

E-Newsletter – 2nd February 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 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.

There are three ways to pay this year, either:

- 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)

However you choose to pay, even if your details are unchanged, please kindly **complete the membership form below and return it to Ron.**

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 15th February 2024 at 10.00am to midday**

Our next coffee morning is Thursday 15th 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.

Be fraud smart

Auction and online marketplaces are a great way to get a good deal. While most items are genuine, as seen in the news this week criminals are known to use online marketplaces to offer high value items.

Stay safe, check the seller or buyer's review history and feedback from other reviewers. Beware of accounts that may have been set up very recently with lots of favourable feedback that sounds similar.

Using a verified payment method to complete a purchase will help make getting a refund if needed easier. If a seller insists on receiving payments through a cash app or crypto currency this is a potential red flag to do some more research into the sale.

Upcoming community police events - Saturday 3 February

9am to 10am

Co-Op, Sutton Road, Southend

11am to 12pm

Southend Museum, Victoria Avenue, Southend

3pm to 4pm

Farm Foods, Eastern Avenue, Southend

3pm to 4pm

Beecroft Art Gallery, Victoria Avenue, Southend

A message from a member

A member would like to thank the various residents of Tyrone Road who came to her assistance recently when she tripped and fell. Your kindness and support was most welcome at a time of stress and high emotion.

After 8.5 hours in A&E and various tests she was discharged with a small wrist fracture and repair to a torn lip. Feeling somewhat battered and bruised but grateful for good neighbours at time of need.



Changes to services
Have your say
Support our events



A news update from the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System

As part of a public consultation to gather views on proposed changes to services provided at community hospitals, mid and south Essex residents are being invited to attend a local event to share their feedback.

The proposals under consideration are:

- potential changes to the places where some community hospital intermediate care and stroke rehabilitation services are provided,
- making permanent the temporary move of the freestanding midwife-led birthing unit from St Peter's Hospital, Maldon to the William Julien Courtauld Unit at St Michael's, Braintree.
- the possibility of moving all other patient services at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon to other locations, mostly in and around Maldon.

Representatives from the NHS in mid and south Essex will be attending events across mid and south Essex in February and March to share information, answer questions and gather views from residents.

Residents can register now for any of the other upcoming events by visiting MSE Virtual Views at virtualviews.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk

In person event date

Southend: 15 February at the Forum, Southend from 5pm to 6.30pm

Online dates

Maternity: 12 February from 2pm to 3.30pm

Stroke rehabilitation: 13 February from 2pm to 3.30pm

Intermediate care beds: 15 February from 10.30am to 12 noon

Outpatient services: 26 February from 2pm to 3.30pm

All changes: 28 February from 6pm to 7.30pm

Public Consultation Hearing

Maldon: 19 March at Maldon Town Hall, Maldon from 12.30pm to 8pm

This is an event that gives people the opportunity to present evidence or tell us their views on the proposals directly. For more information or to register interest in providing evidence, please email: PublicConsultationHearing@wearestand.co.uk

Online survey

Residents living in mid and south Essex can also complete an online survey on the proposals.

Find out more about the consultation, proposals and how to complete the survey on the NHS Mid and South Essex Virtual Views website:
virtualviews.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk

2) National Corner

Disposable vape ban

Disposable vapes are set to be banned as part of plans to tackle the rising number of young people taking up vaping, the Government have announced. Measures will also be introduced to prevent vapes being marketed at children and to target underage sales.

Council tax

Government officials have told councils they expect the maximum possible 4.99 per cent increase in council tax in April, it is reported. Local government leaders and experts have warned that raising council tax is not the answer to the financial pressures facing councils, raising different amounts in different parts of the country.

River pollution

Eighty-three per cent of English rivers contain evidence of high pollution caused by sewage and agricultural waste, according to a study by the Angling Trust. They found that many rivers monitored failed phosphate standards for good ecological status in at least one test, and 44 per cent of site averages for phosphate failed the standard for good ecological status.

Pharmacy revolution

A new proposal allowing pharmacies to treat seven common conditions is hoped to free up 10 million GP appointments a year. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who grew up in and helped his mother's pharmacy, will allow pharmacists to treat sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles, and uncomplicated urinary tract infections. This comes in an effort to reduce waiting NHS waiting lists and end the "8am scramble" for GP appointments.

Home secretary demands more police on community beat

James Cleverly has ordered police chiefs to present him with "hard evidence" that they are treating neighbourhood policing as a priority. The Home Secretary has set

out his vision to “get back to core policing” and said that bringing back the presence of officers in communities was a vital part of restoring the public’s trust in the police.

XL bully ban comes into force

It is now a criminal offence to own an XL bully dog in England and Wales without an exemption certificate. Around 40,000 of the large bulldog-type American breed are believed to have been registered before the deadline yesterday, but there may be thousands more without certificates.

Water bills to rise

Water companies are forecasting an above-inflation rise in average household bills in April, drawing criticism from campaigners. The average annual water and sewerage bill is expected to rise by 6 per cent in England and Wales, up £27 to £473, says suppliers' trade body Water UK.

Cancer survival rates slows

Progress in cancer survival in the UK is now slower than it has been for 50 years, a report suggests. The Cancer Research UK report warns the UK lags behind comparable countries such as Australia, Canada, Denmark and Norway in tackling the disease. It comes amid a backdrop of rising cancer cases, with the charity warning cases in the UK will rise by a fifth to around 506,000 by 2038/2040.

