

E-Newsletter – 21st April 2023

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1) Information Corner

Thank you to all who attended yesterday's coffee morning and for generously donating to our fundraiser for Southend Hospitals Charitable Foundation Spotlight Radiotherapy Appeal. We will let you know the amount raised as soon as possible.

Our next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 18th May 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.

Southchurch Park tennis courts

We have been informed that work was started yesterday (20th) to refurbish the tennis courts in Southchurch Park.

The contractor, Chiltern Sports, anticipate a 4 week programme to carry out repairs, resurfacing, line marking and installing the new nets and posts. They will work from a compound established by the courts which will necessitate the temporary closure of the Camper Road entrance for public safety.



Emergency alert system test on Sunday 23 April

On Sunday 23 April at 3pm, the Cabinet Office will be testing their new emergency alerts system.

Your mobile phone or tablet may:

- make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on
- silent
- vibrate
- read out the alert

The full message will read:

"This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby".

"In a real emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe."

"Visit gov.uk/alerts for more information."

"This is a test. You do not need to take any action."

Shed security

If you are installing a new shed this spring put it somewhere where you and your neighbours can see it.

This will help to deter potential criminals from breaking in.

Also check your sheds and gates are secured with close shackle padlocks and pad bolts. Remember to replace them if they have start to rust over the winter.

Be fraud smart - Booking a holiday online?

Planning to book a holiday or maybe a short break away, remember to do your research. If something looks too good to be true it probably is.

Stay scam savvy by reading online reviews from reputable sources before making any bookings.

You can also confirm if an accommodation really exists by verifying the address through web searches and online maps.

Always check that travel company is a member of a trade body e.g., ATOL

2) National Corner

Royal Mail reaches pay agreement

Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union have reached an "in principle" agreement over pay and employment terms. The union's executive will meet next week to consider the deal, which if accepted, will then be voted on by union members.

Voter ID

Next month's local elections will be the first time that voters in England will need to show ID at polling stations. People without a form of valid ID will need to apply for a voter authority certificate by 25 April and there have been 64,069 applications for certificates since the beginning of the year. The LGA said councils have hired extra staff to inform voters at polling stations of the new rules and warned they could be "overwhelmed" on polling day as they deal with "the biggest change to in-person voting in 150 years".

Nurses' strikes could continue until Christmas

Nurses could strike until Christmas, the leader of the Royal College of Nursing has said. General secretary Pat Cullen also said there were "no plans" to co-ordinate strikes with those by junior doctors.

Maths review launched

A review into ensuring pupils in England study maths up to the age of 18, without making an A-Level in the subject compulsory, is to be set up. The advisory group will consider what maths skills students need, and whether a new maths qualification is necessary.

Some 'nicotine-free' vapes high in addictive substances, tests reveal

Some high street vapes claiming to be nicotine-free in fact contain the same level of addictive substances as full-strength e-cigarettes, tests shows. Data by Inter Scientific – which offers analytical testing of products to check whether they are following regulations – examined dozens of vape brands sold in shops across England and Wales.

Patients turn to private GPs as hundreds of surgeries close down

Thousands of patients are turning to private GPs after finding it impossible to get an NHS appointment as hundreds of practices shut down. Independent healthcare companies have reported a surge in demand since the pandemic, after a survey of 2,000 adults found that 32 per cent went to private GPs in the past three years and 53 per cent said they would consider using one.

Forced meter installations to be banned for over-85s

The forcible installation of prepayment energy meters in homes of customers over the age of 85 in Britain will be banned under new rules from the regulator Ofgem.

3) Crime Report 10th to 16th April 2023

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/68673/23
 Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 07/04/2023 20:09
 Committed Date (From) 07/04/2023
 Street partial postcode **LIFSTAN WAY SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE SPRAY PAINTED THE BRIDGE WITH THEIR INITIALS IN BLUE AND YELLOW PAINT CAUSING DAMAGE.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/65106/23
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 11/04/2023 07:29
 Committed Date (From) 10/04/2023 17:00
 Street partial postcode **TYRONE ROAD SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIMS SILVER AUDI, GT22DTU, FROM OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY ON THE ROAD BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/68240/23
 Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
 Reported Date and Time 15/04/2023 23:12
 Committed Date (From) 14/04/2023 21:09
 Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT HAS ENTERED COMMERCIAL PREMISES AND ENTERED THE RESTRICTED STAFF ROOM AS AN INTRUDER AND STOLEN GBP1500.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/64567/23
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 10/04/2023 02:26
 Committed Date (From) 10/04/2023 02:15
 Street partial postcode **WEST ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED THE VICTIM VEHICLE WITHOUT THE OWNERS CONSENT. VEHICLE RECOVERED.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/66612/23
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 12/04/2023 23:35
 Committed Date (From) 12/04/2023 09:48
 Street partial postcode **JENA CLOSE SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT HAS RETAINED A PARCEL THAT HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SUSPECTS ADDRESS AND HAS REFUSED TO RETURN THE ITEM TO THE VICTIM.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 21st April 2023

Application Number: 23/00596/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: James Benn
Erect single storey rear/side extension
289 Hamstel Road Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00586/AD **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Application for approval of details pursuant to condition 08 (noise mitigation plan) of planning application 22/01367/FUL dated 18.01.2023
97-99 And 101 Shaftesbury Avenue Southend-on-Sea

Application Number: 23/00516/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Erect first floor rear extension
54 Church Road Shoeburyness Essex

Application Number: 23/00571/CLP **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Dormer to rear with juliette balcony and balustrade, rooflights to front and convert loft into habitable accommodation (Lawful Development Certificate-Proposed)
41 West Road Shoeburyness Southend-on-Sea

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: 23/00607/GPDE **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: James Benn
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
15 Thurston Avenue Southend-on-Sea Essex

5) List of Decisions

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00259/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT PORCH TO FRONT AND FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSION, CONVERT EXISTING GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

8 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00613/ROT

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

INSTALL 10M MEDIUM WOODEN STREET POLE LAND OUTSIDE

98 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 23/00614/ROT

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

INSTALL 10M MEDIUM WOODEN STREET POLE LAND OUTSIDE

66 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00285/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION

17 WAMBROOK SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00315/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY PORCH TO FRONT (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED)

16 SEDGEMOOR SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

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