

## E-Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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### **1) Information Corner**



Who: **BERA**

What: **Coffee Morning**

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

When: **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 10.00am to midday**

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, so please join us for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, and homemade cakes.

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

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

As you are aware, your BERA membership runs for a calendar year from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December. It is important that renewals are paid as soon as possible, as this will enable BERA to plan activities involving advance payments of money. 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.

The membership fee will still only be £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.

## 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**

## **2) Temporary Road Closures**

### **a) Fermoy Road – 08:00 on the 9th February 2024 until 17:00 on 08th March 2024 - Gas main replacement works**

The Effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from;

1. Proceeding on Fermoy Road between its junctions with The Broadway & Parkanaur Avenue & between Parkanaur Avenue to its junction with St Augustine's Avenue. Access across the junction of Parkanaur Avenue will be open.
2. Parking, stopping, waiting, loading & unloading on Fermoy Road between its junctions with The Broadway to its junction with Parkanaur Avenue & between Parkanaur Avenue to its junction with St Augustine's.

The closure is scheduled to commence from 08:00 on the 9th February 2024 until 17:00 on 08th March 2024.

The alternative route will be via Parkanaur Avenue, Johnstone Road, The Broadway, Station Road & St Augustine's Avenue.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst Gas main replacement works takes place. Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

### **b) Burges Road – 5th January 2024 for 1 week - Emergency Gas Repairs**

To facilitate emergency gas repairs; they have imposed a Prohibition of Traffic in Burges Road.

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:

Proceeding on Burges Road from its junction with St Augustine's Avenue to its junction with Parkanaur Avenue.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 5th January 2024. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

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

## **3) National Corner**

### **Historic buildings should be saved to help net zero effort**

Historic buildings should be renovated not demolished in order to help the net zero effort, campaign group SAVE Britain's Heritage have argued. More than 1,000 buildings nationwide have been added to the national Buildings at Risk Register.

## **American bully XL dogs must be kept on lead**

American bully XL dogs in England and Wales must be kept on a lead and muzzled in public now that a new law has come into effect. Breeding, selling or abandoning them is also illegal as of New Year's Eve as the dog has now been added to the Dangerous Dogs Act.

## **Banned XL bully dogs being advertised online**

Dangerous XL bully dogs are being advertised online despite a ban on selling or exchanging them. Restrictions on the breed came into force on Sunday, making it illegal to breed, sell, advertise, give, exchange, abandon or let the dogs stray in England and Wales.

## **Plan for Covid jabs to be sold on the high street**

It has been reported that Covid jabs could be made available for private sale by next autumn, with discussions under way between high-street pharmacies, vaccine makers and government officials.

## **Energy price cap rise**

An increase in the cost of domestic energy in England, Wales and Scotland has taken effect, adding pressure to household budgets in the new year. A higher price cap, set by regulator Ofgem, from now to April means gas and electricity costs will be 5 per cent higher than the last three months. But forecasts suggest energy prices could come down sharply in the spring.

## **Doctors strike begins**

The longest strike in the history of the NHS is getting under way as junior doctors take part in a six-day walkout. Thousands of junior doctors, who make up nearly half the doctor workforce in the NHS, are expected to take part in the stoppage in England from 7am. NHS bosses fear it will bring routine services to a virtual standstill in some areas.

## **Hospital trusts declare critical incident due to junior doctors strike**

Several NHS trusts across England have declared critical incidents on the first day of the junior doctors' strike. Lewisham and Greenwich, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and Portsmouth Hospitals University declared incidents. The strike is part of long running dispute over pay between the Government and the British Medical Association.

## **DIY doctors**

Almost a quarter of young people have carried out treatment on themselves after failing to get an appointment with a GP, a Liberal Democrat poll has found. Adults aged 18 to 34 were more likely than any other age group to turn to "DIY doctors" after failing to see their GP, according to the survey.

## **Escooter accidents**

Illegally ridden electric scooters are responsible for more than half of the casualties claimed by the two-wheeled vehicles, new data reveals. The findings have sparked

calls by road safety campaigners for an urgent crackdown on the misuse of the electrically powered vehicles.

