

## E-Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### **1) Information Corner**



#### **BERA Coffee Morning**

Where: **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road)  
When: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 10.00am to midday**

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's coffee morning. Our next one is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 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.

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

Thank you to all of the members who have already renewed and if you have not yet done so, please renew as soon as possible by completing the below membership form and making payment by one of the three following ways:

- a) cheque (made payable to Burges Estate Residents Association)
- b) cash
- c) online (bank details - Metro Bank 23-05-80, 47536154, Burges Estate Residents Association)

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**

## **Southend to introduce Transport Safety Officers for safer train services**

Southend-on-Sea City Council is excited to announce the introduction of Transport Safety Officers (TSOs) to enhance safety on the city's train services.

This pilot scheme, a collaboration between Southend-on-Sea City Council, Thurrock Council, and Essex County Council, has received £490,000 in funding from the Department for Transport (DfT).

The TSOs will closely coordinate with train operators c2c and Greater Anglia, as well as British Transport Police and Essex Police, to address antisocial behaviour and promote safety for all passengers.

While their focus will be on engagement and education, TSOs will also have enforcement powers, including issuing fixed penalty notices for specific antisocial behaviours.

Recruited TSOs will undergo training and vetting to effectively manage low-level nuisance and disorder incidents. Their duties will include patrolling designated routes and locations, complementing the efforts of other safety personnel.

This initiative aligns with broader government commitments to improve public transport services, emphasising proactive measures to address safety concerns and enhance the overall passenger experience.

## **2) Major Works Report**

Address	<b>CAULFIELD ROAD</b>
Start	28/06/2023
End	08/03/2024
Works Reference	JR100-G-MAIN-00060502
L.A.Ref	133550
Works Status	IN PROGRESS
Highest TM	ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address	<b>PARKANAUR AVENUE</b>
Start	08/01/2024
End	04/04/2024
Works Reference	AZ502-1001279887
L.A.Ref	140247
Works Status	IN PROGRESS
Highest TM	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY

Address	<b>RICHMOND AVENUE</b>
Start	22/01/2024
End	07/03/2024
Works Reference	AZ502-1001296720
L.A.Ref	142162
Works Status	IN PROGRESS

Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **JOHNSTONE ROAD**  
Start 22/01/2024  
End 04/03/2024  
Works Reference AZ502-1001280672  
L.A.Ref 140364  
Works Status IN PROGRESS  
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **FERMOY ROAD**  
Start 12/02/2024  
End 11/03/2024  
Works Reference AZ502-1001280566  
L.A.Ref 140357  
Works Status IN PROGRESS  
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **STATION ROAD**  
Start 23/02/2024  
End 15/03/2024  
Works Reference AZ502-1001280567  
L.A.Ref 140383  
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS  
Highest TM MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY

### **3) Temporary Road Closure**

#### **Victoria Road – 12th February 2024 for 1 week - Emergency Sewer Repairs**

To facilitate emergency sewer repairs; they have imposed a prohibition of traffic in Victoria Road Southend-on-Sea

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

PROCEEDING ON VICTORIA ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH COLLIER WAY TO NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 12th February 2024. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

### **4) National Corner**

#### **Councils call for pavement parking to be banned across England**

Powers to ban pavement parking should be extended across England to make streets safer, an LGA report has found. A Department for Transport consultation on giving councils in the rest of the country the power to prohibit pavement parking

ended in November 2020, but no announcement has been made. LGA transport spokesperson said: 'Pavement parking is one of the biggest complaints from pedestrians, but three years on, councils outside of London still do not have the powers they need to tackle this scourge. Vulnerable and disabled people including wheelchair users, as well as parents with pushchairs, are forced into the road due to some drivers' inconsiderate parking, presenting a real hazard and potential danger to life'.

## **Council tax**

Councils have warned of continued financial pressure amid calls from the Government for them to show restraint in raising levels of council tax.

## **Junior doctors announce further strikes**

Junior doctors will stage another five-day strike at the end of the month after talks with the Government failed. Members of the British Medical Association will strike from 7am on February 24 to 11.59pm February 28.

## **Understaffed NHS**

As vacancies in the English NHS hit 120,000, a renewed focus on staffing within health services has shed light on NHS reliance on overseas workers. The NHS now represents 214 nationalities, however Sir Julian Hartley, chief executive NHS Providers has said that while their contribution is invaluable "we can't rely on overseas workers to plug the staffing gaps" and called on the Government to install long term and wide ranging investment in the recruitment of and training of more UK staff. The Department of Health and Social Care set out plans in June 2023 for a long-term workforce strategy which is set to reduce international recruitment for 10 per cent from almost 25 per cent in 10 years' time.

## **Wage growth slows**

The Office for National Statistics has revealed analysis showing that average pay fell to 6.2 per cent in December 2023 from 6.7 per cent between September to November, marking the slowest growth in wages since October 2022. The director of economic statistics at the ONS has said that combined with this "it is clear that growth in employment has slowed over the past year" with very high numbers of working age adults long-term sick or not looking for work.

