has raised the members suspicions, why would they ask about CCTV cameras unless they were testing whether they were real.

This may be nothing but the member thought it was worth mentioning in case they were canvassing the area.

Please be aware and keep all car doors locked and windows shut and anything of value out of view.

LuminoCity returns to Southend

With less than a week to go until the return of Southend's LuminoCity light extravaganza, brought to you by Southend-on-Sea City Council and headline sponsor, Essex Sound & Light Ltd (ESL), why not plan your visit using the festival map and website at: www.southendluminocity.co.uk.

Its half term between 16 to 18 February, and the festival map reveals a dazzling route through the heart of the City Centre, including the High Street and central seafront. It will be packed with displays and events.

See Ursula Lassos the Moon, a stunning 3D installation reproducing the surface details and textures of the moon in the gardens at Central Museum. High street light installations include PULSE, sponsored by Southend City Bid, featuring a series of 4.5 metre diameter rings, each with 14,400 individually programmable LEDs, creating a tunnel of ever-changing light.

At Lightbattle located at Royal Square, sponsored by Forward Motion South Essex, you will experience the Dutch cultural heritage of cycling in a completely different way. Visitors can compete against each other by riding static bikes which help power LED lighting under three interactive arches. Let battle commence!

And we haven't forgotten music, come and see legendary Southend DJs from the past five decades pumping out tunes on Southend seafront under a giant disco ball at Disco City. Sponsored by Atlantic Pacific Group, Disco City shines a light on the night life heritage of Southend-on-Sea and is a celebration of all the ballrooms, dance halls, and nightclubs of the City.

2) National Corner

Biggest-ever round of NHS strikes gets under way

Nurses and ambulance staff will strike on Monday in parts of England as part of a week of disruption in a dispute over pay and conditions. On Tuesday, Royal College of Nursing members in a third of England's services will strike, on Thursday, Physios in a quarter of services in England will strike and on Friday, Ambulance staff who are members of Unison in five of England's 10 services will be striking.

Pesticides are contributing to British songbird decline

Gardeners who use pesticides are contributing to the decline of British songbirds, a

study by the University of Sussex has found. The experiment, which surveyed 615 gardens in Britain, found 25 per cent fewer house sparrows when glyphosate was used regularly. This is an ingredient found in commonly used herbicide brands such as Roundup or Gallup.

Households told energy bills will fall this summer

Consumers will start to see their energy bills fall this summer, two leading economic analysts have said, helping to bring down inflation and reduce pressures on the cost of living. The Resolution Foundation said it expected the average bill to fall to £2,200 by October, below the £2,500 paid under the present price cap, while energy consultancy Cornwall Insight predicted that average bills could fall to about £2,360 over the summer.

Hundreds more bus services in England under threat amid funding shortfall

Hundreds more of England's bus services could be axed next week with a funding shortfall looming, transport authorities have warned. Labour said the Government had "just 10 days to act" before operators start having to cut routes because of the expiry of post-pandemic state support, while the Urban Transport Group - which represents the seven biggest city transport authorities - has warned the Treasury that public transport "hangs in the balance" as the funding deadline approaches.

Royal Mail strikes off after legal challenge

Postal workers will no longer go on strike later this month after a legal challenge from Royal Mail, the Communication Workers Union says. About 115,000 workers had planned to walk out from 12:30 GMT on 16 February, until 12:30 on 17 February in an ongoing row over pay and conditions, but union leaders said late last night that they would not fight a legal challenge to the action.

Civil servants to strike on budget day

Civil servants are set to strike on the day of the Spring Budget, the Public and Commercial Services union has said. Members will walk out on 15 March as part of an ongoing row over pay and conditions.

NHS waiting lists not expected to fall

Analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies has found NHS waiting lists are unlikely to fall in 2023, and the backlog is unlikely to be significantly tackled until mid-2024. The NHS has struggled to increase the number of people it is treating from its waiting lists each month due to ongoing pressures from Covid-19.

UK could avoid recession

Think tank, The National Institute of Economic and Social Research has said that the UK is likely to avoid a recession this year despite high prices hitting household budgets. But it warned while the UK may not fall into recession, it will feel like one for at least seven million households.

Firefighters' strike postponed after new pay offer

Strike action by firefighters has been put on hold as union members consider a new pay offer. Fire service employers put forward a revised offer including a 7 per cent pay rise.

