

E-Newsletter – 10th May 2024

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1) Information Corner



Councillor Ron Woodley elected as Southend's 103rd Mayor

Councillor Ron Woodley was elected as the City of Southend's 103rd Mayor at yesterday's Full Council meeting and takes over from councillor Stephen Habermel who has served as Mayor for the past year.

The annual Mayor Making ceremony took place in the Civic Centre council chamber and was attended by the High Sheriff of Essex, MPs, members of the faith community, council officials, family members and friends.

In his acceptance speech, councillor Woodley expressed his great admiration and pride at being elected to the role of Mayor. He thanked outgoing Mayor councillor Habermel, fellow councillors for endorsing him, and thanked the residents of Thorpe ward where he represents as an independent councillor.

Councillor Woodley said: "I really am delighted to have this opportunity to become Mayor of our great city. I very much look forward to meeting the amazing range of voluntary and community organisations across Southend and helping to promote their hard work and dedication.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Reverend Frank Smith from St Augustine's Church in Thorpe ward who has agreed to act as Chaplain during my Mayoral year. I am proud to announce that my main charity fundraising efforts for

this municipal year will be for HARP, Southend's homeless charity, and the Jude Harvey Foundation which aims to prevent young sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening, research and supporting families."



BERA Coffee Morning

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

When: **Thursday 16th May 2024 at 10.00am to midday**

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

Armed Forces Day on Saturday, 29 June 2024 at 10.30am to Salute our Armed Forces – Past, Present & Future at Victoria Plaza (*adjacent to the Odeon Cinema*), Southend-on-Sea.

The Parade will step off from the Railway bridge on the High Street at 10.30am and march to Victoria Plaza arriving at 10.45am for an open-air service of thanksgiving.

Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist returns to Southend

Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist and composer, Gary Ryan, returns to Southend on Friday 17 May.

Gary last performed in the city over 5 years ago. The British performer, who currently pursues a busy and highly varied international career as a performer and composer, is also Professor of Guitar at the Royal College of Music. He regularly gets invited to perform all over the world.

Tickets are now on sale for this must-see performance in Southend, which will be held at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend on Sea. The Civic Centre is the perfect venue for the concert with its free parking after 6pm and location to both Southend train stations.

His concert in Southend will include music by Cello Suite No 1 by J S Bach, and works by Albeniz, John Dowland, Villa Lobos and a selection of Gary Ryan's own compositions and arrangements.

Gary is also in great demand as a chamber musician and regularly performs with John Williams and John Etheridge in the Guitar Trio 6 Hands at UK venues including St George's Bristol, the Bridgewater Hall, King's Place and the Snape Maltings.

The concert takes place in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, starting at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased online at www.southend.gov.uk/concerts or by phone on 01702 215011, Monday to Friday, during normal office hours. Any remaining tickets will be on sale at the concert.



Major Works 12th to 19th May 2024

Address 1	Site Location	Start	End	Works Reference	Works Status	Highest TM
THE BROADWAY	(M) O/S CHURCH TO JCN STATION ROAD	04/03/2024	28/05/2024	AZ502-1001280674	IN PROGRESS	SOME C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY NO C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY
HAMSTEL ROAD	HAMSTEL ROAD, Southchurch	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	AZ502-1001288261	POTENTIAL WORKS	NO C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY
KENT ELMS CLOSE	KENT ELMS CLOSE, St Laurence	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	AZ502-1001287070	POTENTIAL WORKS	NO C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY
AVON WAY	O/S 9-11 (M) FERMOY ROAD JCN THE BROADWAY	03/04/2024	05/06/2024	JR101-TEMPDIST19681401	PROPOSED WORKS	SOME C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY
FERMOY ROAD	(C) ELM GROVE JCN THE BROADWAY	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	AZ502-1001280675	IN PROGRESS	ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
ELM GROVE	(C) STATION ROAD JCN	26/04/2024	21/05/2024	AZ502-1001280609	IN PROGRESS	SOME C/W INCURSION - DELAYS UNLIKELY
STATION ROAD		03/05/2024	28/05/2024	AZ502-1001280630	IN PROGRESS	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS -

