

## E-Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

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### **1) Information Corner**



#### **BERA Coffee Morning**

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

There are three ways for you to pay this year and please renew as soon as possible.

- 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)

## An update from our hospitals



### **New funding to support cancer services**

We have successfully secured major additional funding from NHS England to support cancer services at our hospitals.

The funding, which totals £3.7million, is being provided by NHS England's Targeted Investment Fund. It will be used to increase diagnostic and treatment capacity at Basildon, Broomfield, and Southend hospitals by replacing some of our aging equipment with newer and more efficient machines and building new facilities.

Andrew Pike, Chief Operating Officer said: "This additional funding is fantastic news for our patients. It means more people being seen more quickly at our hospitals, and for those patients waiting for a diagnosis of cancer getting that diagnosis sooner and being able to start treatment earlier.

"This new equipment allows us to serve our local population better, giving us a more robust service, with fewer delays to patient care because of faulty equipment."



### **Life-changing appeal to improve cancer patient treatment launches**

A new major fundraising campaign to buy state-of-the-art radiotherapy equipment for treating cancer patients across mid and south Essex was launched on Thursday 23 February.

If successful, the Spotlight Radiotherapy Appeal will mean that Southend Hospital would be among one of the first NHS cancer centres to have this cutting-edge technology; providing superior, ground-breaking radiation oncology treatment to over 2,500 patients a year by 2025.

Southend Hospital Charitable Foundation, which has funded big building projects and vital medical equipment over the last 25 years, is behind the campaign and needs to raise £600,000 to buy three surface guided radiation therapy (SGRT) systems.

Current radiotherapy means patients have at least three small tattoos to position them correctly – leaving them with a permanent reminder of their cancer treatment – but that would no longer be needed with the SGRT system, which tracks the skin's surface using special infrared 3D cameras to ensure patients are always in the correct position.

This new therapy will reduce treatment times and waiting lists because SGRT reduces the need for repeat imaging.

## **Another BERA Success!!**

Thorpe Hall Avenue - Emergency Maintenance Repairs

As you are aware, Thorpe Hall Avenue from its junction with Woodgrange Drive roundabout to its junction with Willingale Way has been resurfaced. This was undertaken on the nights of 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 and was pushed by BERA to be done as soon as possible.

## **Southend Hospital Parking**

We have contacted the council regarding the difficulty that residents have in parking at Southend Hospital, with the barriers not working and the queuing of vehicles resulting in patients missing their appointment times.

We have had a reply from the officer and their response is below:

'We are aware of the issues caused, particularly to bus reliability, by queuing vehicles waiting to get into the main car park. We have been in discussion with the hospital and are working on implementing a solution'.

We will keep you updated with any further information that we receive.

## **Barge Pier Road, Shoebury, homes plans spark petition**

Source: <https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23348286.barge-pier-road-shoebury-homes-plans-spark-petition/>

A battle to stop thousands of tonnes of earth being moved across Southend has prompted 1,300 campaigners to sign a petition opposing the plan.

Bellway Homes needs to raise the ground by up to six metres to build 214 new homes on flood-prone land off Barge Pier Road, Shoebury.

The scheme has been given planning permission which cannot be removed.

But furious campaigners have called for an inquiry and a petition is set to be presented to Southend Council next week outlining public concern.

The soil will be transported via 120 lorry loads a day along the A13 and the A127 and on to Eastern Avenue and Royal Artillery Way, before proceeding along Thorpe Hall Avenue and the seafront to the development adjacent to Gunners Park and the Garrison Estate.

Ron Woodley, Residents First councillor for Thorpe ward, started the petition to stop 85,000 truck movements.

Mr Woodley said concerns have been raised about the vibrations of the lorries affecting service pipes beneath Thorpe Hall Avenue as well as their effect on the foundations of residential homes.

The e-petition reached 1,292 signatures and has now closed.

## **Be fraud smart**

We are still seeing reports of fraudsters continuing to target people through social media platforms such as WhatsApp, messaging from an unfamiliar number.

Pretending to be a family member who has a new phone number because their phone has been damaged or lost. The victim is then asked for money.

If you get an unexpected message like this, take steps to protect yourself by calling your family member on the old phone number you have for them, and not the new number, in case this is a fraudster.

If you know someone who use's messaging apps sometimes but might not be aware of the scam, please speak to them.

You can forward the scam message onto Action Fraud by sending it to 7726.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Secondary school placements**

Thousands of pupils in England have failed to get into their first choice of secondary schools, according to a Press Association survey. Of the 33 councils polled, 18 reported a decline in the proportion of students getting their first preference, following predictions that a record number of children could miss out on their first choice school.

### **Vaping in schools**

Specialist vape detectors, already widely used in schools in the USA and Australia, are being sold to UK schools following vape use by children. SMF Systems, the first UK company to manufacture the device, have sold to 87 UK schools so far, with figures from a YouGov survey last year showing disposable e-cigarettes to be the most commonly used product among 11 to 17-year-old vapers. The LGA has called for vaping products to be regulated in the same way as tobacco, with vapes kept out of sight and sold in plain packaging, to crack down on stores selling to children.

### **New energy price cap to stoke debate over bill help**

Ofgem is to outline details of its price cap later, causing debate over government support with household energy bills. Its announcement will not affect what customers pay for each unit of gas and electricity because that is limited by a government guarantee. But it is likely to show the cost to government of providing support is lower than was initially expected.

## **Bonus for job centre staff who get most into work**

The Government is creating a job centre league table and will give £250 bonuses to staff who get the most people into work. It is part of a pilot scheme in 60 job centres with the aim of getting more Universal Credit claimants into work.