3) Crime Report 30th January to 5th February 2023

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/17415/23
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 26/01/2023 08:48
 Committed Date (From) 26/01/2023 02:01
 Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED KICKED OFF THE PASSENGER SIDE WING MIRROR TO A WHITE 2007 VW GOLF GTI.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/19217/23
 Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 01/02/2023 21:48
 Committed Date (From) 01/02/2023 03:28
 Street partial postcode **BROADCLYST GARDENS SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN TRIED CAR DOOR HANDLES.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/21607/23
 Offence Description Theft from the person of another
 Reported Date and Time 03/02/2023 11:17
 Committed Date (From) 03/02/2023 11:17
 Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED REMOVED VICTIMS PHONE FROM HIS BACK POCKET. SUSPECT VEHICLE -WHITE 2013 MERCEDES C250 D.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/18189/23
 Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 31/01/2023 05:19
 Committed Date (From) 30/01/2023
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN CUT THE DOOR OPEN AND CUT A HOLE AROUND THE LOCK TO A SILVER 2018 FORD TRANSIT. NOTHING REMOVED.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/19449/23
 Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 02/02/2023 11:51
 Committed Date (From) 29/01/2023
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECTS UNKNOWN RIPPED A KEY SAFE FROM THE OUTSIDE WALL NEAR TO PROPERTY GARAGE UNDER THE BUILDING. THE KEY INSIDE THE BOX WAS USED TO GAIN ENTRY TO GARAGE. UNTIDY SEARCH, FOOD REMOVED FROM THE FREEZER.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/19630/23
Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
Reported Date and Time 02/02/2023 16:07
Committed Date (From) 02/02/2023 13:15
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN REMOVED A GOLD FX2 TREK FX2 MOUNTAIN BIKE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/19661/23
Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
Reported Date and Time 02/02/2023 16:41
Committed Date (From) 02/02/2023 14:41
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN REMOVED A MAROON TREK FX3 DISC HYBRID BIKE BY CUTTING THROUGH TWO LOCKS WITH BOLT CROPPERS.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/19730/23
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 02/02/2023 18:12
Committed Date (From) 01/02/2023 18:00
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN FORCED ENTRY TO PROPERTY GARAGE. STOLEN - BLACK SUB CROSS 50 MBKW MOUNTAIN BIKE. HYBRID MEN'S BIKE WITH HYDRAULIC DISK BRAKES AND CYCLE COMPUTER FITTED TO HANDLEBARS. : STOLEN -BLACK CB2618 MOUNTAIN BIKE : STOLEN - ELECTRIC DRILL X 2 : DAMAGED - DOOR.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/21635/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 05/02/2023 10:52
Committed Date (From) 05/02/2023
Street partial postcode **KENSINGTON ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO A WHITE 2007 FORD TRANSIT, DAMAGING THE WINDOWS AND ALL FOUR TYRES, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/17393/23

Offence Description Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 24/01/2023 09:14
Committed Date (From) 10/01/2023 09:14
Street partial postcode **AVON WAY SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO SHUTTERS AND GRAFFITIED WALLS AND DOORS IN COMMUNAL AREAS.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/19522/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 02/02/2023 13:27
Committed Date (From) 29/11/2022 18:00
Street partial postcode **GUNFLEET SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN PUSHED OVER A GREY 2013 YAMAHA YZF R125 MOTORCYCLE, CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE INDICATORS, FOOT PEG AND LOSS OF OIL.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/21263/23
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 05/02/2023 09:49
Committed Date (From) 05/02/2023 03:22
Street partial postcode **HERBERT ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO FORCE ENTRY TO REAR OF PROPERTY, CAUSING NO DAMAGE.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/21270/23
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date and Time 28/01/2023 19:06
Committed Date (From) 27/01/2023 18:00
Street partial postcode **CORNWORTHY SS3 8**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN BROKE OFF THE PADLOCKS TO PROPERTY GARAGE AND ENTERED. NOTHING REMOVED.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 10th February 2023

Application Number: 23/00169/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Erect single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and porch and canopy to front
242 Maplin Way North Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00170/FUL

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Change of use of part of ground floor from residential institution (Class C2) to temporary use as vaccination centre (Class E(e))

Norton Place 162 Ness Road Shoeburyness

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 5th February 2023

APPLN. NO: 22/02218/TPO

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

VARIOUS PRUNING WORKS TO 2 ASH TREES, 6 SYCAMORE TREES, 1 ROBINIA TREE, 3 HORSE CHESTNUT TREES, 1 SWEET CHESTNUT TREE, 1 HOLM OAK AND 5 LIME TREES COVERED BY TPO 9/88

OLD RECTORY COURT SOUTHCHURCH RECTORY CHASE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant consent to carry out work to trees

APPLN. NO: 22/02387/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

18 SWALLOWCLIFFE SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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