

E-Newsletter – 8th 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.

Government to ban Zombie style knives

The Government has this week introduced a new ban on zombie style knives and machetes that have no practical use and will give police more powers to seize knives in a bid to crack down on serious violence.

The campaign to tackle zombie knives has been supported by a range of partner organisations across Southend, Essex and Thurrock, including Roger Hirst, PFCC and Chair of the Violence & Vulnerability Partnership. New legislation will be introduced in response to the public consultation that was launched in April this year.

This includes:

- Making machetes and knives that are designed to look intimidating and threatening, known as zombie-style knives, illegal.
- Increasing the maximum penalty for the importation, manufacturing, possession and sale of these newly proscribed weapons from six months to two years, as will the maximum penalty for sales to under-18s.
- Police will also be given new powers to seize and destroy knives found on private premises if there are reasonable grounds to believe the blade will be used in a serious crime. Previously, police could not seize knives found during a search on a property, even if they had suspicions of criminal use.

In addition, the Home Office will introduce a new offence for possession of bladed articles with the intention to endanger life or cause fear of violence, and will ask the Sentencing Council to consider amending sentencing guidelines for the possession of bladed articles and offensive weapons so these are treated more seriously than possession of a non-prohibited weapons.

Residents in Essex are encouraged to safely dispose of knives in one of the county's knife bins. There are 15 across Essex which allow weapons to be disposed of safely and anonymously.

Tour of Britain - parking restrictions

The council has hired in a lifter to remove any cars within the suspended roads and the cars will be taken to either Chalkwell Esplanade (dead end) and Thorpe Bay esplanade car park.

On Thursday 7 September there will be a smaller suspended area to allow the event to set up, and the lifter will be used and vehicles placed in Chalkwell Esplanade.

From 11pm on the Thursday 7 September, until midday on Friday 8 September, they will be lifting again for the rest of Western Esplanade (from Pier Hill to the casino) and Ness Road. A civil enforcement officer will record where these cars have been moved to.

For more information, please visit the council website where full details of the road closures, parking suspensions and timings can be found: [Tour of Britain – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

2) National Corner

Electric vehicles' impact on roads

Electric vehicles' bulky high-tech components and battery are on average twice as heavy as standard vehicles, impacting on the condition of local roads, it is reported. A study led by the University of Leeds found the average electric car puts 2.24 times more stress on roads than a similar petrol vehicle and 1.95 more than a diesel. The stress on roads causes greater movement of asphalt, which can lead to small cracks and eventually potholes. The LGA estimates it would take £12 billion and nine years to repair the local roads pothole backlog.

Vape sales crackdown

An undercover sting operation has identified businesses which sold vapes to minors during the summer holiday. The LGA has said 1.3 million vapes are thrown away each week and has called for them to be banned by 2024.

Council staff working remotely

There has been a ten-fold increase in the number of council employees allowed to work from abroad, according to Freedom of Information requests. Councils have granted more than 1,350 requests to work from overseas over the past three years, the figures show.

Covid testing to be scaled up in England

Coronavirus testing and monitoring are set to be scaled up for the winter, as pressures on the health service are expected to rise in the coming months. The UK Health Security Agency has confirmed that it is planning to boost testing and surveillance as winter approaches, following a warning from scientists last month that the UK was nearly "flying blind" when it comes to Covid, because many of the surveillance programmes that were in place at the height of the pandemic have been wound down.

Teachers clean pupils' uniforms amid rise in 'hygiene poverty'

Teachers are taking pupil's uniforms home to clean as increasing numbers of children come to class with unclean clothes and unbrushed teeth, according to a poll of school staff. Nearly three in four (72 per cent) teachers believe there has been an increase in "hygiene poverty" issues in their school in the last year, according to the survey of 500 school staff in the UK.

Highest daily total for migrant crossings this year

More than 800 people were detected crossing the Channel in small boats on Saturday (2nd), the highest number on a single day so far this year. The latest Home Office figures show 872 people arrived in 15 vessels, taking the total to arrive so far this year to 20,973, surpassing the previous highest daily total of 756 on 10 August.

Sewage investigation

Three major water companies - Thames, Wessex and Southern Water – are accused of having illegally discharged sewage hundreds of times last year on days when it was not raining, according to an investigation.

Laughing gas to be illegal by end of year

The Government has announced laughing gas will be categorised as a class C drug and made illegal by the end of the year.

MPs urge wider jab access amid concern over new variant

Ministers are facing urgent calls to consider widening the availability of Covid vaccines amid concerns that a new variant of the virus could put pressure on the NHS and cause more sickness in the workforce this winter. As new data appeared to show the Pirola variant spreading, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Coronavirus called on the Prime Minister to consider extending the booster programme this autumn to more groups, such as people aged 50 to 64, and to help make the Covid jab publicly available to buy privately, like the flu vaccine.

Amazon and eBay liable for sellers' unsafe goods

Amazon and eBay are to be made liable for the sale of dangerous goods on their sites for the first time, as part of a consumer crackdown on under-regulated online marketplaces. Under plans being finalised by the Government, online retailers will face similar responsibilities to high street shops for the products they sell and will be fined or even face bans if they continue to allow dangerous items to be listed.

