

# E-Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## **1) Information Corner**

### **Celebrate 20 years since the discovery of the Prittlewell Prince with Southend Museum**

Amazing activities are planned to celebrate Anglo-Saxon Weekend and the 20th anniversary of the discovery of the Prittlewell Prince.

Experienced re-enactors, supported by staff from Southend Museums, will spend the weekend of Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August recreating Anglo-Saxon life with a living history camp at Prittlewell Priory.

Between 11am and 4pm, children aged three to 14, can do arts, crafts and take part in mini archaeological excavations

It's all part of the 20th anniversary of the discovery of the Prince, which was hailed as Britain's Tutankhamun. There is the opportunity to attend some informal drop-in sessions covering various themes such as 'who was the Prittlewell Prince?' and 'Was the Prittlewell Prince a Pagan or a Christian?'

There is also a market happening in the refectory of Prittlewell Priory, with maker's and artisan's from across Essex, showing their work over the weekend.

Tickets for the event are £8 per adult and £6.50 per child, aged three to 14. Get your tickets for the event and find out more on the Eventbrite website.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Last entry to the site will be at 3pm. For more information, please visit the Southend Museums website.



## Meet SCC's Community Safety ASB Caseworker

Mhairi has been with SCC for 18 months. Having previously worked at Essex Police Control Room as a Communications Officer for 6.5 years she has a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Mhairi's typical day includes responding to initial reports of Anti-Social Behaviour and progressing the investigation to a satisfactory resolution. Reviewing evidence of reported ASB, keeping complainants updated on the progress of their case, liaising with other agencies such as Police, Social Care and MH services. Working alongside Community Safety Officers to request patrols in hotspot areas or in response to open investigations.

Mhairi finds her biggest challenge to be the summer months. This means a significant rise in demand upon the community safety unit, and what feels like not enough hours in the day to take action.

When asked what she enjoys most about her role she stated it was helping people to feel happier and safer in their homes and communities and supporting victims in seeing their case through to an effective outcome.

If you wish to report any issues of anti-social behaviour this can be reported via My Southend or by phone at 01702 215000.



## ASB what does it mean to you?

ASB is a term we hear used widely but often, do we actually know what it means, and also are we affected by it.

Firstly, ASB stands for Anti Social Behaviour, and is defined by behaviour that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person.

The Community Safety Unit deals with complaints of Anti Social Behaviour and you can find out more from our ASB Caseworker (detailed above) and also by looking on our website Anti-social Behaviour – Southend Community Safety Partnership ([southendcsp.org.uk](http://southendcsp.org.uk))

## Free parking after 6pm has now officially returned to the popular seafront area.

Signage has been amended to reflect the changes in zone 1A with charges now only applicable from 8am to 6pm, rather than the previous 8am to 9pm. This brings the hours of charging in zone 1A back in line with the other parking zones across the City. The council's website has also been updated to reflect these changes.

Any subsequent reduction in revenue will be offset by the creation of up to 448 additional car parking spaces along the seafront. This has the potential to generate over £0.5m in additional annual parking income.

Customers using council car parks can also take advantage of the Southend Pass, which can be used for up to three hours in each zone, per day. Visit the 'Car park and on-street parking charges' page on our website for full details of all our car parking zones and updated charges as well as other parks that currently free to park.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Potholes make UK roads the 'worst in Europe', say drivers**

New research by RAC Europe has found three-quarters of drivers think Britain's roads are worse than those in mainland Europe. As many as 72 per cent of motorists with experience driving on the continent believe UK roads are inferior, it found.

### **London mayor hails 'landmark' Ulez expansion ruling**

The expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (Ulez) across London is able to go ahead after the High Court ruled it lawful. Five Conservative-led councils had challenged the Labour mayor of London's proposals to charge older, more polluting vehicles £12.50 a day from 29 August.

### **Government to consider limiting powers to councils to impose 20mph zones**

The Government is considering reviewing councils' powers to impose 20mph zones in some areas, it has been reported. The review comes as part of a wider look at councils' powers to impose traffic calming measures in their local areas.

### **Swimmers avoid water due to sewage concerns**

Around a quarter of regular swimmers may not enter the sea this year due to sewage concerns, a poll by Savanta has suggested. 30 per cent said they typically went sea swimming during the summer, and of these 23 per cent said they would not this year because of sewage fears.

### **Missed bill payments back to winter levels**

The number of people missing payments on essential household bills such as energy, phone and water is as high as it was over the winter, according to consumer group Which?. Even though prices have fallen back slightly, about 2.4 million households missed at least one bill payment in the month to mid-July and 770,000 failed to make mortgage or rent payments, according to its monthly online poll.

### **Presume all cold calls are scams, public told**

The public are to be told to assume any cold calls for investment schemes or other financial products are scams under a new government campaign against fraud. Ministers are to consult on plans to introduce a ban on cold call sales of products including mortgages, crypto currency schemes and insurance following evidence that millions of people are targeted by scammers each week.

### **Ulez expansion faces Home Counties council rebellion**

Six out of seven councils bordering London have refused to install Ultra Low Emission Zone (Ulez) warning signs ahead of its expansion. The councils – Surrey County Council, Kent County Council, Essex County Council, Hertfordshire Council, Buckinghamshire Council and Thurrock Council – have been vocal about the

negative impact that the Ulez expansion will have on constituents who rely on London for work and business.

## **Interest rates to remain high until 2026**

The Bank of England has signalled that interest rates could remain above 5 per cent until 2026. Policymakers voted 6-3 to raise interest rates by 0.25 percentage points to a 15-year high of 5.25 per cent but warned that rises would still be needed to bring down high levels of inflation.

