

E-Newsletter – 6th October 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 19th October 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 and other devices to keep you safe.

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

Playground Refurbishment

We contacted the council regarding the allocation of funds to Southchurch Park children's play area and asked them to confirm when the work will take place. We received a reply on the 2nd saying that the landscape architects at Ground Force are in the process of looking at Southchurch Park playground and the council anticipates seeing their first thoughts in the next two weeks or so.

We will let you know if there are any further updates.



Another great BERA success!!

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION ON APPLICATION 23/01320/PA56 - Lindum 45 Burges Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Erect additional storey to existing building to provide 2 self-contained flats (Prior Approval)

The application in respect of the above has now been considered, together with representations received from adjoining occupiers and other interested parties.

In all the circumstances, the proposal was felt to be unsatisfactory and on 3rd October 2023 it was decided to **PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED COU.**

A copy of the decision notice giving the full reasons for the decision is available on the Councils website at www.southend.gov.uk/viewplans

Elephant on Display

We have been informed that there is an elephant in Station Road by the telephone exchange if you want to go and have a look.

2) Scam Alerts

a) Fraudsters are targeting small businesses on Facebook

Which? have found many phoney Facebook profiles that purport to be from Facebook and its parent company, Meta. Scammers impersonating Facebook send direct messages telling owners of business pages that their pages will be deleted for infringing Facebook's trademark rights.

b) Rental scam victim refused reimbursement

A Which? member contacted them after being targeted by scammers posing as a landlord for a property listed on Facebook.

The landlord told them they would need to pay a deposit and the first month's rent to reserve and view the property. The landlord presented official-looking documents of themselves and the property to seem genuine. Once the victim paid the deposit, the 'landlord' blocked them.

3) National Corner

Ban on single-use plastic cutlery comes into force in England

A ban on some single-use plastic products has today (1/10) come into force across England. Shops and hospitality businesses will no longer be allowed to provide plastic cutlery, balloon sticks and polystyrene cups under the new rules. Councils have warned some businesses are not ready for the changes.

Sunak to spend £700m on buses

The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is said to be preparing to invest up to £700 million in bus services as he seeks to soften the blow of the rumoured scaling back of HS2. A package to reverse cuts, deliver new routes and allow councils to set up London-style integrated transport networks is reportedly being worked on in Downing Street.

Disposable vapes ban

The Government has been warned that efforts to cut cigarette smoking will be hampered by a ban on disposable vapes that is expected to be announced at the Conservative Party conference. The industry and some public health experts have said an outright ban could be counterproductive to smoking cessation efforts.

Winter warning as new energy price cap comes in

Charities are warning of a difficult winter ahead for many people's finances despite a fall in domestic energy prices for the next three months. The annual bill for a typical household drops to £1,923 from today under Ofgem's price cap. It is £577 lower than last winter but some government support has been withdrawn and bills are expected to rise again in January.

Hunt to confirm national living wage to rise to £11 an hour

The national living wage is set to increase to at least £11 an hour from next April, the Chancellor is to confirm. In a speech to the Conservative Party conference, Jeremy Hunt is expected to say the move will benefit two million of the lowest-paid workers and will also say he intends to toughen sanctions for people on benefits who do not take steps to find work.

PM refuses to commit to pre-election tax cuts

The Prime Minister has said he wants to cut taxes, but declined to say whether he would before the next general election. Instead, Rishi Sunak said that his priority was curbing inflation and easing living costs.

72-hour doctor strike to cause extreme disruption

NHS leaders are warning patients to expect extreme disruption in hospitals, as junior doctors and consultants stage a three-day joint walkout in England. The stoppage began at 07:00 with NHS England saying it will bring non-emergency care to a "near standstill", while the British Medical Association is promising "Christmas Day" cover, meaning emergency care will be staffed with only minimal cover elsewhere.

Covid will 'continue to surprise us', warns health official

Covid will "continue to surprise us", England's deputy chief medical officer has

warned. Dr Thomas Waite says the disease does not yet behave in a seasonal way, making it less predictable than other winter illnesses.

Families 'eating less healthily' due to cost of living crisis

Families are eating less healthily and turning to ready meals and processed foods due to the cost of living crisis, a study has found. More than two-thirds of people (69 per cent) said they considered themselves to be healthy eaters but 28 per cent said they were eating less nutritious food because it is too expensive, according to the BBC Good Food Nation survey.

Record numbers of over-50s embrace part-time work

An increasing number of over-50s are embracing part-time and road-based work, rather than opting for traditional retirement or pursuing full-time employment, according to the Office for National Statistics. A record 3.6 million people over the age of 50 are now working part-time and a quarter of people over the age of 50 work part-time and make up the bulk — about 42 per cent — of those who are choosing not to work a full 40-hour work week.

Smoking age should rise from 18, by one year every year - Sunak

Under plans announced by Rishi Sunak, the age of the sale of cigarettes would rise from 18 every year so a child aged 14 today would never be allowed to buy tobacco. The Prime Minister said he believed it was the right step to tackle the leading cause of preventable ill-health and also announced plans to restrict the availability of vapes to children, looking at flavours, packaging displays and disposable vapes.

