

## E-Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> July 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10.00am to midday**

Please see the above date for our July coffee morning, which will be the last one until September.

Come and join us for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits. We will be bringing stretchy keychains to keep your purses safe as well as other personal safety devices.

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

#### **Commencement of Groyne Work at Thorpe Bay (6th & 7th July 2023)**

The groyne work has commenced by the groynes closest to St Augustine's Avenue in the vicinity of Hut 186 and there is still work to be done working around the tides.

# Fun Family Afternoon

in aid of Rolda  
Rescuing & feeding Ukrainian dogs, cats & other animals

Sunday 13th August 2023  
11.30am – 3.30pm

Admission  
is FREE

Come along and enjoy:-

Racing pigs (not real ones!)

Hook a Duck

Tombolas, raffles & other games

Plant, bric a brac & clothing stalls

Face-Painting

Colouring Competition

Teas, coffee & cream teas & cakes

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## **Annual household canvass**

This year's annual household canvass begins on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Emails and letters will be going out to residents and households from this date. Canvass emails will be sent from [electoral@southend.gov.uk](mailto:electoral@southend.gov.uk)

The annual household canvass is a statutory registration exercise that supports the maintenance of the register of electors. Following the conclusion of the canvass in November, the register of electors is re-sequenced and published on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Construction partner announced for multi-million pound upgrade to Cliffs Pavilion - A resident event is being held on Monday 17 July at 7pm in the Maritime Room**

- Venue will remain open throughout the planned renovation
- Upgrade will secure future of Cliffs Pavilion as one of the top ten regional theatres
- Work set to commence in January 2024 subject to planning permission
- Resident event taking place on Monday 17 July at 7pm

Willmott Dixon has been announced as the council's construction partner for the proposed major upgrade of the Cliffs Pavilion.

This follows a procurement process, with the City Council entering into a pre-construction agreement with the national construction and property services company.

Willmott Dixon will do all design development, a pre-construction health and safety plan and a construction methodology and programme including phasing. It is also intended to enter into a full contract with Willmott Dixon subject to planning approval, an agreed cost plan and agreed works programme that enables the Cliffs Pavilion to stay open for performances throughout the works. Upgrades to the Cliffs Pavilion Theatre will help secure the long-term future of the theatre, which is owned by the council and operated by Trafalgar Theatres (for Trafalgar Entertainment) and will ensure the venue's position as one of the top ten regional theatres in the country.

Over £8m is set to be invested into the theatre, which will see the major expansion of the restaurant, a new entrance and lobby to improve the customer experience, upgraded ventilation, a new outdoor piazza and several other improvements to the bars, toilets, lifts and other areas.

The theatre will remain open throughout the works, which are expected to take place from January 2024, with several major shows already booked in for that year including SIX The Musical, The Full Monty, I Should Be So Lucky, Pretty Woman The Musical, Diversity, Professor Brian Cox and Romesh Ranganathan.

£5.5m of the project is being funded through Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund announced by Government on 27 October 2021, with additional investment from the City Council and Trafalgar Entertainment.

A revised planning application is required, after previous proposals were deemed unviable due to rising construction and labour costs linked to rising inflation and energy costs. This will be submitted shortly. **A resident event is also being held on Monday 17 July at 7pm in the Maritime Room** where residents and businesses will be able to view the new plans for the project and speak to the design team.

The Cliffs Pavilion and The Palace Theatre are both council-owned assets and more than 500,000 people enjoy shows at the venues, as part of the current contract with Trafalgar Theatres, which runs until 2036. The last major renovation to the Cliffs Pavilion was in 1992 when the balcony was installed.

### **Fraudsters exploit easyJet customers affected by cancellations**

Customers affected by easyJet's latest flight cancellations are being bombarded on Twitter by fake customer service accounts. Although some of the accounts have been shut down, five were found that are still active.

Some of these accounts included dodgy links to an 'online help hub' in their bio. These lead to phishing websites where scammers try to obtain your personal information.

