

E-Newsletter – 1st September 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 21st September 2023 at 10.00am to midday**

Please 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.

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

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THORPE BAY

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

***FLOWER AND
HOMECRAFT SHOW***

AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HALL

JOHNSTONE ROAD THORPE BAY

SATURDAY: 9th SEPTEMBER

AT 2.15pm

Admission £1 Members free



Leigh Cliffs ecological work moves a step closer to completion

Ecological work to safely move a badger sett located at Leigh Cliffs has progressed after the council were granted the necessary permit by Natural England earlier this month.

The permit means that officers were allowed to enter the site at Leigh Cliffs to cut the vegetation and allow ecologists, who are arriving next week, to lay mesh and install gates in preparation for encouraging the badgers to move safely on.

This latest work is a big step forward in order to allow the reconstruction of Cliff Parade to continue as soon as possible. Until the badgers have moved on, the council cannot carry out the necessary repairs to the road and pavement because the area is on top of the badger sett.

ULEZ scams: drivers targeted by dodgy websites

London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) has expanded, with drivers across the capital – and those visiting – facing a daily charge of £12.50 if their car doesn't meet the required emissions standards.

A member of the public approached Which? after inadvertently paying a dodgy company that appeared as 'Ulezpayservice' on their bank statement, rather than the official TfL website. Their bank later informed them that this retailer had set up a continuous payment authority (allowing them to take recurring payments) that has since been cancelled.

Scamwatch: dodgy driving licence posts on Facebook

Which? investigation found multiple Facebook pages and groups with names, including 'Buy legit UK drivers licence' and 'Full registered UK driver's licence', offering 'official' documents without the inconvenience of having to pass an exam.

The DVLA confirms that these posts are generally phishing scams aimed at getting victims' payment and personal details.

Please be aware.

DfE tells special school to close immediately due to risk of crumbling concrete

A special school in Southend-on-Sea has been ordered by the Department for Education (DfE) to close its main building with immediate effect following concerns about crumbling concrete.

The order means that the Kingsdown School is unable to access the vital equipment they need to run the school safely and effectively and therefore will be unable to open next week for the new academic year.

Staff at Kingsdown School have been telephoning parents urgently to inform them of this.

It is due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete or RAAC, which was used in building construction between the mid-1950's and mid-1990's. A safety

warning for RAAC was issued in 2018 after the roof of a Kent school collapsed with no warning, luckily on a weekend so no one was injured.

RAAC inspections have been carried out at all UK schools since March 2023 and Kingsdown was identified as having RAAC within its main building and was being monitored.

However, over the summer the DfE became aware that RAAC can fail without warning and have changed their policy. All buildings which contain RAAC must now be taken out of use until mitigations are put in place to make the buildings safe. Kingsdown School was told to close its main building by DfE on Thursday (30 August).

The council has been working with the school and DfE to discuss and develop contingency plans to help parent carers and the families of the children, all who have complex needs.

Kingsdown isn't the only school affected by RAAC, with up to 150 schools affected nationwide.

For more information about RAAC visit the Department for Education website.

If you are a parent carer of Kingsdown School, you will be contacted and kept up-to-date as the situation progresses.

Men's Tour is one week away – as times of road closures are revealed

The City of Southend-on-Sea prepares to welcome the world's elite cyclists as they get set to race in stage six of the Tour of Britain 2023.

The tour will see world champion cyclists race through the streets of Southend on their way to Harlow, as part of the prestigious competition.

This means some roads will be restricted or temporarily closed, to accommodate the race and others will form part of a rolling roadblock and closed for a short period of time to allow the cyclists to safely pass through.

The race will start between Robertos and The Three Shells on Western Esplanade at 11.45am and weave through areas of Southend-on-Sea, Rochford, South Woodham Ferrers, Burnham-on-Crouch and Ingatestone before finishing at about 3.30pm in Harlow.

Parking restrictions will be put in place the evening before the race on Thursday 7 September. Then from 4.45am the start area in Marine Parade and Western Esplanade will be closed to traffic as the start crew and facilities begin to arrive on site.

The roads affected by roadblocks for the start of the race include:

Marine Parade

Western Esplanade
Eastern Esplanade
Thorpe Esplanade
Ness Road
North Shoebury Road
Poynters Lane

The traffic will be affected for approx. 30 minutes as the race passes through these roads between 11.45am and 12 midday.

To find out more about the race, visit the council website.

2) National Corner

COVID-19 vaccinations brought forward

The rollout of flu and COVID-19 vaccines in the UK has been brought forward after the emergence of a new variant. NHS officials have indicated the BA.2.86 is the most concerning since the arrival of Omicron.

Nitrous oxide ban could harm users

The proposed ban of nitrous oxide could stop users seeking medical help in hospitals, health experts have warned. In a letter to the Government, 15 neurologists and related health experts say possession of the drug should not be criminalised.

COVID-19 hospital admissions in England reach three-month high

The number of people admitted to hospital with COVID-19 in England has reached its highest rate in three months. There were 3.4 admissions per 100,000 people in the week leading up to 27 August, which remained unchanged from the previous seven days and marked the highest rate since mid-May, according to the UK Health Security Agency.

