

E-Newsletter – 31st March 2023

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 20th April 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 Crossing point at The Broadway Shopping Area

After much pushing by BERA for a crossing to be put along The Broadway shopping area, the council have advised us that this subject will be discussed in a meeting next week. Following this, they will be updating Ron accordingly, so we will keep you informed. The council have agreed that there is not a suitable crossing point at this location, so they are looking into options to move this forward.

Another great BERA result !!

Nitrous oxide to be banned under plans to clamp down on anti-social behaviour

Levelling up secretary Michael Gove made the announcement on the Sophy Ridge on Sunday programme. "Antisocial behaviour can ruin lives," he said.

Confirming the ban on laughing gas, Mr Gove said: "I think anyone who has the opportunity to walk through our parks in our major cities will have seen these little silver canisters, which are examples of people not only spoiling public spaces but taking a drug which can have a psychological and neurological effect and one that contributes to antisocial behaviour overall."

The move is part of a pack of measures designed to curb anti-social behaviour, which is set to be a key issue in the run-up to the next general election.

People convicted of anti-social behaviour will be ordered to repair the damage they have caused within two days of being told their punishment, under new plans.

Apply to become a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer

Southend Libraries are once again looking for volunteers to help keep children reading throughout the summer holidays for the Summer Reading Challenge.

The national Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year across all Southend Libraries and last year saw over 2,000 children take part by reading books to gain rewards. The theme for this year's challenge is: 'Ready, Set, Read!'

Southend Libraries are looking for volunteers aged 14 and above to help library staff sign children up to the Summer Reading Challenge and talk to children about their books, encouraging them to complete the challenge.

Mark Harvey, executive director for adults and communities, said: "We are encouraging people to become a volunteer in libraries across the City to help staff deliver the Summer Reading Challenge.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for people to help their local community by encouraging children to improve their literacy skills. Volunteers gain valuable work experience and get the chance to meet new people and enhance their communication skills. Volunteering also looks great on your CV!"

Volunteers should be able to commit to around 48 hours across the six-week summer holidays from Saturday 22 July to Saturday 2 September.

Applications are now open and will close on Saturday 1 July. Application forms can be picked up from your local library, or by request from:
librarydevelopment@southend.gov.uk

For more information about becoming a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer, please email librarydevelopment@southend.gov.uk

Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society

Saturday 1st April is Thorpe Bay Horticultural Societies flower and homecraft show, as well as it being their 75th Anniversary.

Please pop along to their show where there will be a bric a brac table, plant and book stalls and refreshments. Doors open at 2.15pm.



**THORPE BAY
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
*FLOWER AND
HOMECRAFT SHOW***

**AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HALL
JOHNSTONE ROAD THORPE BAY**

SATURDAY: 1ST APRIL

AT 2.15pm

Admission £1 Members free



Revised collection days - Easter bank holiday collections

If your recycling and waste collection normally takes place on a Friday, your revised collection day will be Saturday 8 April.

There will be no other changes to collections.

BERA AGM

Thank you to all who attended last night's AGM. It was great to see you all there and enjoy the wine and nibbles afterwards. Many things were discussed and agreed and the minutes will be uploaded to the website as soon as possible.



Managing Emergency Alerts on your phone to stay safe if you're experiencing domestic abuse

The government is rolling out a new Emergency Alerts system and a test alert will be sent on the 23rd April 2023.

The alerts will be used to let you know about emergency situations (like severe flooding) through your mobile phone. However, the alert will be accompanied by a loud sound even if your phone is on silent.

However, if you are living with an abuser, the alert, which will be accompanied by a loud sound even if your phone is on silent, could put you at risk because it might let your abuser know you have another separate or secret phone.

If you are worried that the alerts will put you at risk, Refuge have put together two videos (visit youtube to watch them) on how to turn alerts off, both on Android phones and on iPhones.

If you're afraid of your partner, the helpline team are here to support you. You can call them for free 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247, or live chat with them Monday-Friday, 3-10pm by going to nationaldahelpline.org.uk.

Protecting your home during the holidays

If you are planning a trip away for the upcoming bank holiday or the Easter break, view the advice from Essex Police (www.essexpolice.uk) and protect your home from criminals.

Be careful what you put on social media, make sure your posts are private. Maybe wait to post your photos until your home.

Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property or join a Neighbourhood or resident Watch Scheme.