## **Legal marriage age rises to 18 in England and Wales**

A new law raising the legal age of marriage to 18 has come into force in England and Wales. Previously people could marry at 16 or 17 if they had parental consent and there was no law against ceremonies for younger children which were not registered with local councils.

## **Energy price cap falls - but average household bills still expected to rise**

Ofgem has reduced the cap on the amount energy companies can charge customers, but bills are still expected to increase. The energy regulator announced the cap on the amount typical households pay on electricity and gas bills will drop to £3,280 from 1 April, a decrease from the previous cap of £4,279 effective from the beginning of January to the end of March, reflecting the fall in wholesale energy prices.

## **Cancelling fuel duty freeze could pay for public sector pay rise, says IFS**

The Chancellor could offer striking public sector workers a bigger pay rise before his Budget next month by cancelling plans for a fuel duty freeze costing £6 billion, according to a leading tax and spending watchdog. Ahead of fresh strike action planned across the public sector next month, the Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), Paul Johnson, said Jeremy Hunt faced a “straight choice” between subsidising car driving and helping public sector workers cope with the cost of living crisis.

## **Prospect union members vote to strike on Budget day**

Tens of thousands of public sector workers will strike on the day of the Budget and work to rule indefinitely, after voting overwhelmingly for industrial action. At least 80 per cent of Prospect union members – who work for organisations such as the Met Office, Health and Safety Executive and Natural England – voted for strike action, which is likely to coincide with a PCS union members strike, taking the number of civil servants participating in industrial action that day to more than 100,000.

### **3) Crime Report 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/31530/23
Offence Description	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling
Reported Date and Time	20/02/2023 23:30
Committed Date (From)	20/02/2023 04:16
Street partial postcode	<b>LIFSTAN WAY SS1 2</b>
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FORCED ENTRY INTO A SECURE GARAGE AT THE LOCATION ADDRESS CAUSING DAMAGE. ONCE INSIDE SUSPECT

CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH AND REMOVED ITEMS FROM WITHIN.  
STOLEN - ELECTRICIANS TOOLS BLACK AND DECKER TOOLBOX : STOLEN -  
ROTARY DRILL - ELECTRIC DREMEL ROTARY DRILL : STOLEN - FISHING  
EQUIPMENT / TACKLE FISHING EQUIPMENT AND TACKLES : STOLEN -  
YELLOW DRILL - HAND BLACK AND DECKER POWER DRILL : STOLEN -BLACK  
FOLDING WHEEL CHAIR OR OTHER MOBILITY INVACARE BEN NG FOLDING  
WHEELCHAIR - BLACK WITH GREY WHEELS : STOLEN - SANDER PARKSIDE  
POWER SANDER : STOLEN - CAMERA DIGITAL MICROSCOPE CAMERA :  
DAMAGED - DOOR GARAGE DOOR DAMAGED.

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/34145/23
Offence Description	Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	25/02/2023 04:00
Committed Date (From)	25/02/2023 04:00
Street partial postcode	<b>EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3</b>
Offence Details (MO)	

SUSPECT NAMED HAS TRIED THE DOORS OF MULTIPLE VEHICLES WHILST  
IN A CAR PARK. HAS SUCCESSFULLY ENTERED A SILVER MERCEDES. HAS  
STOLEN TWO PAIRS OF SUNGLASSES FROM THE VICTIM. ALSO FOUND  
WITH SEVERAL DRILLS AND A SCREWDRIVER IN HIS BAG AND WAS FOUND  
WITH A BOX WITH A DRILL INSIDE.

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/34330/23
Offence Description	Interference with a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	25/02/2023 14:33
Committed Date (From)	25/02/2023 04:00
Street partial postcode	<b>EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3</b>
Offence Details (MO)	

SUSPECT HAS TRIED THE DOOR HANDLE ON THE VICTIMS VEHICLE.

#### **4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

Application Number: 23/00294/AD **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Oliver Hart  
Application for approval of details pursuant to condition 02 of planning permission  
97/01070/FUL dated 04.02.1998  
**Garons Park Golf Complex Garons Park Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 23/00293/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Erect single storey side extension and convert existing garage into habitable  
accommodation  
**361 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 22/02355/FUL  
Officer: James Benn  
Replace window and door to ground floor front elevation  
**67A West Road Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Application Number: 22/02370/CLP  
Officer: James Benn  
Single storey rear extension (certificate of lawful development)  
**114 Aylesbeare Shoeburyness Essex**

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Application Number: 23/00285/FULH  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
Erect part single/part two storey rear extension  
**17 Wambrook Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Application Number: 23/00291/CLP  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Single storey rear extension (certificate of lawful development - proposed)  
**33 Thorpedene Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Application Number: 23/00315/CLP  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Single storey rear extension and single storey porch to front (certificate of lawful development - proposed)  
**16 Sedgemoor Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

**Ward: West Shoebury**

**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: 23/00340/GPDE  
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**

**Ward: Thorpe**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

APPLN. NO: 22/02313/FULH  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (PART-RETROSPECTIVE)  
**60 POYNINGS AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

**Ward. Southchurch**

APPLN. NO: 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**

APPLN. NO: 23/00034/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, RELOCATE ENTRANCE FROM SIDE TO FRONT AND ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO REAR

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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02249/AD

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITIONS 04 (DETAILS OF PARKING), 05 (DETAILS OF REFUSE, RECYCLING AND CYCLE STORAGE) 06 (WATER EFFICIENT DESIGN MEASURES) AND 07 (DETAILS OF HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 21/02132/FUL DATED 17.03.2022

**LAND AT THE REAR OF 9 AND 11 AVON WAY SHOEBURYNESS**

Decision: Grant Permission

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