

E-Newsletter – 26th May 2023

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Dear Member,

Please see below pictures of the new safety rail and new shelter in Southchurch Park, both now finished and once again BERA played an important part in making this happen.

Look out for more improvements to our park making it one of the prestigious parks in the country.

Regards
The Committee



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.

Safe Crossing Point in The Broadway

After many discussions with the council, we have been informed that the safe crossing point in The Broadway is very nearly coming to fruition.

BERA has been campaigning for this for a very long time to be able to help our resident's cross safely from one side of the shops to the other.

As soon as we have any further information, we will let you know.

Southend libraries presents 'Behind the covers of crime'

June is national crime reading month and Southend libraries are hosting an afternoon of crime.

'Behind the covers of crime' is a special event with a panel of Essex-based crime writers, Michael Heath, Julia Stone, Rosie Sandler and David Evans.

The authors will be taking guests through a discussion about their books, explaining the basics of writing in various genres as well as exploring techniques and challenges around creating stories.

The event will be held on Friday 16 June, between 3pm and 4:30pm at The Forum, Elmer Square. The event is FREE to attend, bookings are now open at Eventbrite www.southendlibraries.eventbrite.com

If you love crime reading and want to take some new titles home with you, there will be an opportunity to purchase the books at the event.

For more information, contact Southend libraries by email librarydevelopment@southend.gov.uk or telephone on 01702 534123.

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**THORPE BAY
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

***FLOWER AND
HOMECRAFT SHOW***

AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HALL

JOHNSTONE ROAD THORPE BAY

SATURDAY: 10th JUNE

AT 2.15pm

Admission £1 Members free



From Your Say Southend Team - Healthy Behaviours Survey

Healthy behaviours such as keeping physically active, eating well, and reducing our tobacco or alcohol intake play a large role in protecting us from health conditions such as heart disease, cancers and diabetes.

Most of us know the things we can do to stay healthy - eat well, move more, smoke less - but we also know how difficult it can be to change these behaviours.

We want to look at the support we can provide to people in Southend to make healthy changes, so we are reaching out to Southend residents to understand what matters most to you when it comes to your health. Your feedback will help us understand what works well with current services, and what can be improved, and will be used to shape the future development of our healthy lifestyles offer in Southend.

Survey closes Friday 16th June 2023



Be aware of passport service scams

You may have seen in the media there are potential long lead times with passports this summer.

Scammers are looking to take advantage of this and are offering fake fast track passport services claiming for a fee they can make sure you get it on time for your holiday.

They might even be offering a great holiday deal with the promise of a quick passport renewal thrown in.

Stay scam savvy by reading online reviews from reputable sources before booking any holidays and when renewing a passport, only use the government's official website.

Council and police joint operation to crack down on e-scooters and cycling on Southend High Street

Southend-on-Sea City Council's Community Safety team and The Southend Community Policing Team were in Southend city centre on Thursday 25 May to educate the public about the dangers of e-scooters and cycling on Southend High Street.

After many complaints about reckless cyclists and the illegal riding of e-scooters on and around the High Street, which can be intimidating for some people and also very dangerous, the joint operation will also be used to enforce the terms of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to keep everyone safe.

Southend-on-Sea City Council introduced the PSPO in 2019 and it was renewed last year to include two additional restrictions to allow fines to be issued to people cycling or using e-scooters in a way that has a negative effect or poses a risk to pedestrians.

New signage has also been installed around Southend city centre and all routes onto the High Street notifying people that cycling and e-scooting on the High Street and anywhere in the PSPO area is prohibited.

A previous joint operation (24 April) saw three fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued for cycling, two for begging and one for littering. Two of the FPNs have since been paid and, as no appeals have been received for the outstanding FPN, legal action is underway. Since the April operation, two additional FPNs have been issued by community safety officers with one being paid in full and the other being paid in instalments.

Galleon ship stays ashore for longer due to popular demand

The company that owns El Galeon, the 17th century replica Spanish tall ship due to arrive at Southend Pier this week has lengthened its stay due to popular demand.

Unfortunately due to weather predictions the floating museum ship is now expected to arrive at the head of the Pier of the Year on Wednesday 24 May, and will open to the public on Thursday 25 May, but will remain until Sunday 4 June.

Since Southend-on-Sea City Council announced the ship would be arriving at the pier, it has proved so popular that advanced online tickets have been released to manage the number of visitors aboard.

Because so many advanced tickets have now been sold the company have extended the visit throughout the half term holiday, so residents and visitors have extra opportunities to take advantage of this unique experience.