## **Ultra-processed food warnings**

Scientists from University College London are warning that ultra-processed foods should be clearly labelled as some could fall into the "healthy" green category of the "traffic-light" system. They said this was the case for meat-alternative products and that some people may be unaware what they were buying was ultra-processed which has been linked to obesity and heart disease.

## **EDF seeks taxpayer funding**

EDF will seeks taxpayer funding for nuclear power plants being built in the UK. Bruno Le Maire, France's finance minister, said on Tuesday he would be asking Jeremy Hunt for "an equitable sharing of costs" after it emerged that the costs at Hinkley Point C had surged to £46 billion, significantly more than the £18 billion

proposed when contracts were signed in 2016. The UK has so far refused to consider paying more for Hinkley, pointing out that it is not a government project.

## **UK economy fell into recession**

The UK economy fell into recession during the final three months of last year, according to official figures. Gross domestic product (GDP) dropped by 0.3 per cent, said the Office for National Statistics.

## **Rate of inflation remains at 4%**

The rate of inflation has remained at 4 per cent - despite forecasters predicting a rise, official figures show. The consumer price index measure of inflation stood at 4 per cent in January, the Office for National Statistics said.

## **Water companies withholding data**

Ofwat has warned companies they are endangering public trust by withholding secret data that could reveal illegal sewage spills. They said that six water companies should "not wait to be pushed" into releasing details of when they start and stop discharging raw sewage into rivers.

## **2p income tax cut shelved**

Jeremy Hunt is said to have shelved plans for a 2p cut to income tax at next month's Budget as it was revealed the economy has entered a recession. The Chancellor had been considering reducing the basic rate of income tax from 20 to 18 per cent and it is reported that he also considered reducing National Insurance employee contributions by two percentage points as an alternative.

## **GP waits**

Four-week waits for a GP appointment hit a record high in 2023, NHS figures show. More than 17.6 million appointments took place at least 28 days after being booked in England in 2023. It is the highest on record, accounting for more than one in 20 of the almost 348 million appointments that GP teams delivered in 2023.

## **River clean-up fund**

A key fund at the heart of the Government's plans to clean up rivers has not been established 15 months after it was promised. The water restoration fund was first pledged by Thérèse Coffey when she was Environment Secretary. However, the fund still does not exist, there is no timetable for its establishment and it is reported that steering groups to establish it have not yet even met.

## **5) Crime Report 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Ward	<b>West Shoebury</b>
Crime Reference Number	42/21181/24
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	08/02/2024 12:53
Committed Date (From)	07/02/2024 11:30
Street partial postcode	<b>TRAFALGAR ROAD SS3 9</b>

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED VICTIMS COMPANY VEHICLE, A TOYOTA HILUX INDEX FH70\*\*\*, BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

## **6) Scam Alert**

### **Scammers peddling dodgy spray foam loft insulation**

As households continue to face high energy bills, scammers are targeting vulnerable people with dodgy, non-existent insulation and costly offers. For example, one elderly victim paid more than £3,000 for dodgy spray foam insulation, which he later had to pay over £2,000 to remove before he could sell his house.

Spray foam insulation has several disadvantages, including high cost and safety concerns, and it could even reduce your property's value.

### **Watch out for romance scams**

According to police data, it appears that more young men are becoming victims of dating scams, although women tend to report higher financial losses.

Romance fraudsters (also known as catfish) typically hide behind fake profiles on dating sites, social media, and online forums. They gradually establish a relationship with their victims, exploiting their vulnerability for financial gain.

## **7) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Application Number: 24/00251/FULH

**Ward: Southchurch**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Install dormer to front elevation to form habitable accommodation in loftspace  
**235 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 24/00264/TPO

**Ward: Southchurch**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

Crown reduce by 2m and remove deadwood as required to 3no. Sweet Chestnut Trees (T1, T2, T3) on school playing field, fit 4T Cobra brace on long lateral limb on NW of T1 tree (Application to for works to Trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order)

**Alley Court School Wakering Road Southend-on-sea**

Application Number: 24/00234/FUL

**Ward: Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Extend existing terrace to side/rear and install new glass balustrade

**Thorpe Hall Golf Club Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay**

Application Number: 24/00135/BC4

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Install new 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, hardstanding areas, storage container, floodlights and access pathway  
**Shoeburyness High School Caulfield Road Shoeburyness**

**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: 24/00223/GPDE  
Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

**Ward: West Shoebury**

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 6m beyond the existing rear wall of the dwelling, 2.77m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 2.97m  
**147 Caulfield Road Shoeburyness Essex**

## **8) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

APPLN. NO: 23/01742/FULH

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (RETROSPECTIVE)

**125 POYNINGS AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01918/CLP

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

HIP TO GABLE, REAR DORMER WITH JULIETTE BALCONY AND THREE ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)

**57 ASHURST AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 23/01920/FULH

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Jennifer Doherty

HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY AND EAST FACING DORMER TO EXTEND 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**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01951/FULH

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, PORCH TO FRONT AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

**43 DAINES WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX**



Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01819/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

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**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01861/FULH

**Ward. Thorpe**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

**136 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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