

E-Newsletter – 24th November 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 December 2023 at 10.00am to midday**

Ron would like to apologise for not being at the last coffee morning but he had a prior council meeting that he had to attend. If anyone would like to chat to Ron in between our coffee mornings, please email him at ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk and he will be happy to meet you for a chat and a coffee (coffee is on Ron!).

Our next coffee morning is Thursday 21st December so 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.

'Oh Come All Ye Crafters!'

Countdown to Christmas with Southchurch Library is a series of festive crafting activities, held each Saturday throughout December, at Southchurch Library.

Group to support young carer's gains momentum



A scheme launched to support young carer's in Southend-on-Sea is gaining momentum as more people become aware of it.

CALM or 'caring and loving me-time' is a new service that works with schools and other professionals to highlight young carers aged 8 to 14, and make sure they get the support they need.

It runs alongside existing young carer sessions at Shoeburyness Youth Centre called COOL for 5 to 11-year-olds and CHIL for 12 to 18-year-olds. The group gives the youngsters the opportunity to relax and socialise with others who understand their home situation, with membership still growing.

Further targeted youth support groups are run by Southend-on-Sea City Council for people aged 5 to 18-years-old, or 25-years-old for SEND.

Venues include:

St Luke's Hub in Cluny Square
Centre Place in the Woodgrange Estate
St Cedd's in Bridgewater Drive
and Shoeburyness Youth Centre in Delaware Road

2) National Corner

Council tax rise

There have been warnings that a number of councils will raise council tax to the 5 per cent limit when they set their budgets at the beginning of next year.

Retail sales fall

Retail sales have fallen by 2.7 per cent this year, according to the Office for National Statistics. The falls have hit household goods and clothing sales the most, putting retail sales to their lowest levels since February 2021.

Measles warning

Doctors have been told to keep a close watch for symptoms of measles infections in children, following a "devastating resurgence of virtually eliminated life-threatening diseases" in the UK.

Wales school summer holidays may be cut by a week

School summer holidays in Wales will be reduced by a week with the possibility of moving to a four-week break in future under plans by the Welsh government. The

changes would also see the week-long October half term break extended to a fortnight.

Interest rates

Andrew Bailey, Governor of the Bank of England, told MPs that Bank rate is likely to be kept at an elevated level for a "significant" period in order to bring down inflation. Mr Bailey told the Treasury Select Committee that despite inflation having passed the Government's target of halving this year, domestic "second-round" impacts mean the "last mile will be the hardest" as the Bank focuses on its mandate to return inflation to the 2% target.

National living wage increase

Nearly 3 million low-paid workers will receive a pay increase of almost 10% next spring after the chancellor announced an increase in the national living wage to £11.44 an hour.

Energy price cap

Household energy prices will rise in January putting more financial pressure on billpayers. Energy regulator Ofgem said the typical annual household bill would go up from £1,834 to £1,928, a rise of £94 or 5 per cent.

AI vs fly tipping

Local authorities are beginning to incorporate AI and smart camera technology in the fight against fly tipping. As well as number plate recognition, the programmes can pinpoint the time of the offence, saving council officers time.

3) Crime Report 13th to 19th November 2023

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/202584/23
Offence Description	Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)
Reported Date and Time	12/11/2023 22:14
Committed Date (From)	12/11/2023 20:30
Street partial postcode	ASHURST AVENUE SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS ENTERED WITH MEANS OF A LADDER NOT OWNED BY THE VICTIM AND CONDUCTED AN UNTIDY SEARCH IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS. VICTIM HEARD NOISE UPSTAIRS AND INTERRUPTED, CAUSING THE SUSPECT TO FLEE OUT OF BEDROOM WINDOW.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/202982/23
Offence Description	Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	13/11/2023 17:13
Committed Date (From)	12/11/2023 21:00
Street partial postcode	STEYNING AVENUE SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	

SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN A LADDER FROM THE ROOF OF VICTIMS WHITE FIAT DUCATO WHILE VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON VICTIMS DRIVE.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/204231/23
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 15/11/2023 13:35
Committed Date (From) 15/11/2023 13:35
Street partial postcode **LOCKSLEY CLOSE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT HAS TAKEN VEHICLE FROM VICTIM WITHOUT CONSENT. VRM BN58YEC, A BLACK VAUXHALL ASTRA. FOUND.