### **Taylor Swift ticket scams**

Taylor Swift's 2024 UK tour is set to go on sale, and scammers will be looking to take advantage of fans who miss out on tickets.

If you don't get tickets in the general sale, you may be tempted to turn to resellers. However, fraudsters can create fake websites and images to deceive buyers into thinking they're purchasing legitimate tickets.

Did you know that in 2022, £6.7m was lost to ticket fraud? Be cautious of potential ticket scams when purchasing event tickets online.

### **Thanks for binning your rubbish, babes**

Veolia and Southend-on-Sea City Council have joined forces to tackle the issue of litter on the seafront with their newly launched "Just Bin It" campaign.

The campaign promotes a cleaner and more environmentally friendly Southend-on-Sea with talking bins and glow-in-the-dark signs.

The Veolia-funded Big Belly bins will be at prime seafront locations all summer and are equipped with smart technology, allowing them to compact waste and provide live information on how full they are. Best of all, they celebrate every time someone uses them by playing music, from Funk to Drum and Bass!

Glow-in-the-dark stickers featuring positive playful slogans such as "Thanks for binning your rubbish, babes" have also been placed on other bins along the seafront, particularly in high footfall areas such as Marine Parade and Western Esplanade. The neon stickers will help people find the bins after dark and remind them to dispose of their rubbish appropriately.

Elsewhere, bins will have new signs, reminding visitors to take their rubbish home with them in the event that the bin is already full. These signs feature a QR code so people can report a full bin on the Council's My Southend portal.

The “neon” design approach, eye-catching posters and banners along the seafront are targeting both tourists and locals alike. Local traders are encouraged to participate in the campaign too by displaying posters and promoting the importance of keeping the seafront clean for everyone to enjoy.

Keep an eye out for fun anti-litter memes and informative content across social media encouraging the public to share their commitment to a cleaner Southend-on-Sea through their own posts using the hashtag #JustBinIt.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Driving fines**

Nearly 40 councils are set to be given new legal powers next month which will allow them to impose fines on drivers who commit offences like entering yellow box junctions or driving through ‘no entry signs’. The RAC has called on drivers to be on their guard to avoid the fines. An LGA spokesperson said: “Councils have been calling for powers to make our roads safer and less congested for all road users. Powers to enforce against moving traffic offences, such as banned turns, weight restricted roads and yellow box junctions will help to keep local roads moving and make our air cleaner.”

### **Mortgage payments to rise**

Mortgage payments will rise by at least £500 a month for nearly one million households by the end of 2026, according to the Bank of England. In a report, the Bank said mortgage holders "may struggle with repayments" on loans.

### **Households struggling with bills**

A survey by Which? found an estimated 1.3 million households in the UK have defaulted on or failed to pay for an essential bill in a single month due to struggles with living costs. They found that 60 per cent of those who could not afford a household bill such as energy, water or council tax had defaulted on more than one payment in the month.

### **Teacher strikes**

Teacher strikes could hit schools in England again, after a second education union voted to walk out over pay. Teaching unions in England want an above-inflation pay rise that is funded by the Government rather than coming out of schools' existing budgets.

### **Government makes public sector pay offer**

More than one million public sector workers, including teachers, police and doctors, have been offered pay rises of between 5 per cent and 7 per cent. Four education unions said the deal would allow them to end their dispute and will be recommending their members to accept the offer.

