

E-Newsletter – 19th May 2023

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1) Information Corner



Save the Date!!

Who: **BERA**

What: **Coffee Morning**

Where: **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road).

When: **Thursday 15th June 2023 at 10.00am to midday**

Please join us for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits.

Bring along a friend and we look forward to welcoming you once again.



First Official Engagement!

On Sunday 14th May, Ron experienced his first official engagement as Deputy Mayor strolling along the pier. As he made his way, numerous residents warmly greeted him and stopped for a chat.

Lighting around St Augustine's Church

It was mentioned in our AGM in March that the lighting around St Augustine's Church is quite dim and residents were worried about walking around there at night. We have contacted the council to request that they increase the lighting and please see below their reply:

The street lighting surrounding St Augustine's Church is controlled on a dynamic dimming schedule the same as all residential roads within the city. This means the lighting levels are only dimmed at times throughout the night-time when the public highway is less utilised, and all street lighting is on full power output until 10pm. This dimming programme reduces energy costs and extends the lifetime of the components contained within the luminaire.

Deviation from this dimming profile is only considered in exceptional circumstances when the police raise concerns regarding high levels of crime or anti-social behaviour in any particular road. The area surrounding the church has not been highlighted as a concern so the lighting will remain on the dynamic dimming schedule for the foreseeable future.



Health and Well-Being Fair

Saturday 24th June
2pm-4pm
Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay
Baptist Church

For information and guidance about health checks, with free NHS health checks and much more.

Street Tree Removal - Marlborough Road

Further to a recent inspection, I am writing to advise you that the following tree unfortunately requires removal:-

Location: Marlborough Rd s/o 164 Ambleside Drive

Tree species: Caucasian Maple (Acer cappadocicum)

Reason for removal: There is significant decay in the base of the tree on the east side. Suckering is damaging the highway and adjacent property.

When a tree is removed, it is recorded and a new tree will be planted in the city to ensure that tree canopy cover is maintained and enhanced. The precise location for the planting of new trees is subject to a number of constraints such as the proximity of underground/overhead services; maintaining safe sightlines for drivers and pedestrians; the presence of tree roots, old stumps and soil pathogens. Tree planting locations will also take into account the city's existing canopy cover so we can ensure the best possible distribution of trees across the city.

MUSIC IN THE PARK 2023

Enjoy **FREE** open air concerts every weekend & bank holiday
Priory Park Bandstand
3:00pm - 4:30pm

APRIL

- 9th | Pavilion Brass
- 10th | Pat English & Southend Little Jazz Band
- 15th | Southend Operatic & Dramatic Society
- 16th | Chenenko
- 22nd | Timeline
- 23rd | Anita Carmichael & friends
- 29th | Little Theatre Company
- 30th | Yardarm Folk Orchestra

MAY

- 1st | Daisy Bowlers
- 6th | Southend Band - Coronation Special
- 7th | Southend Vox
- 8th | The Show Choir
- 13th | D.A. Management
- 14th | Southend Wind Orchestra
- 20th | Essex Concert Band
- 21st | Thurrock Spectrum Brass
- 27th | Sofrito
- 28th | Southend Jazz Co-operative
- 29th | The Famous Potatoes

JUNE

- 3rd | Salvation Army Band
- 4th | Melvin Beddow Big Band
- 10th | Aveley & Newham Band
- 11th | Harmonie
- 17th | Essex Yeomanry Band
- 18th | Chelmsford Silver Band
- 24th | Chelmsford Salvation Army Band
- 25th | Le Cruze

JULY

- 1st | Essex Police Band
- 2nd | Cantare
- 8th | Graham Hunter "Cool Jazz" Quartet
- 9th | Sid Bolan Big Band
- 15th | Thundersley Brass
- 16th | Leigh Operatic & Dramatic Society
- 22nd | Circle of Fifths
- 23rd | Tilbury Band
- 29th | Chris Robson & Friends
- 30th | D'Ukes Ukulele Band

AUGUST

- 5th | DG Quartet & Sharon Scott
- 6th | Rayleigh Brass
- 12th | The Variety Jazz Band
- 13th | White Guitar Duo
- 19th | Jackie Wilson Says
- 20th | Jam Jars
- 26th | Andromeda - Eclectic Jazz Quintet
- 27th | John Seeley Saxophone Group
- 28th | Interplay

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd | Shades of Grey
- 3rd | Amalgam
- 9th | Friends of the Shadows
- 10th | Ruby Robinson
- 16th | High Voltage Big Band
- 17th | Nomad
- 23rd | Ray Miso Trio
- 24th | Gaudeamus
- 30th | The Sidewinders

OCTOBER

- 1st | Alumnae

The management reserves the right to make changes to the programme.
No chairs are provided, please bring your own chair or blanket. Parking is free.
Please walk or cycle if possible.