HS2 plan scrapped

Rishi Sunak has formally scrapped the northern route of the HS2 rail link. The Prime Minister said £36 billion previously ring-fenced for the high speed rail line from London to Manchester would instead be allocated to infrastructure projects to provide better transport links across the north of England.

England has lowest percentage of vacant homes in OECD nations

England is now “the most difficult place to find a home in the developed world”, according to the Home Builders Federation. It said England has the lowest percentage of vacant homes per capita in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), a group of 38 nations, including most of the EU the US, Japan and Australia.

Sunak to urge 'Europe-wide solutions'

Rishi Sunak will today call for more co-ordinated European action to tackle the rising numbers of irregular migrants arriving on the continent's borders. At a special summit of European leaders in Spain, the Prime Minister will say the situation is "unsustainable".

4) Crime Report 25th September to 1st October 2023

Ward Southchurch
Crime Reference Number 42/174578/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 28/09/2023 15:26
Committed Date (From) 28/09/2023
Street partial postcode **POYNINGS AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS NAMED CAUSED DAMAGE TO GARDEN FURNITURE BY JUMPING OVER PROPERTY FENCE WHILST TRYING TO EVADE POLICE.

Ward Southchurch
Crime Reference Number 42/174610/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 28/09/2023 15:26
Committed Date (From) 28/09/2023
Street partial postcode **POYNINGS AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECTS NAMED CAUSED DAMAGE TO PROPERTY GARDEN FENCE BY JUMPING OVER THE FENCE WHILST TRYING TO EVADE POLICE.

Ward Southchurch
Crime Reference Number 42/175610/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 21/09/2023 21:13
Committed Date (From) 21/09/2023
Street partial postcode **ARCHER AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO VEHICLE BY SLITTING THE TYRE.

Ward Thorpe
Crime Reference Number 42/172482/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 25/09/2023 18:41
Committed Date (From) 25/09/2023 18:35
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT KNOWN BROKE BUSINESS WINDOWS BY PUSHING A MALE INTO THEM DURING A FIGHT.

Ward Thorpe
Crime Reference Number 42/172677/23
Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 26/09/2023 09:48
Committed Date (From) 25/09/2023
Street partial postcode **SANDRINGHAM ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN BROKE INTO A RED 2015 TOYOTA YARIS BY MEANS UNKNOWN. STOLEN - GLOVES : STOLEN - PLASTIC BOTTLE OF H2O BOTTLES : STOLEN - PLASTIC BAG : STOLEN - WEIGHTS / EXERCISE EQUIPMENT : STOLEN - GROCERIES : STOLEN - HAIR BOBBLES : STOLEN - PHONE CHARGER : STOLEN - PONCHO OVERCOAT : STOLEN - WHEEL LOCK BOX : STOLEN - SUNGLASSES.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/173063/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 26/09/2023 16:18
Committed Date (From) 26/09/2023 10:00
Street partial postcode **THORPE BAY GARDENS SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN DAMAGED PROPERTY OUTER WINDOW PANE BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/176405/23
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 01/10/2023 12:40
Committed Date (From) 29/09/2023
Street partial postcode **THORPEDENE GARDENS**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED A WHITE FORD TRANSIT TIPPER, INDEX BP63PAV. VICTIM HAS BOTH SETS OF KEYS.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/172241/23
Offence Description Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter
Reported Date and Time 25/09/2023 13:33
Committed Date (From) 20/09/2023
Street partial postcode **AVON WAY SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN, POSSIBLY AN INVITED GUEST, REMOVED VICTIMS BANK CARD FROM PROPERTY SOFA AND MADE TRANSACTIONS.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/175165/23
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 29/09/2023 20:43
Committed Date (From) 29/09/2023
Street partial postcode **ST. ANDREWS ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN THREW EGGS AT PROPERTY, CAUSING DAMAGE.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 6th October 2023

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: 23/01544/DEM

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Demolish cricket pavilion (Application for Prior Approval for Demolition)

Cricket Pavilion Southchurch Park Shaftesbury Avenue

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 1st October 2023

APPLN. NO: 23/01278/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR AND SIDE EXTENSION, DORMERS TO FRONT AND SIDE ELEVATIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO ELEVATIONS

48 LADRAM ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01518/ROT

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

INSTALL 10M WOODEN POLE

FOOTPATH OUTSIDE 6 CHERRYBROOK THORPE BAY

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 23/01514/ROT

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

INSTALLATION OF 1NO GPS AYGE AT 15.75M HEIGHT ON ANTENNA SUPPORT POLE, REPLACEMENT OF 1NO 3900A CABINET WITH 1NO AIRO CABINET ON EXISTING STEEL GRILLAGE REMOVAL OF 3NO REMOTE RADIO UNITS (RRUS) AND 3NO MAST HEAD AMPLIFIERS (MHAS) INSTALLATION OF 4 NO REMOTE RADIOS (AHPMDB, AHEGC AND ARHA) ON 1.5M LONG SUPPORT POLES FIXED TO STEELWORK, INSTALLATION OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST AT 211 - 213 WOODGRANGE DRIVE

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 23/01276/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT PART FIRST FLOOR, PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ROOFLIGHTS TO REAR AND ALTER SIDE ELEVATION

8 NOREDALE SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Permission

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