# **BERA**



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# 1) Information Corner



**BERA Coffee Morning** 

Where: **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road) When: **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at **10.00am to midday** 

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, so please join us again for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, and homemade cakes.

#### **BERA AGM**

Thank you to the members who braved the weather and attended our AGM. The agenda, minutes and accounts will be available to view on the website shortly.



#### Major Works 28 April to 5th May 2024

Address THE BROADWAY

Start 04/03/2024 End 28/05/2024

Works Reference AZ502-1001280674
Works Status IN PROGRESS

Highest SOME C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY

Address FERMOY ROAD

Start 19/04/2024 End 23/05/2024

Works Reference AZ502-1001280675 Works Status PROPOSED WORKS

Highest ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address STATION ROAD

Start 25/04/2024 End 20/05/2024

Works Reference AZ502-1001280630
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS

Highest MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY

 Address
 ELM GROVE

 Start
 25/04/2024

 End
 20/05/2024

Works Reference AZ502-1001280609
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS

Highest SOME C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY

# 2) National Corner

#### Wastewater systems 'manipulated to divert sewage'

Whistleblowers say UK water companies are knowingly failing to treat legally required amounts of sewage. It is also suggested that some treatment works are manipulating wastewater systems to divert raw sewage away from the works and into rivers and seas.

#### Ofwat in water utility firm warning

In a letter to water utility company chairs, Ofwat boss lain Coucher said the number of serious pollution incidents was "still too high" and "the pace of reduction not fast enough". The regulator has also criticised firms for paying "significant dividends" to shareholders while failing to fix their poor environmental record.

#### Disposable vapes

Elfbar and Lost Mary vaping firms have launched reusable versions of their disposable vapes. At the time that the disposable vape ban was announced, the



LGA said the definition of disposable needs to be clear to avoid "the potential for producers to exploit loopholes".

#### A&E waits

NHS data shows almost 100,000 elderly people waited more than 12 hours to be seen at hospital A&E departments last year.

#### Cancer jab

The world's first personalised cancer jab for melanoma is being tested on British patients. A recent trial found it reduced the chances of skin cancer returning to patients.

#### PM does not rule out July election

Rishi Sunak has not ruled out holding a general election in July. The Prime Minister has repeatedly said his "working assumption" is the election would take place in the second half of the year.

#### The town that had 2,628 potholes - and the council mended the lot

An article describes how Blackpool has become "a template" for other councils repairing road surfaces and fixing potholes. Last year the council paid £719 in compensation for damage or falls caused by potholes when it was previously paying £1.5 million a year to settle claims.

## 3) Crime Report 15th to 21st April 2024

Ward Southchurch Crime Reference Number 42/60069/24

Offence Description Interference with a motor vehicle

Reported Date and Time 14/04/2024 23:31 Committed Date (From) 14/04/2024 23:20

Street partial postcode POYNINGS AVENUE SS2 4

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS VEHICLES WHILST THEY WERE LOCKED ON THE DRIVE. ATTACKED -WHITE MERCEDES A180: ATTACKED - PURPLE AUDI Q3.

Ward Southchurch Crime Reference Number 42/60726/24

Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under

£5,000)

Reported Date and Time 17/04/2024 03:51 Committed Date (From) 16/04/2024 23:59

Street partial postcode SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS THROWN EGGS, OIL AND TEA BAGS AT THE DOOR OF THE VICTIMS HOME.

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Ward Southchurch Crime Reference Number 42/60848/24

Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)

Reported Date and Time 17/04/2024 09:22 Committed Date (From) 17/04/2024 00:30

Street partial postcode SHERWOOD WAY SS2 4

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO 4 TYRES ON THE VICTIMS BLACK FORD FIESTA USING A SHARP INSTRUMENT.

Ward Southchurch Crime Reference Number 42/62364/24

Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)

Reported Date and Time 20/04/2024 12:18

Committed Date (From) 20/04/2024

Street partial postcode CANTERBURY AVENUE SS2 4

Offence Details (MO)

SUSEPCT UNKNOWN HAVE SMASHED VICTIMS VEHICLE WINDOW.

Ward Thorpe
Crime Reference Number 42/60316/24

Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere

Reported Date and Time 16/04/2024 15:05

Committed Date (From) 24/03/2024

Street partial postcode STATION ROAD SS1 3

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS PHONE BY UNKNOWN MEANS.

Ward West Shoebury Crime Reference Number 42/59978/24

Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)

Reported Date and Time 15/04/2024 20:07 Committed Date (From) 15/04/2024 19:48

Street partial postcode RICHMOND AVENUE SS3 9

Offence Details (MO)

SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED HAS KICKED THE VICTIMS GREEN MINI COOPER

CAUSING A SCRATCH TO THE WING MIRROR.

## 4) Scam Alert

#### **Scammers impersonating Royal Mail**

With the cost of stamps having risen four times since 2022, scammers have unsurprisingly impersonated Royal Mail with fake offers for stamps at bargain prices. Scammers have been found selling sheets of 80 second-class stamps for £60, but these phoney offers lead to phishing websites designed to steal your personal and financial information.



#### Five million over 50s fear answering the phone

Age UK found that almost a fifth of over 50s, equivalent to 4.9 million people, are fearful of picking up the phone due to scams, while one in 10 - 2.8 million – are uneasy about opening their doors.

It is awful to know anxiety around scams is affecting the day-to-day lives of people. Though fraudsters take aim at everyone, some scams tend to target older members of the public.

# 5) <u>List of Applications Registered Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> April</u> 2024

Application Number: 24/00631/FUL Ward: Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

Change of use from shop (Class E) and dwelling (Class C3) to shop and two self-contained flats (Sui Generis), erect single storey rear extension and alter elevations

177 Hamstel Road Southend-on-Sea Essex

Application Number: 24/00635/FULH Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Demolish existing garage to side, erect single storey rear and side extension, alter

elevations

36 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Southend-on-Sea

Application Number: 24/00641/FULH Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

Erect single storey side and rear extension, extend porch to front and alter elevations

10 Dungannon Chase Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 24/00655/FULH Ward: Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

Extend existing porch canopy to front/side 42 Wyatts Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 24/00667/FULH Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley Erect conservatory to side

10 Parsons Lawn Shoeburyness Southend-on-Sea

Application Number: 24/00670/FULH Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect part single/part two storey rear extension **56 Teigngrace Shoeburyness Southend-on-Sea** 

**Prior Notification:** The application below is 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: 24/00654/GPDE Ward: Thorpe

Officer: James Benn

Erect single storey rear extension, projecting 8m beyond the existing rear wall of the

dwelling, 3.3m high to eaves and with a maximum height of 3.3m.

**42 Wyatts Drive Thorpe Bay Essex** 

## 6) <u>List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024</u>

APPLN. NO: 24/00275/FULH Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Hayley Thompson

HIPPED TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (PART-

RETROSPECTIVE) (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

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

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 24/00626/ROT Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

**INSTALL 10M LIGHT WOODEN POLE** 

FOOTPATH OUTSIDE 2 ELIZABETH ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 24/00340/CLP Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION ATTACHED TO EXISTING GARAGE (LAWFUL

DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)
23 BISHOPSTEIGNTON SHOEBURYNESS ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 24/00653/ROT Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: James Benn

INSTALL 10M MEDIUM WOODEN POLE

**FOOTPATH OUTSIDE 224 DELAWARE ROAD SHOEBURYNESS** 

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

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