

E-Newsletter – 17th February 2023

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

Thank you to all attend yesterday's coffee morning. The next one will be on **Thursday 16th March 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**

Southchurch Park Safety Rail – GOOD NEWS!!!

The council have bowed to pressure from BERA and you, our members, and are now replacing the whole of the rail but please, please but continue to sign the ePetition (see below), which is going to be **extended until the end march**. We want to ensure that the council understands the full extent of local people's concerns and anger and that they cannot treat the safety of our children in the way they were.

- a) Type <https://democracy.southend.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=73> 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 'Southchurch Park Lake Safety Rail' 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

If you are unable to sign the ePetition, please email:-

committeesection@southend.gov.uk

Message from a Member



Aidapt - Malling Perching Stool

Adjustable (instructions inc.)

As New

Free to a new home

If you are interested, please contact Ron

A127 Closure to allow resurfacing works to lanes 1&2

Please be aware that the A127 Westbound (heading into Southend) will be fully closed overnight (9pm-6am) 20th & 21st February 2023, to allow essential resurfacing to both lanes of the carriageway located near the speed camera as you enter the City boundary towards Progress Road.

We have liaised with Essex Highways for a full closure at Rayleigh Weir junction, and approval for the diversion route which will be via Rayleigh High Street, Rayleigh Road & Progress Road back onto the A127.

Every effort has been made to minimize disruption during the works and Engineers will be on site co-ordinating the resurfacing works.

A Message from Cityfibre - Works // Directional Closures – London Road, Westcliff

We would like to provide you with an update regarding Phase 2 of our London Road project.

Following completion of Phase 1, we started network build on Monday 17th October 2022 along the 3km stretch between Dundonald Drive and Queensway junction. The work is being carried out by our build partner Telelink Infra Services and are estimated to complete after 30 weeks (mid May). Once finished, residents can enjoy the benefits of our Full Fibre network for many years to come.

From Monday 20th February 2023, our teams will be building infrastructure along London Road, between the junction of West Road and Milton Road. In order to create safe working zones for them to trench within the footway and carriageway along this stretch, we will need to suspend parking bays and implement a directional lane closure. We therefore require mobilisation of significant traffic management to enable us to build in a timely and safe manner. These particular works are expected to complete within **6 weeks** and to minimise disruption, the work will be complete in phases agreed with the local authority:

Location Detail London Road - Hamlet Court Road to West Road (Westbound Closure) Due to commence on 20th February 2023 for approx. 2 weeks

London Road - Milton Road to Hamlet Court Road (Westbound Closure) Due to commence on 6th March 2023 for approx. 2 weeks.

London Road - Hamlet Court Road to North Road (Eastbound Closure) Due to commence on 20th March 2023 for approx. 2 weeks.

Please note – As part of the proposed traffic management, we may require closure of some adjoining roads. Given some of them will be usually one-way roads, two-way traffic will be permitted for residents to enter/exit their road via the opposing end to London Road.

We will also enforce “banned turns” upon any adjoining roads that remain open and leading traffic onto London Road. This is to ensure that any road users are following the correct traffic direction whilst the closures are enforced. Appropriate signage will therefore be in place to forewarn and advise drivers of such temporary changes.

Council seeks your views about tackling problem car cruisers

Southend-on-Sea City Council has launched a consultation to find out what residents and visitors think about proposals to tackle car cruisers.

A public space protection order (PSPO) is being proposed to specifically tackle the issue of car cruisers in Southend-on-Sea.

The order will prohibit certain behaviours, including;

Loud noises, including music and noise from vehicle modifications

Racing, speeding, stunts or other dangerous manoeuvres

Conduct that causes danger to pedestrians, property, or actions that create a public nuisance

Shouting, swearing or abusive behaviour to others

Anti-social behaviour including dropping litter

Now the council is seeking the views of residents, visitors and road users and has launched a consultation on Your Say Southend.

You can find the survey on the Your Say Southend website. It closes at 5pm on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

2) Information Corner

Unemployed to enter skills programme or have benefits capped

Benefit claimants will be required to spend a fortnight on an intensive programme designed to get them back into work or risk losing universal credit payments, it has been reported. The programme, already being piloted in four areas, will apply to those who have been out of work for three months.