Junior doctors and consultants to strike together in England

Junior doctors and consultants in England are to coincide strikes during the autumn in an escalation of the pay row with the Government. It will be the first time in this dispute they have walked out together and comes after junior doctors voted in favour of continuing with strikes.

Households to be paid to cut electricity use for second winter

National Grid will pay British households and businesses to cut their power consumption during peak hours this winter for the second year running to help reduce the strain on the network and reduce the risk of blackouts. The company introduced the voluntary scheme, known as the demand flexibility service, last winter to address concerns that Britain could face power shortages.

Rail strikes underway ahead of weekend disruption

Large parts of the country will have no train services today as the latest major strike action takes place. Members of Aslef, the train drivers' union, who work at more than a dozen train companies have walked out and will refuse overtime on Saturday,

while up to 20,000 RMT union members at 14 operators will also strike on Saturday in a long-running dispute.

3) Crime Report 21st to 27th August 2023

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/151379/23
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
 Reported Date and Time 24/08/2023 23:00
 Committed Date (From) 24/08/2023 21:00
 Street partial postcode **ATHENA CLOSE SS2 4**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS MERCEDES 220 INDEX GY17 VGK.

Ward **Southchurch**
 Crime Reference Number 42/151426/23
 Offence Description Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
 Reported Date and Time 21/08/2023 10:52
 Committed Date (From) 21/08/2023
 Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH ROAD**
 Offence Details (MO)
 VICTIM IN A DELIVERY RIDER AND WAS COLLECTING AN ORDER FROM GREGGS, BETWEEN 09:40-10:00, ON EXITING HE FOUND HIS RED TREK MOUNTAIN BIKE WAS MISSING. THE BIKE WAS FITTED WITH A TRACKER AND AROUND 13:20 THE BIKE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE FRONT GARDEN OF AN ADDRESS ON WOODGRANGE DRIVE, THE VICTIM HAS RECOVERED HIS BIKE.

Ward **Thorpe**
 Crime Reference Number 42/153209/23
 Offence Description Theft from the person of another
 Reported Date and Time 24/08/2023 01:03
 Committed Date (From) 22/08/2023 15:30
 Street partial postcode **STATION ROAD SS1 3**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT APPROACHED VICTIM AND ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE BEFORE STEALING HIS PHONE FROM HIS BAG AFTER HE WAS HELPING HER WALK.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/148891/23
 Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
 Reported Date and Time 21/08/2023 11:58
 Committed Date (From) 18/08/2023 17:00
 Street partial postcode **TOWERFIELD ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE YARD AND TO A CONTAINER WITHIN THE YARD CAUSING DAMAGE.

Ward **West Shoebury**
 Crime Reference Number 42/148991/23
 Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
 Reported Date and Time 20/08/2023 19:37
 Committed Date (From) 20/08/2023 19:17
 Street partial postcode **TOWERFIELD ROAD SS3 9**
 Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN PUMPKINS FROM THE VICTIMS ALLOTMENT.

4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 1st September 2023

Application Number: 23/01328/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Erect single storey side/rear extension
90 Shoebury Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/01388/CLP **Ward: Southchurch**
 Officer: Jennifer Doherty
 Single storey side extension (Lawful development certificate - proposed)
45 Steyning Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/01310/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: James Benn
 Erect single storey rear/side extension
105 Shaftesbury Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/01318/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Kara Elliott
 Raise ridge height, extend roof to front and side and install dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect part single/part two storey rear/side extension with balcony to first floor rear, form canopy over front porch and alter elevations
33 Lynton Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/01319/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Kara Elliott
 Erect part single/part two storey rear/side extension with balcony to first floor rear, form canopy over front porch and alter elevations
33 Lynton Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/01323/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
 Officer: Scott Davison
 Hip to gable roof extensions to front and rear and dormer to front to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect part single/part two storey rear extension and two storey front extension, form balconies to first and second storey front, alter front fenestration and alter elevations
65 Thorpe Bay Gardens Thorpe Bay Essex

5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 27th August 2023

APPLN. NO: 23/01121/CLE **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
USE DWELLINGHOUSE (CLASS C3) TO PROVIDE CHILDMINDING SERVICES (FOR A MAXIMUM OF 6 CHILDREN)(LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-EXISTING)
23 DAINES WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Existing)

APPLN. NO: 23/00978/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT AND FORM ROOF EXTENSION WITH A ROOF TERRACE TO REAR WITH DORMERS TO SIDES AND REAR, ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO THE ELEVATIONS
37 WARWICK ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01089/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
ERECT FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION WITH JULIET BALCONY TO REAR, ALTER ROOF TO FORM PITCHED ROOF TO FRONT, REPLACE PORCH TO FRONT AND ALTERATIONS TO FRONT AND REAR ELEVATIONS, INSTALL SOLAR PANELS TO REAR, FORM NEW PITCHED ROOF TO EXISTING GARAGE TO REAR (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
518 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01238/TEL **Ward. Thorpe**
Officer: Oliver Hart
INSTALL 15M HIGH SLIM LINE PHASE 9 MONOPOLE C/W WRAPAROUND CABINET AT BASE AND 3 ADDITIONAL ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY WORKS FOOTPATH OPPOSITE
68 NORTHUMBERLAND CRESCENT SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Decision: Prior Approval Is Required/Refuse

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