### **Number of first-time buyers lowest in a decade**

The number of first-time buyers who bought a home with a mortgage fell to its lowest level in a decade in 2023, according to a leading lender. The figures, from Yorkshire Building Society, are the latest evidence of the impact of rising mortgage interest rates and high house prices on housing affordability.

### **Mortgage rates relief**

Homeowners whose fixed mortgage deals are ending soon look set to save thousands of pounds this year after high street lenders kicked off 2024 by slashing rates.

### **Surge in homes being put on property market**

Just over 10,000 new properties came to the housing market on December 26, a 26 per cent increase from last year, according to Rightmove, the listings site. The number of buyers contacting estate agents about properties rose by 17 per cent compared with Boxing Day 2022.

## **4) Crime Report 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/227514/23
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time	27/12/2023 13:03
Committed Date (From)	26/12/2023 14:00
Street partial postcode	<b>MARCUS AVENUE SS1 3</b>
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE CAUSED TWO HOLES IN VICTIMS FRONT WINDOW BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/227686/23
Offence Description	Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)
Reported Date and Time	27/12/2023 10:16
Committed Date (From)	22/12/2023 10:00
Street partial postcode	<b>WOODGRANGE DRIVE SS1 3</b>
Offence Details (MO)	UNKNOWN SUSPECTS HAVE GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS PREMISES. WINDOWS SMASHED AND HAVE REMOVED ITEMS OF JEWELLERY.

Ward	<b>Thorpe</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/227754/23
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)

Reported Date and Time 27/12/2023 20:44  
Committed Date (From) 24/12/2023 23:00  
Street partial postcode **ST. JAMES AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE USED UNKNOWN ITEMS TO THROW AT THE VICTIMS WINDOW CAUSING IT TO SMASH. SUSPECTS HAVE ALSO USED UNKNOWN ITEMS TO THROW AT THE VICTIMS GUTTERING CAUSING IT TO BREAK.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/228183/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)

Reported Date and Time 28/12/2023 15:50  
Committed Date (From) 21/12/2023  
Street partial postcode **MARCUS AVENUE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN A WINDOW AT VICTIMS ADDRESS USING A STONE OR SIMILAR.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/228478/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 29/12/2023 08:02  
Committed Date (From) 28/12/2023 18:00  
Street partial postcode **MEADOW DRIVE SS1 3**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS VEHICLE, A FORD, INDEX EJ65\*\*\*, BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/228432/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 29/12/2023 08:53  
Committed Date (From) 28/12/2023 21:00  
Street partial postcode **TUDOR GARDENS SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS FORD, LV67\*\*\*, WITH A METHOD UNKNOWN.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/228452/23  
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle  
Reported Date and Time 29/12/2023 09:43  
Committed Date (From) 28/12/2023 22:00  
Street partial postcode **ADMIRALS WALK SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN THE VICTIMS FORD, INDEX EK16\*\*\*, DURING THE NIGHT FROM THE VICTIMS DRIVEWAY.

Ward	N/A
Crime Reference Number	42/228255/23
Offence Description	Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time	28/12/2023 17:30
Committed Date (From)	28/12/2023 17:30
Street partial postcode	<b>98 SOUTHCHURCH AVENUE</b>
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT HAS FOLLOWED VICTIM FROM SHOP TO HOME ADDRESS AND HAS ASKED FOR MONEY. WHEN VICTIM TOOK WALLET OUT, SUSPECT HAS TAKEN £10 NOTE OUT OF THE WALLET AND HAS PUSHED VICTIM IN ORDER TO ESCAPE WITH IT.

## **5) Which? Scam Alert**

### **Fake polymer notes circulating on social media**

A reader recently contacted Which? after they noticed a trend of people selling fake polymer banknotes on Facebook pages. Which? looked into this and found that some of these pages are likely outright scams and anyone who sends a payment is unlikely to receive anything in return.

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

Application Number: 23/02014/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Replace and extend existing porch and alter elevations  
**42 Wyatts Drive Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/02016/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect part single/part two storey rear extension (amended proposal)  
**37 Warwick Road Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/02000/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern, alterations to front porch, detached outbuilding.  
**14 Thorpedene Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 23/02042/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: Scott Davison  
Erect single storey rear extension  
**48 Lodwick Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea**

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