3) Crime Report 22nd – 28th January 2024

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/11929/24
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	23/01/2024 10:51
Committed Date (From)	19/01/2024 22:00
Street partial postcode	DALMATIA ROAD SS1 2
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED VICTIMS WHITE FORD TRANSIT, INDEX BL15***, FROM LOCATION BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/14779/24
Offence Description	Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	28/01/2024 08:23
Committed Date (From)	27/01/2024 18:30
Street partial postcode	HAMSTEL ROAD SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE STOLEN THE VICTIMS WING MIRROR FROM THE VICTIMS GREEN JAGUAR XE BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/14801/24
Offence Description	Theft from a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	28/01/2024 08:22

Committed Date (From) 01/01/2023
Street partial postcode **HAMSTEL ROAD SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS BLACK MERCEDES.
STOLEN A BOTTLE OF HUGO BOSS PERFUME VALUED AT 200 GBP AND
STOLEN THE VICTIMS 150 GBP NEXT COAT, FROM THE DRIVERS SIDE DOOR
BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/11264/24
Offence Description Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time 22/01/2024 04:59
Committed Date (From) 21/01/2024 23:00
Street partial postcode **LIFSTAN WAY SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED A SECURE WHITE VAUXHALL MOKKA,
INDEX EO64***, FROM THE DRIVEWAY AT THE LOCATION ADDRESS BY
MEANS UNKNOWN. NOTHING LEFT AT THE SCENE.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/11947/24
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 23/01/2024 10:05
Committed Date (From) 22/01/2024 15:00
Street partial postcode **KENSINGTON ROAD SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE DRIVERS SIDE WINDOW OF THE
VICTIMS GREY TOYOTA AYGO BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward **Thorpe**
Crime Reference Number 42/15060/24
Offence Description Residential Burglary of a Home (Dwelling)
Reported Date and Time 28/01/2024 19:38
Committed Date (From) 26/01/2024
Street partial postcode **AMBLESIDE DRIVE SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS ADDRESS BY
MEANS UNKNOWN AND CONDUCTED A MESSY SEARCH.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/11398/24
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a building - business and
community (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 17/01/2024 15:40
Committed Date (From) 06/01/2024
Street partial postcode **CAMPFIELD ROAD SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SPRAY PAINTED SYMBOLS ON HOARDING
BELONGING TO BUSINESS VICTIM CAUSING VICTIM TO HAVE TO PAINT
OVER THE SYMBOLS.

Ward	West Shoebury
Crime Reference Number	42/12977/24
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time	25/01/2024 10:16
Committed Date (From)	24/01/2024
Street partial postcode	JENA CLOSE SS3 9
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE REAR AND SIDE WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS BLACK BMW.

4) Scam Alerts

Fraudsters win your trust

Scammers use various methods to steal money and personal information. But did you know that most rely on the same few basic psychological tricks?

For example, fraudsters want to make victims feel obliged to 'return' a favour to someone who has acted selflessly or generously towards them. In the case of romance scams, the con artist may offer affection and emotional support to make you feel indebted to them and more likely to help them out when they bring up their financial problems.

Don't fall prey to them.

How to avoid holiday scams

Typically, this time of the year is when people book their holidays, but it's also when fraudsters attempt to take advantage of consumers. Holiday scams are big business for fraudsters, with victims losing more than £15m in the 2022-23 financial year.

For example, scammers created a bogus copycat Booking(dot)com website, including a pop-up chat from a fake 'customer service' representative, encouraging victims to book.

Identifying some holiday scams can be tricky.

a) Watch out for fake HMRC calls, texts, and emails

HMRC scams are up by 9% in the year to November 2023, with HMRC receiving more than 200,000 reports. Most recently, there have been scam emails circulating regarding P800s, which are annual tax calculations that HMRC usually sends via mail.

b) Tax scams

Fraudsters use various tactics to trick individuals into providing personal information, money, or access to their bank accounts. Remember, HMRC will never ask for your bank details or personal information, nor will they send you notifications by email or text.

c) Fake Health Lottery letters

Google searches for scam Health Lottery letters have spiked this week. These sneaky 'lottery award-winning claim notification' letters claim recipients have won as much as £750,000 in the Health Lottery. However, if you call to claim the prize, you will be targeted by fraudsters trying to steal your personal and financial information. It is important to note that the Health Lottery never sends letters to its winners.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 2nd February 2024

Application Number: 24/00133/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Jennifer Doherty
Erect single storey rear extension
77 Glynde Way Southend-On-Sea Essex

Application Number: 24/00152/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 (Amended Proposal)
176 Southchurch Boulevard Southend-On-Sea Essex

Application Number: 24/00148/CLP **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda
Hip to gable roof extensions to form habitable accommodation in roof and alter elevations (Certificate of Lawful Development-Proposed)
38 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 24/00167/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
Change of use from Guest House (Class C1) to single family dwellinghouse (Class C3), erect second floor balcony to existing front dormer with wooden balustrade (Part-Retrospective)
The Bay Guest House 187 Eastern Esplanade Southend-On-Sea

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 28th January 2024

APPLN. NO: 23/01836/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: Hayley Thompson
ERECT SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO REAR (RETROSPECTIVE)
101 POYNINGS AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01851/FUL **Ward. Southchurch**
Officer: James Benn
ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION
347 HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01900/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ROOFLIGHTS

130 SHOEBURY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01859/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

195 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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