**3) Crime Report 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/119861/23  
 Offence Description Attempted - Robbery (of Personal Property)  
 Reported Date and Time 19/06/2023 16:29  
 Committed Date (From) 19/06/2023  
 Street partial postcode **WHITTINGHAM AVENUE SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE THE VICTIMS BAG AND A  
 SPEAKER AND ASSUALTED THE VICTIM. SUSPECT - WHITE FEMALE AGED  
 ABOUT 15, WEARING A BLACK CROP TOP AND SHORTS, NO SHOES,  
 PURPLE/RED HAIR. SHE LEFT WITH A MALE WHO WAS ON A BIKE.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/120489/23  
 Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)  
 Reported Date and Time 06/07/2023 17:56  
 Committed Date (From) 06/07/2023 14:15  
 Street partial postcode **APPLEDORE SS3 8**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED FORCED ENTRY TO PROPERTY, REMOVING  
 ITEMS. STOLEN -GOLD BANGLE : STOLEN -GOLD JEWEL / STONE : STOLEN -  
 GOLD CHAIN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/121200/23  
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
 Reported Date and Time 07/07/2023 21:21  
 Committed Date (From) 07/07/2023 21:21  
 Street partial postcode **BLYTH AVENUE SS3 9**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN SMASHED TWO WINDOW PANES TO VEHICLE.

**4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Application Number: 23/00960/FULH  
 Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
 Erect single storey rear extension (amended proposal)  
**15 Thurston Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex**

**Ward: Southchurch**

Application Number: 23/01010/FULH  
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty

**Ward: Southchurch**

Erect single storey side/rear extension and first floor side extension, erect porch to front, extend garage to front and convert rear part of garage into habitable accommodation

**184 Barnstaple Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/00978/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: James Benn

Raise ridge height and form roof extension to rear with juliette balcony and dormers to sides and rear, erect part single/part two storey rear extension

**37 Warwick Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/00979/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect two storey rear extension

**345 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/00991/CLP

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: James Benn

Construction of infill side extension and partial garage conversion (certificate of lawful development - proposed)

**28 Wyatts Drive Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01019/FULH

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey rear/side extension, two storey front extension to form bay windows, porch canopy to front and alterations to elevations

**36 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01044/NON

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Replace plan numbers 2209 L 202 and 2209 L 204 with 2209 L 302 and 2209 I 304 - replace existing garage door with aluminium-framed window (Non-material amendment to planning permission 22/01420/FULH dated 14/10/2022)

**524 Woodgrange Drive Southend-on-sea Essex**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/00605/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

ERECT PART TWO STOREY, PART FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION WITH PITCHED ROOF, CONVERT PART OF INTEGRAL GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS

**40 DUNGANNON CHASE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00780/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION  
**43 LIFSTAN WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00677/FULH  
Officer: James Benn

**Ward. West Shoebury**

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION  
**190 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00687/FUL  
Officer: Hayley Thompson

**Ward. West Shoebury**

ERECT TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLINGHOUSE WITH BASEMENT AND ASSOCIATED AMENITY SPACE, FORM VEHICLE CROSSOVER AND LAY OUT PARKING TO FRONT (AMENDED PROPOSAL)  
**LAND ADJACENT 242 DELAWARE ROAD SHOEBURYNESSE**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00800/FULH  
Officer: Kara Elliott

**Ward. West Shoebury**

RAISE HEIGHT OF EXISTING ATTACHED GARAGE AND PARTIALLY CONVERT TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS.  
**92 BISHOPSTEIGNTON SHOEBURYNESSE ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00819/NON  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty

**Ward. West Shoebury**

REPLACE PLAN NUMBERS 1402 PA23\_REVA, 1402 PA25\_REVB, 1402 PA26\_REVA, 1402 PA27\_REVB, 1402 PA28\_REVB, 1402 PA30\_REVA WITH 1402 PA23 REV B, 1402 PA25 REV C, 1402 PA26 REV B, 1402 PA27 REV C, 1402 PA28 REV C, 1402 PA30 REV B - ALTERATIONS TO SECOND FLOOR IS SLIGHTLY ENLARGED TO EAST, WEST & SOUTH SIDES (TO FRONT AND 2 SIDE ELEVATIONS) - ONLY EXTERNAL WALLS HAVE SHIFTED - HEIGHT REMAINS THE SAME. (NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 17/01245/FUL DATED 01/02/2018)  
**14 LODWICK SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
Decision: Refuse Non Material Amendment

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