Consider asking your neighbours to park on your drive.

Remember to make alternative arrangements for deliveries.

2) National Corner

Laughing gas ban

The Government has announced that possessing laughing gas is to be made a criminal offence for the first time. An LGA spokesperson said: “The problems caused by nitrous oxide in our local communities are no laughing matter. Councils are concerned that not only does it lead to a plague of anti-social behaviour but there is growing evidence that it can cause serious health problems for those who use it.” The change is part of a crackdown on anti-social behaviour which the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will announce today (27th). The plans will also give police and councils additional powers to deal with people who are “causing nuisance” by blocking shop doorways, asking for money at cash machines or leaving their belongings on pavements.

Major incident declared after oil leak on UK coast

A major incident has been declared following an oil leak from an onshore field in Dorset. The UK Health Security Agency in the South West has said members of the public should not swim in Poole Harbour or the surrounding area until further notice after 200 barrels of reservoir fluid, consisting of 85 per cent water and 15 per cent oil, leaked into the water.

Landlords promised power to evict rowdy tenants in two weeks

Landlords will be able to evict tenants who are disruptive to neighbours, cause damage or fall behind on their rent within two weeks under government plans to tackle antisocial behaviour. Homeowners who rent out their properties on Airbnb will also be forced to register on a new database, which will give local councils the ability to deal with complaints about rowdy guests.

Sugar cost rises driving food prices to record highs

The increasing cost of sugar is driving food prices to record highs, new figures have revealed, amid warnings shop inflation is yet to peak. Shop prices are now 8.9 per cent higher than they were a year ago, up from February's 8.4 per cent increase, according to the British Retail Consortium (BRC)-NielsenIQ index.

Covid app for England and Wales discontinued as usage dwindles

The Covid contact-tracing app for England and Wales, which was downloaded 31 million times during the course of the pandemic, is being wound down later this week. The move is part of a drive to encourage people to “learn to live” with the virus and users of the app will receive a notification today, telling them it is being discontinued and they will no longer receive alerts informing them when they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

GP phonline plan

“Cloud-based telephony systems” are set to be introduced by GP practices to ensure patients can always get through, even during the busy 8am rush, according to NHS officials. A recovery plan for primary care aims to boost NHS phonelines, improve access to see family doctors and help patients to secure an appointment. Around 30

per cent of people said they had difficulty contacting their GP practice, according to a January report by the Office for National Statistics.

3) Crime Report 20th – 26th March 2023

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/51586/23
 Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 21/03/2023 00:15
 Committed Date (From) 20/03/2023 15:00
 Street partial postcode **BOURNES GREEN CHASE SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO PITCHES BY RIDING SCRAMBLER BIKES ON THE GROUNDS.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/51683/23
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 22/03/2023 16:27
 Committed Date (From) 22/03/2023 15:30
 Street partial postcode **HAMSTEL ROAD SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN THREW A BRICK THROUGH A WINDOW TO A RED 2018 KUGA TITANIUM.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/52185/23
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 23/03/2023 13:09
 Committed Date (From) 21/03/2023 19:00
 Street partial postcode **POYNINGS AVENUE SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED A BLACK FORD FIESTA, INDEX EK64MJF, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 31st March 2023

Application Number: 23/00435/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Hip to gable roof extension with dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace (certificate of lawful development - proposed)
156 Ambleside Drive Southend-on-sea 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: 23/00428/GPDE

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 6m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 3.9m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 4m

363 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 26th March 2023

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00009/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, NEW PORCH, SINGLE STOREY GARAGE TO FRONT AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

66 WILLINGALE WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00123/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Robert Lilburn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, CONVERT LOFTSPACE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

82 ST JAMES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00141/AD

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITIONS 04 (REFUSE AND RECYCLING STORAGE AND SECURE CYCLE PARKING), 06 (10% RENEWABLES) AND 08 (HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 21/02520/FUL DATED 15/03/2022

118 AMBLESIDE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00340/GPDE

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 6M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 3M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.07M

36 SANDRINGHAM ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: GPD Non Conditional

APPLN. NO: 22/02285/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

FORM TEMPORARY VEHICLE ACCESS FOR TWO YEARS ONTO SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD

14 LODWICK SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00137/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS

97 BISHOPSTEIGNTON SHOEBURYNESSE ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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