Those who have already bought advanced tickets for Wednesday, can contact the booking office for a refund or transfer to a different day.

El Galeon is open to visitors between 11am to 7pm. Museum staff in period costume will be on hand to tell visitors more about life on the ship.

Tickets are £25 for a family ticket (for up to two adults and three children), £10 per adult, £5 per child (aged five to 12 years) and children under five go free. You can book in advance at : 'El Galeon' Visiting Southend Pier | Southend Pier. Advance tickets are sold in euros and there is a 1.50 euro booking fee. Visitors who want to pay with gold doubloons (or cash) on the day and in person, can do so.

You will also need to pay the usual pier admission price to walk the planks of the pier.

The Blackwater Pirate Crew will be visiting on the Saturday 27 May, between 12 and 4pm to help landlubbers really get into the spirit of the high seas. They will be posing for photos at the pierhead and raising money for Little Havens Children's Hospice

The floating museum is a full-size replica of a 17th century Spanish galleon, which was designed and built to hold more cargo from the East and is often described as the ship that brought the two halves of the world together.

The visit comes following the recent announcement that Southend Pier won the prestigious Pier of the Year, from the National Piers Society earlier this month.

Aside from admiring the ship, whilst on the pier you can also enjoy the view and refreshments at the 'Tea with the Tide' tearoom and the newly re-opened Pavilion with 'Lazy Jacks' café and the 'Offshore' restaurant and bar offering a selection of food and drinks.

You can also visit the Southend Pier Museum at the shore end and find out more about the history of the world's longest pleasure pier. The museum is open to visitors on Friday 26 May to Monday 29 May and Friday 2 June to Sunday 4 June.

2) National Corner

Patients will be able to use NHS app 'to opt for private hospital care'

Patients will soon be able to use the NHS app to opt for private hospital treatment in an effort to cut waiting times, it is reported. The NHS waiting list for routine treatment stands at more than seven million and is predicted to keep rising until next spring.

Britain set for mini-heatwave with temperatures up to 25C

Britain is set for a mini-heatwave with above-average temperatures expected to stay until June. Forecasters say the UK will see the hottest day of the year on Thursday as temperatures reach 25C (77F) in southwest England.

High lead and nickel levels found in school vapes

An investigation has found vapes confiscated from school pupils contain high levels of lead, nickel and chromium. The results showed children using them could be inhaling more than twice the daily safe amount of lead, and nine times the safe amount of nickel.

NHS dentist numbers at lowest level in a decade

Figures show the number of active NHS dentists in England is at its lowest level in a decade. The British Dental Association is warning of an exodus in dentists from the NHS, as it published figures showing the workforce has been reduced to a level not seen since 2012/13.

Junior doctors in England announce new three-day strike

Junior doctors in England have announced a new three-day strike in June. It comes after the latest round of government pay talks broke down. The strike will take place between 7am on Wednesday 14 June and 7am on Saturday 17 June.

Pothole-related breakdowns

Breakdowns caused by potholes have risen by almost a third in the last year, according to figures from the AA. The motoring group helped more than 52,000 people whose vehicles were damaged by potholes in April, around 1,700 a day.

Private cancer check centres

Private health companies will reportedly run cancer check centres for NHS patients in an attempt to reduce backlogs. The Prime Minister is expected to announce the expansion of patient choice on Thursday, with the NHS app reportedly allowing people to choose where they are treated, including in private hospitals.

UK not heading for recession

The UK is no longer predicted to fall into recession this year, but tax cuts could still fuel inflation and result in a long period of high interest rates, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF now forecast the country's gross domestic product to grow by 0.4 per cent this year, up from its April estimate of a 0.3 per cent contraction.

Ofgem energy price cap cut expected to revive switching of suppliers

Competitively priced fixed energy deals are due to return to the market in light of the fall in the energy price cap. Consumer affairs organisation Uswitch had expected deals to return in the coming weeks but are not expecting a "deluge".

Congestion on UK roads expected over weekend

The highest levels of congestion on UK roads since 2019 is expected this weekend according to the RAC, with traffic likely to peak on Friday afternoon when leisure trips and commuting coincide. The UK is due to experience warm weather as the bank holiday break coincides with the half term holidays.

GPs urged to trial experimental drugs on patients

Patients should be given experimental drugs by their GPs to speed up access to new medicine, a new government commissioned report has found. The report calls for a raft of reforms which include financial incentives for GPs who carry out community drugs and treatments trials on their patients at local surgeries or in their own homes.