Councils call for vaping products to be kept away from children

The LGA is calling for vapes to be kept out of sight of children in shops and for the legal minimum age of 18 to be marked clearly on each product. The LGA is wanting vaping products to be subject to the same rules as cigarettes and kept out of reach and sight of children behind shop counters as more children can be attracted to the product due to its bright colourful packaging. Teams that are going out doing test purchases are finding that some shops are willing to sell [vaping products] to 13 and 14 year olds. Vaping had been seen as a gateway away from smoking but it is now being marketed to an audience who have never smoked.

Quarter of a million children enter secondary school without basic maths and English

41 per cent of year 6 pupils in England left primary school without meeting the expected standards in literacy and maths, the equivalent of 275,000 11-year-olds according to researchers at the Centre for Social Justice thinktank. The report states that the attainment gap in education – that between the poorest and most advantaged – is at its widest level for a decade.

A&E and cancer staff could join further strikes

Nurses from A&E, intensive care and cancer wards could strike in England as the Royal College of Nursing seeks to escalate their dispute over pay. The union is considering a continuous 48-hour strike, with walkouts through the night.

Ambulance and border strikes resume today

Ambulance and Border Force staff have resumed strike action today as their disputes over pay and working conditions continue. Rail workers and nurses have also announced new strike dates for next month. Strike action by RMT members will begin on 16 March and Royal College of Nursing members will take part in a 48-hour strike from 1 to 3 March.

Calls for changes to cycling laws

There have been calls for laws prosecuting dangerous cycling to match those applied to motorists. The calls come after the death of a pedestrian who was struck by a cyclist in 2016.

Staff shortages leaves older people without support

Growing shortages of carers leaves an estimated 3 million elderly people without support for basic tasks, a report by Age UK has warned. Around 18 per cent of all older people struggle getting out of bed and around 15 per cent getting dressed and undressed, an increase of one million from last year.

Water companies to avoid large fines for sewage spillage

Water companies are set to avoid big fines for spilling sewage into rivers and seas, it has been reported. According to reports, the Government believe fines of up to £250 million for polluters are “disproportionate” and are backing away from the plans.

UK mobile and broadband firms plan price rise for existing customers Britain’s biggest telecoms providers are preparing to launch price increases for broadband and mobile contracts this spring. BT, EE, Vodafone, Virgin Media, O2 and TalkTalk are to increase bills for tens of millions of customers under “mid-contract price rises” from April and May.

Council tax

Research by the County Councils Network shows that three-quarters of English county councils are planning a 5 per cent council tax rise. Following changes announced in the Autumn Statement, this is now the maximum allowed without a local vote. Ministers say the amount of funding available to councils next year is set to increase to almost £60 billion but the LGA said this figure assumes all councils will raise council tax by the maximum amount and expressed concern that a “significant proportion” of the increase is made up of one-off grants, ring-fenced funding, and some re-allocation of existing funding.

Prescription costs stopping patients collecting medicines

A survey by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society shows that a rising numbers of patients in England are failing to collect their medicines because they cannot afford prescription charges. Half of pharmacists responding to the survey said they had seen an increase in patients asking which prescriptions they could “do without” as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Nursery fees set to rise by £1,000

A survey of 1,156 providers by the Early Years Alliance found nine out of 10 expect

to increase fees, typically in April, and by an average of 8 per cent - higher than in previous years.

Talks ahead of next round of teacher strikes

Education Secretary Gillian Keegan is set to meet with the leaders of unions representing teachers and headteachers today in a bid to resolve the ongoing pay dispute and to prevent further walkouts in the coming weeks. Union leaders have urged the Government to make a "concrete" pay offer for teachers to prevent further strikes going ahead.

Ambulance call screening

A new way of screening ambulance calls is set to be introduced in England in an attempt to improve response times, according to NHS England. Ambulance crews are reportedly being asked to review which emergency calls outside of those classed as immediately life threatening can be treated elsewhere. The calls, known as category two, include emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes, as well as burns and severe headaches.

British Gas owner's profits soar

British Gas owner Centrica has recorded over £3 billion in profits for 2022, more than triple the amount it made the year before. The majority of the profits came from Centrica's nuclear and oil and gas business, rather than through British Gas' energy supply, but pressure has been heaped on energy firms to reduce prices with the public still paying significantly inflated prices for energy.

3) Crime Report 6th to 12th February 2023

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/25919/23
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	09/02/2023 03:31
Committed Date (From)	09/02/2023 03:10
Street partial postcode	NEWINGTON AVENUE SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	
SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAS STOLEN VICTIMS YAMAHA BT 1100, INDEX EX22VWD.	