	THE BROADWAY						DELAYS LIKELY
LONDON ROAD	O/S 299 London Road SS0 7BX	08/05/2024	14/05/2024	EC300-12855859	PROPOSED WORKS		MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
SHOEBURY ROAD	o/s 144 shoebury road from junction with Shorefield Road to junction with The Leas	10/05/2024	14/05/2024	BC311-001WF1VNF6J	PROPOSED PERMANENT		MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
WESTERN ESPLANADE		10/05/2024	14/05/2024	AD026-63495081	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
STATION ROAD	Outside 104 on station road	12/05/2024	13/05/2024	BC411-SA001WF0HT03S	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
QUEENSWAY SLIP ROAD NW	Queensway Slip Road NW	13/05/2024	31/05/2024	JR100-JR100BRIDGEDEMO-03	PROPOSED WORKS		ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
QUEENSWAY SLIP ROAD NE	QUEENSWAY SLIP ROAD NE	13/05/2024	31/05/2024	JR100-BRIDGEDEMO-02	PROPOSED WORKS		ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
QUEENSWAY	QUEENSWAY UNDERPASS	13/05/2024	31/05/2024	JR100-BRIDGEDEMO-01	PROPOSED WORKS		ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
NESS ROAD	at junction with Trafalgar Road	13/05/2024	13/05/2024	AD037-RO63028824/1	PROPOSED WORKS		ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
CHELTENHAM ROAD	Os 47	14/05/2024	17/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00070380	PROPOSED WORKS		ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
LIFSTAN WAY	Os 85	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00072519	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
LIFSTAN WAY	Os 91	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00072518	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
LIFSTAN WAY	opp Shaftesbury Park	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00072515	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
LIFSTAN WAY	opp Shaftesbury Park	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00072514	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
LIFSTAN WAY	opp Shaftesbury Park	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00072513	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
LIFSTAN WAY	opp Shaftesbury Park From o/s 36 to o/s 33	14/05/2024	15/05/2024	JR100-G-MAIN-00072512	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
WESTERN APPROACHES	WESTERN APPROACHES, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA SS2 6HA	14/05/2024	16/05/2024	BC411-SA001WFHVT89M	PROPOSED WORKS		TWO-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY
EAST STREET	OPP 96-98	16/05/2024	17/05/2024	EN014-M105050	PROPOSED WORKS		ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

2) National Corner

‘Dental deserts’ leave people untreated

Just one in 10 adults has seen a NHS dentist locally over the last year in some parts of the country, official data shows. The analysis by think tank Onward follows national figures showing that just four in 10 adults saw a dentist in the years 2022 to 2023.

Social media sites urged to stop school exam scams

Exam boards have urged social media companies to do more to “shut down” scammers selling fake GCSE and A-level papers to students.

Simpler recycling

The Government has announced changes to the way recycling is collected in England. Measures include households being able to put recyclables in one bin and councils being able to co-collect food and garden waste.

Council tax

Many councils have increased council tax by the maximum allowed to bring in funding for local services. The Government has increasingly relied on council tax to raise spending powers for councils over the past decade. Previous LGA research found that councils saw a 60 per cent reduction in central government funding between 2010 and 2020.

Medicine shortages

People are having to go from shop to shop to find stocks as medicine shortages are worsening, experts have said. Health leaders say some patients are even having to "ration" their drugs, with a new poll suggesting shortages are a "daily occurrence" for many of England's pharmacies.

Agency charging £2,000 for nurse shift

An agency providing last-minute freelance nurses to NHS hospitals is routinely charging up to £2,000 a shift. Under NHS rules, hospital managers are obliged to use staffing agencies that work within an agreed framework, with a limit or cap on how much should be paid. But when last-minute essential cover is needed, trusts may use off-framework agencies which are not legally obliged to abide by pre-agreed pay scales.

Inflation rates

Andrew Bailey, Governor of the Bank of England, has expressed optimism that, as inflation falls close to its targets in the next few months, an interest rate cut will follow in June at the earliest, with rates holding at 5.25 per cent. He added that more

evidence of inflation staying low would be needed before a decision was made but described news on inflation, currently at 3.2 percent, as encouraging.

UK recession

ONS figures, published this morning, confirm that the UK has left the technical recession that it slipped into at the end of 2023 when the economy contracted by 0.4 per cent over the year, with the economy growing 0.6 per cent in the first three months of 2024. This figure marks a return to growth in the UK economy, which has seen weak growth in the last two years.