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Music in The Park 2023

FREE open air concerts every weekend and bank holiday in Priory Park Bandstand, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.

Please see our **BERA** noticeboard along The Broadway (on the grass verge outside Nisa) for more information.

Southend's beaches named amongst the best at international Blue Flag awards

Environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy has announced the winners of the prestigious Blue Flag and Seaside Awards for summer 2023, and Southend's beaches have been named as some of the best in the country.

Southend has been awarded five Blue Flag Awards, the most awarded to any local authority in the East of England, for East Beach Shoeburyness, Shoebury Common, Thorpe Bay, Three Shells Beach and Westcliff Bay, and eight Seaside Awards for Chalkwell Beach, Jubilee Beach, Thorpe Bay Beach, Three Shells Beach, Shoebury Common Beach, East Beach Shoeburyness, Bell Wharf Beach and Westcliff Bay.

The Blue Flag and Seaside Awards are aimed at improving the quality of England's coastline and promoting the country's best beaches.

Blue Flag is an international award managed by Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. It is only presented to well-managed beaches with water quality defined as 'excellent' under the EU Bathing Water Directive and environmental education programmes, while Seaside Awards are presented to the best beaches in England and celebrate the quality and diversity of our coastline.

Among the criteria beaches are assessed against are:

- Safety and services, such as first aid, lifeguards where necessary
- Environmental information including displaying details about local eco systems
- Water quality – Blue Flag beaches must meet the 'excellent' water quality standard as set out in the EU bathing water directive and Seaside Award winners must meet the 'sufficient' standard
- Environmental management, including litter and waste

The council needs your views about nuisance behaviour

Noisy behaviour and nuisance neighbours can have a serious impact on daily life and Southend-on-Sea City Council wants your views on it.

A survey has been launched because we want those who live and work in the City to tell us how the council should investigate and deal with statutory nuisance.

Statutory nuisance can include any and all of the following:

- artificial light, such as floodlights
- bonfire smoke
- noise from professional building work
- DIY noise from home maintenance
- dog barking
- dust, steam and smells from industrial or business premises
- loud music

The council has a duty to take reasonable steps to investigate any complaints of statutory nuisances and the results from the consultation will help form the final policy

The consultation form includes a full summary of the draft policy, including the various pieces of legislation covered. The consultation is open for eight weeks, until 5pm on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

For the consultation, visit Statutory Investigation and Progression Policy - Consultation | Your say Southend- open until Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Alternatively, consultation packs are available upon request by calling 01702 215408.

2) National Corner

Planning fees increase call

Planning application fees will have to increase by 57 per cent, the LGA has warned, as it said plans to raise fees for homeowners do not go far enough and will not cover the “true cost” of processing applications. The LGA has calculated that 305 out of the 343 local authority planning departments were operating in a deficit totalling over £245 million in 2020/21.

Local election observers say 1.2% of voters turned away for lacking ID

More than one per cent of voters, half of whom appeared to be from minority ethnic backgrounds, were turned away from polling stations because of ID requirements at the local elections, according to a group of democracy observers. Democracy Volunteers said it conducted snapshot surveys in 118 councils on 4 May and that 1.2 per cent of those attending polling stations were turned away because they lacked the relevant ID, or were judged to not have it.

Rate rise adds £12bn to UK bills

Millions of homeowners are facing a total £12 billion increase to their mortgage bills, as borrowers are warned to expect “plenty more mortgage pain”. An estimated 3.75 million households are yet to face the impact of rising mortgage rates as they are still on cheap fixed deals, according to the think tank Resolution Foundation and could see their annual payments rise by £2,300 on average, after 12 increases to the Bank of England’s base rate of interest.