Ward	Thorpe
Crime Reference Number	42/25637/23
Offence Description	Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time	11/02/2023 18:47
Committed Date (From)	11/02/2023 18:47
Street partial postcode	SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2
Offence Details (MO)	
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY BY MEANS OF DAMAGING THE ENTRY DOOR AND BREAKING THE PADLOCK TO THE OUTER SECURITY DOOR FRAME. SUSPECTS GAINED ENTRY TO THE REFRESHMENT BUILDING BY MEANS OF LEVERING THE CLADDING AND GAINING ENTRY TO THE BUILDING. SUSPECTS USED CUTLERY AND A	

CEREAL BOWL AFTER HEATING FOOD THAT THEY HAD BROUGHT INTO THE PREMISES. SUSPECTS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY VIA THE FRONT AND OUTER DOOR.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/22483/23
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 07/02/2023 10:50
 Committed Date (From) 03/02/2023 20:30
 Street partial postcode **NESS ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE REMOVED FRONT AND REAR INDEX PLATES FROM WHITE MERCEDES.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/24756/23
 Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling
 Reported Date and Time 10/02/2023 14:16
 Committed Date (From) 10/02/2023 01:46
 Street partial postcode **WEST ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY LIFTING UP THE PORCH LOCK. NO ENTRY GAINED.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 17th February 2023

Application Number: 23/00201/AD **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Application for approval of detail pursuant to condition 04 (details of cladding) of planning permission 16/02021/FULH dated 17.01.2017
107 Burlescombe Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00211/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Gabriella Fairley
 Erect single storey rear extension
12 Canterbury Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00224/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Hayley Thompson
 Erect two storey side extension, layout parking to front and form vehicle crossover onto Hamstel Road (Amended Proposal)
232 Hamstel Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00234/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Gabriella Fairley
 Erect single storey rear/side extension
15 Thurston Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00243/AD

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Scott Davison

Application for approval of details pursuant to condition 05 (noise impact assessment survey) of planning permission 22/01857/PA3COU dated 02.12.2022

817 Southchurch Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00193/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Extend and alter roof with glazed gable end and balcony to rear, form pitched roof to first floor existing rear gable, erect single storey rear and side extension, remove chimney and install rooflight to side

12 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00197/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

Erect part single/part two storey rear extension with balcony to rear at first floor level, extend existing dormer to side, single storey front/side extension to form porch area, install rooflights to side elevations and alterations to front elevation

423 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00220/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect single storey rear extension, form hipped to gable roof extensions to side and rear and extend dormer to front to create habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect porch canopy to side, install juliette balcony to rear and alter elevations

105 Tyrone Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00223/AD

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Application for approval of details pursuant to conditions 05 (details of refuse and recycling storage), 06 (details of 10% renewable energy), 07 (water efficiency design measures) and 08 (noise impact assessment) of planning permission 22/01751/FUL dated 24.10.2022

142 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 23/00246/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect two storey side extension, relocate double garage to front and erect entrance porch

60 Wyatts Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00200/NON

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Change pitched roof covering from grey zinc cladding system to grey concrete interlocking roof tiles (Non-material amendment to planning permission 21/00149/FUL dated 28.04.2021)

Rear Of 141 West Road Shoeburyness

Application Number: 23/00206/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect single storey rear extension and alter side elevation
87 Bishopsteignton Shoeburyness Essex

Application Number: 23/00241/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Extend existing dormer to side, erect single storey side and rear extension with roof lantern

152 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 12th February 2023

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Withdrawn

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: GPD Refusal

APPLN. NO: 23/00022/NON

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

REPLACE PLAN NUMBERS 1483-04C, 1483-03C, 1483-02 AND 1483-01 WITH PLAN NUMBERS 0254-2, 0254-1, 0254-4 AND 0254-3 - RECONFIGURE

ELEVATIONS, DELETE SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, RETAIN EXISTING EXTENT OF FIRST FLOOR REAR BALCONY AND REPLACE BALUSTRADE, OF APPROVED SCHEME (NONMATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION 21/01216/FULH DATED 30.07.2021)

542 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Allow Non Material Amendment

APPLN. NO: 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 SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/00178/ROT

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF 1NO CABINET AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY WORKS THERETO

73 NESS ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

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