

# E-Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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## 1) Information Corner



**Save the Date!!**

Who: **BERA**

What: **Christmas Coffee Morning**

Where: **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road).

When: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 10.00am to midday**

Our Christmas coffee morning is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December so please join us for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, mince pies and a cracker.

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



## **Southchurch Park Power upgrade works**

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the power improvement works taking place in Southchurch Park on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December. SCC are installing a power cable into the north side toilet block so this will mean the toilets will be closed for the 2 days. They have asked Veolia to put up signs directing the public to the toilets next to the Café.

As soon as the power is restored and there is safe access into the toilets they will be reopened.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Tougher visa rules unveiled in plan to cut migration**

The Government has set out measures it promised would deliver the biggest ever cut in net migration after levels reached a record high. Home Secretary James Cleverly has announced a five-point plan to reduce immigration, which he said was “far too high”.

### **Thames Water query**

Thames Water has been asked to explain a £37.5m dividend payment made to a parent company. Ofwat, the water regulator, asked the firm to explain how the sum does not break rules designed to protect customers and the environment.

### **Junior doctor strike**

Junior doctors in England are to go on strike again later this month and early next year, after talks with the Government broke down. The British Medical Association says it will call on members to walk out in December before Christmas and again in early January for several days at a time.

### **Prescription vapes**

Vapes could be made prescription-only by a Labour government to stop children getting hooked on the “gateway drug”, the Shadow Health Secretary, Wes Streeting said.

### **Cost of living crisis**

Millions of people will have to make stark financial choices this Christmas including choosing between buying food or presents and be unable to afford to keep their homes warm through the festive season, according to new research by National Debtline.

### **UK employers halt hiring**

The Recruitment and Employment Confederation has said that UK employers are limiting hiring permanent staff due to economic stresses, as demand for permanent plunges at the second fastest rate since the pandemic. The REC has said that permanent staff appointments have only dropped faster prior to June 2020, the start of the Covid-19 pandemic and first lockdown. This comes as job vacancies decline for the second time in three months, according to KPMG and the REC and ahead of new Office for National Statistics figures expected to be published on 12 December.

### **3) Crime Report 27<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/213340/23  
 Offence Description Theft from a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 01/12/2023 20:01  
 Committed Date (From) 30/11/2023 18:00  
 Street partial postcode **POYNINGS AVENUE SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS WHEEL CAPS FROM  
 VOLKSWAGEN POLO BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/212052/23  
 Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)  
 Reported Date and Time 29/11/2023 15:19  
 Committed Date (From) 29/11/2023 15:15  
 Street partial postcode **MAPLIN WAY NORTH SS1 3**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO THE VICTIMS HOUSE, CONDUCTED  
 A MESSY SEARCH AND STOLEN ITEMS.

### **4) Scam Alert**

#### **Copycat Royal Mail websites flog phoney stamps**

The price of stamps has risen again this year, and with the holiday season approaching you might be looking for ways to save when sending cards and gifts. However, scammers are unsurprisingly taking the opportunity to impersonate Royal Mail with fake offers for stamps at bargain prices.

Dodgy ads on Facebook for these phoney offers lead to phishing websites designed to steal your personal and financial information.

#### **'A scammer tried to sell me Taylor Swift tickets'**

A Which? member got in touch after a scammer targeted her on Facebook with fake Taylor Swift tickets for £100.

The victim was on a budget and asked their local community Facebook group if anyone had tickets they'd like to sell. The scammer sent a fake Ticketmaster email to convince the victim the tickets were real. They then asked for payment via bank transfer, and when the victim confronted the scammer, their Facebook page disappeared.

#### **Can you spot postal scams?**

From fake lotteries and prize draws to investment scams and pyramid schemes, postal scams are letters sent to obtain money through deception or fraud.

If you can tick off one or more of the following, it's probably a scam and you should be suspicious:

- Bad spelling or poor grammar in a letter claiming to represent a company, royalty or a prize agency should be a clear warning the letter is not from a legitimate organisation.
- An unsolicited commercial or personal request. Do you even know of this company or person? If the name seems unfamiliar and you don't recall ever signing up to the company or sharing details with them, you should be suspicious.
- Asking for money. Always start from the position that a request for money is to be treated with suspicion until proven otherwise.
- You're asked to pay up front to receive what's on offer – processing or handling fees are a con.

There are also certain letter styles that are often used in competition or lottery scam mail:

- coats of arms
- seals
- serial numbers
- barcodes
- watermarks
- reproduced signatures
- rubber stamps

A letter containing these and promising you've won a prize draw or lottery you've never entered should ring alarm bells and you should never reply.

## **5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Application Number: 23/01836/FULH  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
Erect single storey outbuilding to rear (retrospective)  
**101 Poynings Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex**

**Ward: Southchurch**

Application Number: 23/01900/FULH  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect single storey rear extension with rooflights  
**130 Shoebury Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

**Ward: Southchurch**

Application Number: 23/01916/FULH  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Erect first floor side extensions  
**117 Southchurch Boulevard Southend-on-sea Essex**

**Ward: Southchurch**

Application Number: 23/01918/CLP

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

Hip to gable rear dormer to form habitable accommodation with juliette balcony & velux windows (Lawful development certificate - proposed)

**57 Ashurst Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 23/01920/FULH

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Hipped to gable roof extension to rear with juliette balcony to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, erect single storey rear extension with canopy, convert part of garage into habitable accommodation, relocate entrance door to front with canopy over and alter elevations

**23 Plymtree Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01921/CLP

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

Dormer to east elevation to form habitable accommodation in roof (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)

**23 Plymtree Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01859/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect single storey side extension with front canopy

**195 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/01855/AD

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Application for approval of details pursuant to conditions 03 (details of materials), 04 (details of hard and soft landscaping), 05 (details of 10% renewable energy), 06 (water efficient design measures), 08 (details of surface water attenuation), 10 (demolition and construction management plan), 11 (details of refuse, recycling and cycling storage) of planning permission 23/01183/FUL dated 12.10.2023

**Land Adjacent 242 Delaware Road Shoeburyness**

Application Number: 23/01857/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect part single/part two storey rear extension with juliette balcony (amended proposal)

**8 Noredale Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 23/01886/FULH

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect single storey side extension and install roof lights to proposed roofs

**43 Cornworthy Shoeburyness Essex**

Application Number: 23/01890/FUL

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

Install replacement windows to front and rear, replacement entrance door to front and alterations to elevations

**1 - 3 Maya Close Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

## **6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/01523/PA64 **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: James Benn  
CHANGE OF USE FROM SHOP (CLASS E) TO ONE DWELLINGHOUSE (CLASS C3) AND ALTER FRONT ELEVATION (PRIOR APPROVAL)  
**177 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Prior Approval Refused COU

APPLN. NO: 23/01552/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSION AND EXTEND EXISTING VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD  
**176 SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01310/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION  
**105 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01545/FUL **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT BASEMENT LEVEL WITH BALCONY OVER AND REAR STAIRCASE BASEMENT FLAT  
**109 EASTERN ESPLANADE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01566/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**  
Officer: James Benn  
HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSIONS, INSTALL FRONT AND REAR DORMERS WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE  
**198 BISHOPSTEIGNTON SHOEBURYNESSE ESSEX**  
Decision: Refuse Permission

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