Hepatitis C home test kits available in England

Home test kits for a virus which attacks the liver are now available to order online in England, as the NHS tries to reach those needing treatment. More than 70,000 people are thought to be living with the virus in England, which tends to affect current or past drug users and people who have had contact with infected blood through a tattoo or medical procedure abroad.

Nursing union calls for double-digit pay rise

The leader of the Royal College of Nursing has called on the Health and Social Care Secretary to restart pay negotiations with a proposed rise in double digits. Nurses in England are due to get a five per cent pay rise after the majority of health unions accepted a government pay offer, but RCN members rejected the deal.

Senior doctors in England to vote on industrial action

Senior doctors in England are to vote on whether to strike amid the continued dispute over pay. The British Medical Association open their ballot today (15th) with it closing on 27th June.

Yellow box enforcement

Some 27 local authorities are awaiting approval for new powers to issue fines for motorists who stop in yellow boxes.

Bus fare cap extended

The £2 cap on bus fares in England has been extended again until the end of October. The cap will then rise in November to £2.50 for 12 months, before prices are reviewed.

Millions struggling to pay bills

New figures show that the number of adults struggling to pay their bills and debts has reached to nearly 11 million. The Financial Conduct Authority said 3.1 million more people faced difficulties in May than they did in January.

Children vaping rising

The number of children aged between 11 and 17-years-old trying vaping has risen by 50 per cent in the past year, according to a survey by Action on Smoking and Health (ASH). It is illegal to sell vaping products to under-18s, but experts are calling on the Government to crack down on the use among children, with disposable vapes the e-cigarette of choice.

Food prices will soon overtake energy in driving inflation, report predicts

The rising cost of food will overtake the price of energy as the driving force behind inflation over the summer, hitting poorer households the hardest, a leading thinktank has forecast. Grocery bills which had risen almost 20 per cent during the past year would continue to increase, replacing energy prices that were expected to begin falling over the next few months, the Resolution Foundation said.

New RMT walkout means three strikes in four days

RMT members are to stage a fresh strike on 2 June in a long-running dispute over pay, jobs and working conditions. The strike will see 20,000 train managers, caterers and station staff all walk out, meaning there will be three rail strikes within four days with Aslef train drivers striking on 31 May and 3 June.

3) Crime Report 8th to 14th May 2023

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/82342/23
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 08/05/2023 07:53
 Committed Date (From) 07/05/2023 20:00
 Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS WHITE FORD TRANSIT,
 INDEX BL60JCJ.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/82597/23
 Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 08/05/2023 20:49
 Committed Date (From) 08/05/2023 02:35
 Street partial postcode **WANSFELL GARDENS SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS COME ONTO THE VICTIMS DRIVEWAY AT THEIR
 HOME ADDRESS AND ENTERED THEIR RANGE ROVER. AFTER RUMMAGING
 AROUND IN THE CAR, SUSPECT HAS LEFT WITHOUT TAKING ANYTHING.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/83024/23
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 09/05/2023 13:49
 Committed Date (From) 06/05/2023 18:00
 Street partial postcode **DAINES CLOSE SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE USED MEANS UNKNOWN TO GAIN ENTRY TO
 THE VICTIMS BLACK MERCEDES A CLASS. ONCE INSIDE THEY HAVE
 CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH AND HAVE REMOVED ITEMS FROM THE
 VEHICLE. SUSPECTS HAVE ALSO DAMAGED THE GLOVEBOX WHICH NO
 LONGER SHUTS.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/83903/23
 Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 09/05/2023 16:48
 Committed Date (From) 09/05/2023
 Street partial postcode **ASHURST AVENUE SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS KICKED VICTIMS FENCE CAUSING DAMAGE.
 VALUE UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/85214/23
 Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle

Reported Date and Time 12/05/2023 10:34
Committed Date (From) 01/11/2022
Street partial postcode **NEWINGTON CLOSE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS MISTY RALLY PEDAL CYCLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/85920/23
Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time 10/05/2023 14:59
Committed Date (From) 10/05/2023 06:30
Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS HAVE FORCED REAR DOOR AND ENTERED A MUSIC STUDIO.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/86868/23
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 14/05/2023 13:50
Committed Date (From) 11/05/2023 18:00
Street partial postcode **ROEDEAN GARDENS SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS WHITE VOLVO. CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH AND STOLEN APPROXIMATELY 500 GBP IN CASH FROM THE VEHICLE.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/87134/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 14/05/2023 21:20
Committed Date (From) 14/05/2023 21:14
Street partial postcode **WHITTINGHAM AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/82932/23
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 02/05/2023 16:57
Committed Date (From) 02/05/2023
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS WALLET.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/84625/23
Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time 11/05/2023 15:20
Committed Date (From) 01/11/2022 14:00

Street partial postcode **DELAWARE ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE TAKEN THE VICTIMS BELONGINGS WHILST
HOLDING KNIVES.