Ward **Southchurch**
Crime Reference Number 42/205018/23
Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)
Reported Date and Time 17/11/2023 08:18
Committed Date (From) 16/11/2023 19:00
Street partial postcode **BURLESCOOMBE ROAD SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS HOME VIA THE REAR FRENCH DOORS, BY SMASHING IT THROUGH WITH UNKNOWN IMPLEMENT. THE VICTIMS POWER TOOLS HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM VARIOUS ROOMS IN THE HOUSE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/203332/23
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 14/11/2023 10:58
Committed Date (From) 14/11/2023 10:57
Street partial postcode **WOODGRANGE DRIVE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ENTERED THROUGH THE BACK GATE AND STOLEN A GARDEN TABLE AND FOUR CHAIRS FROM THE OUTDOOR AREA.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/204991/23
Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 17/11/2023 07:49
Committed Date (From) 16/11/2023 15:40
Street partial postcode **EASTERN ESPLANADE SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS USED MEANS UNKNOWN TO CREATE A SMALL HOLE IN THE REAR PASSENGER DOOR OF THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, DESCRIBED AS A WHITE FORD TRANSIT. TOTAL FINANCIAL LOSS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/205218/23

Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time	17/11/2023 10:39
Committed Date (From)	17/11/2023
Street partial postcode	NESS ROAD SS3 9
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS MADE A SMALL BULLET LOOKING HOLE BY MEANS UNKNOWN IN THE WINDOW OF THE BUSINESS BUILDING.

4) Scam Alerts

Watch out for Black Friday scams

It is Black Friday weekend when shoppers eagerly anticipate the best deals, primarily online. But it is also prime time for fraudsters. Between November 2022 and January 2023, a total of £10.6m was lost to online shopping scams.

If you come across deals that seem too good to be true, think twice before making a purchase.

Vehicle-buying scams are on the rise

Vehicle-buying scams shot up by 74% in the first half of this year, with most of them starting on Facebook.

The latest scams

- Fake Evri delivery emails
- Fraudulent Facebook pages advertising a Lapland holiday competition
- WhatsApp messages advertising £200 gift cards at retailers ASOS and Next
- EE scam texts - Scammers are sending texts from random numbers impersonating EE
- John Lewis Black Friday scam - scammers are impersonating John Lewis with fake email offers
- Fake Waitrose emails and websites
- Beware of WhatsApp job scams
- Lego scams are recirculating
- Temu 'mystery box' scam
- DPD delivery scam

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 24th November 2023

Application Number: 23/01789/FULH

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

Erect part single/part two storey rear extension and porch to front, extend existing dormers to sides and alter elevations (Amended Proposal)

48 Ladram Road Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 23/01787/FUL
Officer: Hayley Thompson
Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 187 Thorpe Esplanade Thorpe Bay

Ward: Thorpe

Application Number: 23/01819/FULH
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Hip to gable roof extension, enlarge existing dormer to side, erect dormer to other side elevation, erect single storey side/rear extension, erect single storey porch to front/side with projecting canopy, alter elevations (Amended Proposal)
40 Acacia Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Ward: Thorpe

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 19th November 2023

APPLN. NO: 23/01345/FULH
Officer: Hayley Thompson
RAISE RIDGE HEIGHT, HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSIONS AND FRONT DORMER TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE/FRONT EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSION WITH BALCONIES TO FRONT, ERECT PORCH TO FRONT AND DETACHED GARAGE TO SIDE, ALTER ELEVATIONS
47 THORPE BAY GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

Ward. Thorpe

APPLN. NO: 23/01486/CLP
Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda
DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN LOFT SPACE, TWO ROOF LIGHTS TO FRONT AND ALTER SOIL AND VENT PIPE AT THE REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)
52 KENSINGTON ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

Ward. Thorpe

APPLN. NO: 23/00954/FULH
Officer: Gabriella Fairley
ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT/SIDE EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION, CONVERT EXISTING GARAGE INTO STORE AND ALTER ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
88 MAPLIN WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Refuse Permission

Ward. West Shoebury

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