3) Crime Report 15th to 21st May 2023

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/88419/23
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	17/05/2023 08:34
Committed Date (From)	16/05/2023 19:00
Street partial postcode	STEYNING AVENUE SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS BLUE FORD FIESTA, INDEX RO15EYC, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/89048/23
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time	18/05/2023 08:21
Committed Date (From)	18/05/2023 08:20
Street partial postcode	SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SS2 4

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS DAMAGED VICTIMS FORD BY PUNCHING THE WINDOW.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/87174/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 15/05/2023 23:58
Committed Date (From) 15/05/2023 23:50
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT KNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO FURNITURE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/87593/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 12/05/2023 16:06
Committed Date (From) 28/04/2023
Street partial postcode **WOODGRANGE DRIVE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS DAMAGED SOLAR POWER INVERTER.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/87900/23
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 16/05/2023 08:37
Committed Date (From) 15/05/2023 23:59
Street partial postcode **BRUNSWICK ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED VICTIMS RED FORD FIESTA, INDEX EK66AOR, BY MEANS UNKNOWN AND WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/88196/23
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 16/05/2023 19:12
Committed Date (From) 15/05/2023 23:00
Street partial postcode **BURGES TERRACE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED VICTIMS CAR AND STOLEN APPROXIMATELY 300GBP WORTH OF ITEMS BY MEANS UNKNOWN. NO CCTV AND NO WITNESSES KNOWN.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/89260/23
Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time 18/05/2023 14:28
Committed Date (From) 17/05/2023 11:00

Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE THROWN THE VICTIM TO THE FLOOR AND HELD A KNIFE TO HIM, DURING THIS THEY HAVE STOLEN A SUM OF MONEY.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/88364/23
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5,000)
 Reported Date and Time 12/05/2023 22:35
 Committed Date (From) 12/05/2023 22:35
 Street partial postcode **SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BROKEN TWO WINDOWS AT THE LOCATION.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/88513/23
 Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)
 Reported Date and Time 17/05/2023 07:21
 Committed Date (From) 16/05/2023 18:30
 Street partial postcode **GUNFLEET SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY AND LOCKED THE DOORS AND TAKEN THE VICTIMS KEYS.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 26th May 2023

Application Number: 23/00711/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Outbuilding to rear (Lawful development certificate - proposed)
35 Dungannon Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00754/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Enlarge dormer to side and install new dormer to other side to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect single storey rear/side extension and porch to front with projecting canopy
40 Acacia Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00780/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Erect single storey side extension
43 Lifstan Way Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/00789/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: James Benn

Ground floor rear extension flat roof with sky light, remove existing conservatory
(Lawful development certificate - proposed)
145 St James Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/00741/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley Date Valid: 3 May 2023 Area: BORO Application Details:
Erect single storey rear extension
33 Thorpedene Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

Application Number: 23/00779/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect two storey side extension, porch to front and single storey rear extension s:
120 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay 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: 23/00817/TEL **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
Remove 3No. antennas and shroud, 1No. cabinet, 1No. meter pillar and install 20m street furniture style mast incorporating 6No. antennas, and all ancillary development
Highways Verge Eastern Avenue Southend-on-sea

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 21st May 2023

APPLN. NO: 23/00212/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: James Benn
DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE, ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY FRONT EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL SOLAR PANELS TO SIDE AND REAR ROOF SLOPES AND ALTER ELEVATIONS
45 DAINES WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00292/CLE **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
CHILDMINDING SERVICE WITHIN FAMILY DWELLINGHOUSE (USE CLASS C3) (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT - EXISTING)
23 DAINES WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 23/00423/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT, SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS
327 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00239/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE, ERECT NEW TWO STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE WITH ASSOCIATED AMENITY SPACE, PARKING AND BIN STORE GARAGES
AT THE REAR OF 11 - 12 NORTHUMBERLAND CRESCENT SOUTHEND-ONSEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00246/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ALTER ROOF OF MAIN DWELLING, ERECT DOUBLE GARAGE AND ENTRANCE PORCH TO FRONT
60 WYATTS DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00352/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMER TO REAR, SOLAR PANELS TO SIDE OF ROOF SLOPE, ROOF TERRACE AND JULIET BALCONY TO REAR AND ALTER ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

27 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00498/AD

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 03 (DETAILS OF MATERIALS) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 22/01367/FUL DATED 18.01.2023

97-99 AND 101 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00499/AD

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 04 (DETAILS OF HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 22/01367/FUL DATED 18.01.2023

97-99 AND 101 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

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