4) Temporary Road Closure

**Station Road, Thorpe Bay – from 09:30 until 15:30 on the 5th of June 2023 -
breakout & replacement of a manhole cover & frame works**

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding on Station Road from its junction with Acacia Drive to its junction with Parkanaur Road.

The closure is scheduled to commence from 09:30 until 15:30 on the 5th of June 2023.

The alternative route will be via Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Esplanade, Maplin Way & vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst the breakout & replacement of a manhole cover & frame works take place. Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 19th May 2023

Application Number: 23/00705/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Erect single storey rear extension
7 Wansfell Gardens Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00790/CLP **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Convert loft into habitable accommodation with velux roof light to front and rear
(Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)
14 Hera Close Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00809/CLP **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Oliver Hart
Convert garage into habitable accommodation and form window in front elevation
(Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)
265 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00721/FULH
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect single storey side/rear extension and alter rear elevation
16 Tyrone Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 23/00683/FULH
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Erect part single, part two storey extension to front, side and rear and alter elevations
162 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 23/00703/FULH
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Erect single storey rear extension
101 St James Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 23/00725/FULH
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Erect first floor extension with juliet balcony to rear, alter roof to form pitched roof to front and rear, replace porch to front and alterations to front and rear elevations, install solar panels to rear, erect single storey outbuilding in rear garden and erect replacement boundary wall facing Wyatts Drive
518 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 23/00712/FULH
Officer: James Benn
Erect single storey rear/side extension and part convert garage into habitable accommodation
17 Lodwick Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 23/00687/FUL
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Erect two storey detached dwellinghouse with basement, associated amenity space and lay out parking to front (Amended Proposal)
Land Adjacent 242 Delaware Road Shoeburyness

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 23/00772/CLP
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Two outbuildings at rear for use as a gym and games room (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)
8 Leitrim Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 23/00776/CLP
Officer: James Benn
Sitting of mobile home to side for ancillary use to main dwellinghouse (Lawful Development Certificate-Proposed)
8 Watson Close Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

Ward: West Shoebury

Application Number: 23/00777/CLP
Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Ward: West Shoebury

Hip to gable roof extension, convert loft into habitable accommodation and rooflights to front and rear (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed).

58 Tudor Gardens 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: 23/00778/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

Application Number: 23/00805/GPDE

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 6m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 3.5m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 4m

363 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00806/GPDE

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 5m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 2.5m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 3.6m

17 Northumberland Crescent Southend-on-sea Essex

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 14th May 2023

APPLN. NO: 23/00247/FUL

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION TO EAST ELEVATION

ALLEYN COURT SCHOOL WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00409/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE AND CONSERVATORY TO SIDE, INSTALL

DORMER TO FRONT AND SIDE WITH RECESSED BALCONY AND

ASSOCIATED ROOFLIGHTS TO FORM ADDITIONAL HABITABLE

ACCOMMODATION IN LOFTSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE

EXTENSION, ERECT DETACHED OUTBUILDING TO SIDE FOR USE AS GAMES

ROOM/HOME OFFICE AND STORAGE AND INSTALL NEW VEHICLE

CROSSOVER ONTO THE BROADWAY (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

3 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00473/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION TO REAR WITH DORMERS TO FRONT AND SIDE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION AND LAYOUT PATIO TO REAR
47 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 22/02355/FUL

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

REPLACE WINDOW AND DOOR TO GROUND FLOOR FRONT ELEVATION (PARTRETROSPECTIVE)

67 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00169/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, PORCH AND CANOPY TO FRONT AND CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

242 MAPLIN WAY NORTH THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00461/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

10 WAMBROOK SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00516/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION

54 CHURCH ROAD SHOEBURYNES ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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