

## E-Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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### **1) Information Corner**



#### **BERA Coffee Morning**

The next coffee morning is on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Cameras in Walton Road / Clieveden Road**

Highways have advised that 8No. ANPR cameras have been installed in Southend, six of which are located in the Shoebury area of the City. They have been installed by the Metropolitan Police as part of a national criminal investigation.

These cameras are temporary and will be removed when the operation is completed.

## **Thorpe Hall Avenue Bench**

After much discussion the council have confirmed that the bench in Thorpe Hall Avenue (by the bridge) should have been replaced as it was damaged and at a bus stop. This has now been arranged and will be replaced as soon as possible.

## **Spooktacular Southend Halloween Parade will return this October**

The Southend Halloween parade will return to Southend seafront on Saturday 28 October 2023.

Now in its third year, the fantastic free event will see local and national acts adorning their best ghostly attire to create a frightfully fun family evening.

The parade is being organised by Southend-on-Sea City Council in association with the Southend Tourism Partnership, and the local community are being encouraged to get involved in this year's parade.

Entry is free but community acts are required to be in costume and illuminated. Participants will also be encouraged to interact with the crowd and help create a carnival atmosphere. The application form and terms and conditions can be found on the Southend Halloween Parade website.

Full details about the Halloween Parade, including how to apply, can be found on the Southend Halloween Parade website.

## **Highways Enforcement team update**

The Highways Enforcement team have recently expanded and will be taking on additional officers to undertake further duties.

The five key areas the team will be focusing on will be highways obstruction, damage to the highway, fly tipping, commercial waste on the public highway and untidy sites/gardens. The team will commence the new duties from 1st June 2023.

The team will look to always engage first with offenders and educate but should compliance not be achievable the team will be issuing fixed penalty notices for a variety of offences. The Highways Enforcement team are fully mobile and patrol the City looking to ensure our footways and roads are kept in a safe condition when development/building works are undertaken.

Recently, the Highways Enforcement team successfully recovered funds in excess of £4,000 from a developer who had damaged the footway, and working with witnesses, challenged the developer who admitted liability. Therefore, the authority was able to recover all costs for repairs at the developer's expense.

It is advised to all developers and builders that any necessary licence is applied and paid for in advance of any works commencing, this could include a skip licence, scaffold or hoarding licence, materials on the highway licence or a temporary disturbance licence allowing temporary access to a site to deliver and store materials off the public highway. All these licences can be applied for via MySouthend.

## **\*NEW\* Request Highways Enforcement MySouthend form**

Following on from the expansion of the Highways Enforcement duties, a new MySouthend form has been created to make it easier to report issues directly to the Highways Enforcement team.

The form includes a comprehensive list of duties covered and allows evidence to be uploaded with the form.

Updates on the report will be provided directly from the investigating Highways Enforcement Officer through the MySouthend portal.

Any feedback on the new form is welcome, and can be submitted via [council@southend.gov.uk](mailto:council@southend.gov.uk)

## **Gas Main Replacement Works**

Cadent are upgrading the gas pipes along Southchurch Road and surrounding streets to ensure residents continue to receive a reliable gas supply for many more years to come.

The aim is to replace all the metallic mains and service pipes in this location. This means that Cadent will need to excavate holes in the ground to access the gas pipes in order to inspect and replace them.

### **How are Cadent going to deliver the work?**

The project is due to start on 11 September and anticipated to last for approximately 33 weeks. Due to the nature of the work involved, Cadent have planned to deliver it in a number of phases to maximise efficiency and minimise disruption.

What impact will the work have on the roads?

Cadent will be using multi-way traffic lights during the project. There will be directional road closures for each phase. Access for residents will be maintained throughout.

### **Communications**

Cadent's aim is to ensure everyone who is likely to be affected by the work is kept up to date with the progress. Their team will be visiting all affected properties and talking to as many people as possible to let them know what is happening when. They will be able to answer questions and provide additional information if needed.

## **Essex Police welcome three new Roads Policing Speed Enforcement Officers at Chelmsford launch.**

The newly created speed enforcement officer role will support the Safer Essex Roads Partnership's (SERP) Vision Zero, which is the ambition to have no road deaths in Essex by 2040, and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's plan to improve safety on our roads.

Alongside our Roads Police Officers, they will be dedicated to tackling road-related crime and provide reassurance to the public in areas where speeding has been raised as a concern.

The new Speed Enforcement Officers will use Trucam devices to enforce speed where required and will work with our Speedwatch volunteers and School Speedwatch pupils to ensure drivers keep to the speed limits.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Calls to scrap Voter ID requirements at General Election**

Campaign group Unlock Democracy has called for the Government to scrap Voter ID requirements at the next General Election due to the number of voters turned away. The Electoral Commission said it would take weeks to work out the impact of the new law on voting numbers.