## **Government urge regulator to ensure exams go back to normal**

Exam results in England must return to normal, the schools minister has urged. Nick Gibb MP said there was an "expectation" that exam aids used this summer in some GCSE subjects, to acknowledge the disruption caused by the pandemic and, since February, the teachers' strikes, will not be offered next year.

### **3) Crime Report 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/131941/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 24/07/2023 13:58  
Committed Date (From) 23/07/2023 12:00  
Street partial postcode **ARCHER AVENUE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS MOTORHOME A PEUGEOT BOXER VRM, SN12FAM, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/134261/23  
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
Reported Date and Time 20/07/2023 17:29  
Committed Date (From) 20/07/2023 17:20  
Street partial postcode **GARON PARK SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BEEN RUNNING AROUND THE GOLF COURSE SHOUTING AND THEN STOLEN A FLAG.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/135703/23  
Offence Description ASB - Nuisance  
Reported Date and Time 20/07/2023 17:45  
Committed Date (From) 20/07/2023 17:45  
Street partial postcode **SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE BEEN CAUSING A NUISANCE BY KICKING A BALL AGAINST THE WALLS AND KICKING THE DOORS OF THE UTILITY ROOM.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/132421/23  
Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community  
Reported Date and Time 20/07/2023 07:27  
Committed Date (From) 19/07/2023  
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT HAS BROKEN INTO VICTIMS CAFE AND STOLEN 700GBP WORTH OF CASH AND PAYMENT ITEMS.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/134600/23  
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
Reported Date and Time 28/07/2023 17:15  
Committed Date (From) 26/07/2023 16:00  
Street partial postcode **HUNTINGDON ROAD SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
VICTIM REPORTING THAT SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN HIS RING DOORBELL GBP 100.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/134679/23  
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere  
Reported Date and Time 28/07/2023 20:29  
Committed Date (From) 14/07/2023  
Street partial postcode **THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ATTENDED THE HOTEL NUMEROUS TIMES OVER THE LAST 2 WEEKS AND HAS TAKEN NUMEROUS TOILETRY ITEMS.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/135199/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date and Time 29/07/2023 15:03  
Committed Date (From) 29/07/2023 12:30  
Street partial postcode **ACACIA DRIVE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE DAMAGED THE ROOF OF THE VICTIMS HOUSE.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/134403/23  
Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)  
Reported Date and Time 28/07/2023 10:56  
Committed Date (From) 28/07/2023 10:50  
Street partial postcode **ELM ROAD SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS THREATENED THE VICTIM WITH A FLICK KNIFE BY WAVING IT AT HIM, THEN ASSAULTED HIM BY HITTING HIM IN THE HEAD

AND PUSHING HIM INTO THE LAKE. SUSPECT HAS THEN REMOVED THE VICTIMS PROPERTY PERMANENTLY DEPRIVING HIM OF IT.

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

Application Number: 23/01169/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
Erect single storey rear extension  
**27 Vaughan Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/01181/FUL **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Abbie Greenwood  
Change of use and convert existing retail unit, office space and ancillary workshop at rear into one commercial unit to front part of ground floor, four self-contained flats on ground and first floor levels, one mews house at rear, erect two storey rear extension and alterations to elevations  
**771 - 773 Southchurch Road Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/01178/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Hip to gable roof extension to rear with dormer to side to form habitable accommodation in roof, erect single storey side and rear extension, install rooflights and layout patio to rear (Amended Proposal)  
**47 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 23/01273/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
Outbuilding to rear (Lawful development certificate - proposed)  
**35 Dungannon Drive Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01174/AMDT **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
Application to vary condition 02 (Approved Plans)-replace plan numbers 1402 PA23\_REV A, 1402 PA25\_REV B, 1402 PA26\_REV A, 1402 PA27\_REV B, 1402 PA28\_REV B, 1402 PA30\_REV A 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 to side elevations) - only external walls have been shifted - height remains the same (Minor Material Amendment of Planning Permission 20/01884/AMDT dated 13/01/2021)  
**14 Lodwick Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/00201/AD **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 04  
(DETAILS OF CLADDING) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 16/02021/FULH DATED  
17.01.2017  
**107 BURLESCOOMBE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00922/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL REPLACEMENT  
WINDOW TO SIDE ELEVATION, WINDOW TO FRONT AND ALTERATIONS TO  
ELEVATIONS  
**115 BARNSTAPLE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00887/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
ERECT TWO STOREY EXTENSION WITH PITCHED ROOF TO FRONT, INSTALL  
ROOFLIGHTS TO REAR, ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH  
ROOF TERRACE AND GLASS BALUSTRADE, ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS  
AND ERECT BOUNDARY WALL WITH SLIDING GATES TO FRONT  
**168 BURGESS ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00901/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Scott Davison  
RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT AND CONVERT LOFT INTO HABITABLE  
ACCOMMODATION, ERECT FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSIONS WITH  
GABLES, PART SINGLE / PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH  
BALCONY AT FIRST FLOOR LEVEL AND JULIET BALCONY AT SECOND FLOOR  
LEVEL, CONVERT PART OF GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION  
AND ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)  
**526 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00712/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**  
Officer: James Benn  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION AND PART CONVERT  
GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND LAYOUT HARDSTANDING  
TO FRONT  
**17 LODWICK SHOEBURYNESSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00779/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**  
Officer: Jennifer Doherty

ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, PORCH TO FRONT AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

**120 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01235/ROT

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: James Benn

INSTALL 10M LIGHT WOODEN POLE S/O 2 WATSON CLOSE

**FOOTPATH OUTSIDE 2 WATSON CLOSE SHOEBURYNESS**

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

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