

## E-Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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### **1) Information Corner**

#### **Renewal of your BERA Membership 2024**

Thank you to all of the members who have already renewed and to those who have renewed and made a donation. We are very grateful for your generosity, as it helps us to carry on the good work that we achieve throughout the year.

The membership fee is still only £10.00 per year, per household. This equates to less than 20p per week for all of the information that is sent to you on our regular newsletters, along with the protection of the area we live. Of course, if you still wish to donate more than the membership fee, this will be gladly received.

Please kindly complete the membership form below and return it with a cheque (made payable to Burges Estate Residents Association) or cash of £10.00 to Ron.

As our secretary has many hundreds of members to renew, she is unable to complete a form for all so may we kindly ask that even if you are **paying online, that you still complete the membership form below and return it to Ron**, in order for us to have your current contact details (even if they have not changed).

Thank you for your continued support.

## BERA – The Residents’ Association

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for new and existing members

January - December 2024

**Please pay £10 by cash or make cheques payable to:**

***“Burgess Estate Residents Association”***

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Rev): .....

First Name: .....

Surname: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code:.....

Telephone: .....

E-mail: .....

**Please include your email address, to enable us to send you weekly E-Newsletters.**

**Please return the completed form with payment to:**

**Ron Woodley, Chair BERA  
91 Tyrone Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3HD**



## **BERA Coffee Morning**

Who: **BERA**

What: **Coffee Morning**

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

When: **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10.00am to midday**

Thank you to all who attended yesterday's coffee morning, it was fantastic to see so many members joining us. Our next one is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, so please join us again for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, and homemade cakes.

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



## **Safe Crossing in The Broadway**

The safe crossing has been completed along The Broadway to enable our elderly and disabled residents, as well as mothers with children and prams to cross safely. New white lines have also been painted along the road and around the roundabout.

## **Temporary Road Closure**

Chelsea Avenue – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for 1 week Emergency Water Main Repairs

To facilitate emergency water main repairs; they have imposed a prohibition of traffic in Chelsea Avenue Southend-On-Sea.

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

**ENTERING AND EXITING CHELSEA AVENUE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH EASTERN ESPLANADE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH SHAFTESBURY AVENUE**

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

Whilst this section of Chelsea Avenue is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

## **2) National Corner**

### **Pothole reports hit a five-year high in 2023**

Almost 630,000 potholes were reported to councils in England, Scotland and Wales between January and November 2023 according to FOI requests from campaign group Round Our Way which it claims is a new five year high.

### **Rat infestations**

The British Pest Control Association has warned that some council plans to reduce the frequency of waste collections could increase the likelihood of rat infestations. A spokesperson for the LGA said: "There is no one-size-fits-all solution to collecting bins and decisions are best made at a local level with councils working with residents to find the best solution for them. Councils are facing budgetary pressures across all services, with a predicted funding gap of £4 billion over the next two years."

### **Train strikes**

There will be a further week of train strikes across England from late January. Drivers will refuse to work overtime throughout the strike period, causing prolonged disruption in parts of the network that rely on rest day working.

### **NHS spends £10 billion on temporary staff**

Hospitals and GP surgeries across the UK are paying a record £4.6 billion for agency personnel and another £5.8 billion for doctors and nurses on staff to do extra "bank" shifts to plug gaps in rotas. Widespread short staffing has increasingly forced the service to use employment agencies to hire stand-in workers.

### **Inflation rise**

The annual rate of inflation has surprisingly risen, official figures show. The consumer price index measure of inflation stood at 4 per cent in the year to December, according to the Office for National Statistics. A fall, to 3.8 per cent, had been expected by economists polled by Reuters. But instead inflation rose from 3.9 per cent in the 12 months to November.

### **Wood burning stoves**

City-dwellers have been urged to resist the temptation to fire up their stoves as temperatures drop, with wood-burning now ahead of traffic as the biggest source of air particulate pollution. The campaign group Mums for Lungs says urban areas are "suffocating" because of open fires and stoves and has called on the Government to phase out domestic wood-burning where alternative heating exists.

### **Sewage pollution crisis**

Plans from the UK water industry to "urgently" tackle the sewage pollution crisis have been delayed by four months, with no publication date in sight, it is reported. Government ministers last year demanded water executives send them a "plan for urgent change" to tackle outflows which spill untreated human waste into rivers and seas.

**3) Crime Report 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/5097/24  
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 09/01/2024 10:37  
 Committed Date (From) 08/01/2024 19:00  
 Street partial postcode **CHINCHILLA ROAD SS1 2**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED CAR INDEX RF73\*\*\*.

Ward **Southchurch**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/7239/24  
 Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 14/01/2024 14:20  
 Committed Date (From) 12/01/2024  
 Street partial postcode **LOCKSLEY CLOSE SS2 4**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN ATTEMPTED ENTRY TO VAN BY TRYING THE DOOR HANDLE. SUSPECT RETURNED AND LOOKED THROUGH THE DRIVERS SIDE WINDOW.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/3834/24  
 Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
 Reported Date and Time 08/01/2024 08:46  
 Committed Date (From) 07/01/2024 22:00  
 Street partial postcode **CHURCH ROAD SS3 9**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED CAR, INDEX YX69\*\*\*, FROM PROPERTY DRIVEWAY BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
 Crime Reference Number 42/5588/24  
 Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
 Reported Date and Time 11/01/2024 11:51  
 Committed Date (From) 01/01/2024  
 Street partial postcode **DELAWARE ROAD SS3 9**  
 Offence Details (MO)  
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED DAMAGE TO CAR SIDE MIRRORS, BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

## 4) Scam Alert

### Fake driving licence ads on Facebook and Instagram

Which? discovered multiple dodgy adverts claiming to sell UK driving licences on Facebook and Instagram. One ad promises to provide one for £600 within a few days, without requiring any theory or practical tests.

Although some ads claim that they comply with the Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA), **official UK driving licences can only be obtained after passing a theory test taken at an official Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) test centre, and a practical driving test conducted by instructors accredited by the DVSA.**

## 5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Application Number: 23/01742/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Erect single storey rear extension  
**125 Poynings Avenue Southend-on-sea Essex**

Application Number: 24/00037/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Scott Davison  
Erect single storey rear extension  
**99 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 24/00039/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect single storey rear extension. convert garage into habitable accommodation, replace first floor balcony railings with glass balustrade, alter side elevations  
**62 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 24/00074/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 (amended proposal)  
**33 Lynton Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 24/00045/FUL **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: Scott Davison  
Replace windows and doors to south elevation  
**Shore House Ness Road Shoeburyness**

Application Number: 24/00054/AD

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

Application for approval of details pursuant to condition 5 (details of window and rooflights in front elevation of extension) of planning permission 23/00677/FUL allowed on Appeal (APP/D1590/D/23/3327879) dated 28.12.2023

**190 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex**

**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: 24/00067/GPDE

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 5.5m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 2.4 high to eaves and with a maximum height of 3.0

**12 Roedean Close Southend-on-sea Essex**

## **6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

APPLN. NO: 23/01485/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE/REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

**28 GREENWAYS THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01787/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

REPLACE EXISTING BEACH HUT

**BEACH HUT 187 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01685/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND ALTER REAR ELEVATION

**40 LODWICK SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01818/CLP

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION AND DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFT SPACE (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED)

**138 CAULFIELD ROAD SHOEBURYNESS ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/01857/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH JULIETTE  
BALCONY (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

**8 NOREDLE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Refuse Permission

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