### **Government reject calls for intervention on food prices**

The Government have rejected calls from opposition parties to regulate food prices amidst rising inflation. Mark Spencer MP, Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries said "it was not for the Government to set retail prices nor to comment on day-to-day commercial decisions by companies".

### **New GP plan asks more patients to use pharmacies**

More people will be able to access health services without needing to go to a GP under a plan launched by officials in England. It asks patients to use high street pharmacies for some common drug prescriptions and routine tests to reduce the pressure on busy doctors.

### **Labour's new council leaders pledge to take cost of living action within 100 days**

Labour's new council leaders have pledged to introduce emergency cost of living plans within 100 days of taking office.

### **NHS plans to send more doctors into GP surgeries**

Thousands of hospital doctors without the highest level of training will be drafted into GP surgeries under plans to reduce waiting times and free up appointments. NHS leaders want to allow an intermediate class of doctors, who do not reach the level of consultant, to work in GP surgeries for the first time to ease pressure as the health service struggles to train enough family doctors.

### **Inflation increases to 4.5 per cent**

The Bank of England has raised interest rates to 4.5 per cent and has warned that inflation would be higher this year than it previously anticipated. This is the 12th successive time that interest rates have been raised.

## **3) Crime Report 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Ward	<b>Southchurch</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/78600/23
Offence Description	Theft if not classified elsewhere

Reported Date and Time 01/05/2023 20:32  
Committed Date (From) 30/04/2023 12:00  
Street partial postcode **SEAFORTH ROAD SS0 7**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED ITEMS FROM VICTIMS HOTEL ROOM.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/81550/23  
Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)  
Reported Date and Time 06/05/2023 07:28  
Committed Date (From) 06/05/2023 01:30  
Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH RECTORY CHASE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED CARE HOME VIA GUEST BEDROOM AND HAS THEN GONE ON TO ENTER A RESIDENTIAL FLAT BEFORE CONDUCTING A MESSY SEARCH.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/81722/23  
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 07/05/2023 08:45  
Committed Date (From) 06/05/2023 21:00  
Street partial postcode **ARCHER AVENUE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS MINI COOPER BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND HAVE STOLEN WORK TOOLS WORTH OVER 6500GBP.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/81982/23  
Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)  
Reported Date and Time 07/05/2023 16:20  
Committed Date (From) 07/05/2023 13:15  
Street partial postcode **HAMSTEL ROAD SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THREATENED THE VICTIM WITH A SCREWDRIVER BEFORE ASSAULTING HER AND TAKING ITEMS BELONGING TO HER.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/80017/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date and Time 04/05/2023 08:31  
Committed Date (From) 04/05/2023 07:31  
Street partial postcode **VICTORIA ROAD SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED A SCRATCH ALONG THE VICTIMS VEHICLE.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/80131/23  
Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)  
Reported Date and Time 04/05/2023 11:33  
Committed Date (From) 02/05/2023 00:01  
Street partial postcode **BURGES ROAD SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS HOME ADDRESS BY DAMAGING A SIDE DOOR AND SIDE PANELS BUT HAS STOLEN NO ITEMS.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/80646/23  
Offence Description Attempted - Theft from a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 05/05/2023 07:38  
Committed Date (From) 05/05/2023 07:38  
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED WAITED FOR THE DRIVER OF A MERCEDES HGV TO GET BACK INTO THE CAB, THEN USED A POWER DRILL IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE STORAGE AREA, BUT FAILED BEFORE THE VEHICLE WAS DRIVEN AWAY.

#### **4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Application Number: 23/00677/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect single storey side extension  
**190 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex**

#### **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/00145/AMDT **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: James Benn  
APPLICATION TO VARY/REMOVE CONDITIONS 02 (APPROVED PLANS), 03 (DETAILS OF MATERIALS), 04 (DETAILS OF LANDSCAPING), 07 (PARKING) AND 08 (DETAILS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY) - TO FACILITATE THE CHANGE FROM BUNGALOW TO AN ANCILLARY ANNEX AND TO ALLOW THE ANNEX TO BE FULLY RENDERED (MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 18/02280/FUL DATED 23/08/2019)  
**64 SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00436/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
HIPED 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) (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

**60 POYNINGS AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 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**

Decision: GPD Refusal

APPLN. NO: 23/00160/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO FORM RESIDENTIAL ANNEX FOR ANCILLARY USE TO MAIN DWELLING

**3 CHELSWORTH CLOSE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 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**

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/00452/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO REAR (RETROSPECTIVE)

**76 RUTLAND AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/01195/FULH

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT OUTBUILDING IN REAR GARDEN FOR USE AS A GYM AND GAMES ROOM.

**8 LEITRIM AVENUE SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00395/FULH

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE/REAR EXTENSION

**17 THORPEDENE GARDENS SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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