3) Crime Report 28th August – 3rd September 2023

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/153830/23
Offence Description	Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building (Non-Dwelling)
Reported Date and Time	26/08/2023 00:38
Committed Date (From)	25/08/2023 22:30
Street partial postcode	ARCHER CLOSE SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ACCESS TO PROPERTY REAR GARDEN BY CLIMBING THE FENCE AND ENTERED AN UNLOCKED SHED. STOLEN - DEWALT DRILL : STOLEN - POWER SAW.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/154784/23
Offence Description	Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter
Reported Date and Time	30/08/2023 15:28
Committed Date (From)	01/08/2023
Street partial postcode	SOUTHCHURCH RECTORY CHASE SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN WHO ARE ALLOWED ACCESS REMOVED VICTIMS PASSPORT AND A SMALL 16 INCH GOLD EFFECT NECKLACE FROM WITHIN THE VICTIMS BEDROOM.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/155090/23
Offence Description	Theft if not classified elsewhere

Reported Date and Time 30/08/2023 23:15
Committed Date (From) 30/08/2023 17:00
Street partial postcode **SOUTHCHURCH RECTORY CHASE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED A PHONE WHICH VICTIM LEFT OUTSIDE HER
PROPERTY IN ERROR. STOLEN - SAMSUNG MOBILE PHONE : STOLEN - BANK
/ CREDIT CARD : STOLEN - MOBILE PHONE CASE/SKIN/FACIA

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/153872/23
Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time 29/08/2023 10:25
Committed Date (From) 29/08/2023 10:24
Street partial postcode **THORPE HALL AVENUE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED FOUR GOLF TROLLEYS.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/157098/23
Offence Description Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building
(Non-Dwelling)

Reported Date and Time 03/09/2023 07:45
Committed Date (From) 02/09/2023 15:00
Street partial postcode **WOODGRANGE DRIVE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN ENTERED PROPERTY GARAGE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.
STOLEN -WHITE JUMP STUNT BIKE : STOLEN - BLUE POINT SOCKET SET.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/153617/23
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 28/08/2023 18:17
Committed Date (From) 25/08/2023
Street partial postcode **SEAVIEW ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED PARCEL FROM PROPERTY. STOLEN -
SHOES AND JACKET.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/153721/23
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 28/08/2023 22:20
Committed Date (From) 28/08/2023 15:30
Street partial postcode **SHOEBURY COMMON ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN OPENED A BACKPACK AND REMOVED A GENTS APPLE
WATCH. SUSPECT THEN RAN FROM THE BEACH. STOLEN - ULTRA 8, 2022
VERSION, SERIAL LVPTWDNW29. SUSPECT - BLACK MALE WITH HIS FACE
COVERED BY A BLACK CAP.

Ward	West Shoebury
Crime Reference Number	42/155406/23
Offence Description	Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	31/08/2023 15:15
Committed Date (From)	31/08/2023 14:05
Street partial postcode	DELAWARE ROAD SS3 9
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED THE NUMBER PLATES FROM A SILVER MERCEDES C180 INDEX P909ST BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

4) Temporary Road Order

Ambleside Drive – 08:00 on the 23rd of October 2023 until 17:00 on 3rd November 2023 - Cadent Gas works

The order will be to prohibit any vehicle from:

1. Proceeding on Ambleside Drive between its junctions with Victoria Road & Kensington Road
2. Parking, stopping waiting, loading, and unloading on Ambleside Drive between its junctions with Victoria Road & Kensington Road

The closure is scheduled to commence from 08:00 on the 23rd of October 2023 until 17:00 on 3rd November 2023 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be via Victoria Road, Woodgrange Drive & Kensington Road and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst Cadent Gas works takes place.

Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 8th September 2023

Application Number: 23/01357/FULH
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Demolish existing garage to rear and erect detached outbuilding
32 Hamstel Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Ward: Southchurch

Application Number: 23/01321/FUL

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect brick boundary wall and fencing to front with secure metal gates, install lighting to front pillars, layout new driveway and form new vehicle crossover onto Thorpe Hall Avenue

Thorpe Hall Golf Club Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay

Application Number: 23/01365/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey rear extension

41 Fermoy Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/01346/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Alter roof of existing single storey rear extension, install dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in loftspace

20 Elizabeth Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/01364/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect single storey outbuilding to rear

81 Huntingdon Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 23/01334/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern (Part Retrospective)

122 Richmond Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

Application Number: 23/01355/AD

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Scott Davison

Application for approval of details pursuant to condition 12 (obscure glazing) of planning permission 19/01629/FUL dated 26.11.2019 (retrospective)

128 Richmond Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 3rd September 2023

APPLN. NO: 23/00759/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Scott Davison

REPLACE EXISTING BEACH HUT

BEACH HUT 237 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/00947/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

3 CHELSWORTH CLOSE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 23/01159/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

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

40 DUNGANNON CHASE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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