3) Crime Report 29th April to 5th May 2024

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/68421/24
Offence Description	Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time	29/04/2024 10:32
Committed Date (From)	27/04/2024 13:21
Street partial postcode	HAMSTEL ROAD SS2 4
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE KNOCKED THE VICTIMS FRONT WALL OVER AND LEFT THE GATE HANGING OFF. THIS WAS DONE BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward	Southchurch
Crime Reference Number	42/69324/24
Offence Description	Theft of a motor vehicle
Reported Date and Time	03/05/2024 12:34
Committed Date (From)	02/05/2024 23:50
Street partial postcode	BARNSTAPLE ROAD SS1 3
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE VICTIMS GREY TOYOTA AVENIS, INDEX FH13***, BY EXACT MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward	Thorpe
Crime Reference Number	42/67497/24
Offence Description	Attempted - Robbery (of Personal Property)
Reported Date and Time	29/04/2024 21:27
Committed Date (From)	29/04/2024 20:50
Street partial postcode	THORPE ESPLANADE SS1 3
Offence Details (MO)	SUSPECT HAS APPROACHED THE VICTIM WHO WAS WALKING ALONG THORPE ESPLANADE AND TRIED TO STEAL THEIR CAT WHICH THE VICTIM WAS HOLDING IN A CAT CARRIER BY GRABBING IT CAUSING THE HANDLE TO TEAR.

Ward	West Shoebury
Crime Reference Number	42/67656/24

Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 30/04/2024 10:04
Committed Date (From) 29/04/2024
Street partial postcode **BLYTH AVENUE SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SLASHED THE TYRES OF VICTIMS MOBILITY CAR. BLUE MG.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/68115/24
Offence Description Attempted Burglary - Business And Community
Reported Date and Time 29/04/2024 08:44
Committed Date (From) 29/04/2024
Street partial postcode **NORTH SHOEBURY ROAD SS3 8**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN 9 PANES OF GLASS AND PUSHED A BOLT UP ON THE FRONT DOOR. SOME OF THE PANES OF GLASS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY SMASHED OUT. THERE IS DAMAGE TO THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WINDOWS AND THE DOOR PANEL IS ALSO DAMAGED. THERE IS A SECURITY SYSTEM IN PLACE THAT DID NOT GO OFF.

Ward **West Shoebury**
Crime Reference Number 42/68406/24
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a residence (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 01/05/2024 05:07
Committed Date (From) 01/05/2024 01:00
Street partial postcode **ULSTER AVENUE SS3 9**
Offence Details (MO)
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO 3 GLASS WINDOWS ON THE FRONT OF THE VICTIMS PROPERTY.

4) Scam Alert

'Windows Defender' scam

Scammers are using fake Windows Defender pop-up messages to convince PC users to hand over hundreds of pounds.

In reality, however, these warnings are completely false and have nothing to do with Microsoft. They are caused by trojan malware that can delete, block, modify, leak or copy data. But your device is not affected by this trojan – it is simply a window trying to convince you to call the number on-screen.

Fraud is soaring on second-hand marketplaces

Snapping up a bargain or making a bit of cash selling second-hand goods online might seem simple, but scammers are lurking on these platforms.

Which? latest survey of more than 1,000 second-hand marketplace buyers and 1,000 second-hand marketplace sellers revealed that a third of buyers (32%) and a fifth (22%) of sellers had experienced a scam on a second-hand marketplace in the two years to January 2024.

5 scam calls

Ofcom, the communications regulator, found that people were less likely to identify calls on their mobiles as suspicious straight away, compared to dubious emails and texts.

Please be aware of the five scam calls doing the rounds this week:

- 1) Sky maintenance call
- 2) HMRC scam call
- 3) Telephone Preference Service scam
- 4) Passport scam call
- 5) Moonpay scam

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 10th May 2024

Application Number: 24/00677/AD **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Abbie Greenwood
Application for approval of details pursuant to conditions 03 (Details of materials), 05 (Details of hard and soft landscaping) of planning permission 23/01181/FUL dated 13/07/2023
771 - 773 Southchurch Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 24/00254/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Oliver Hart
Change of use from residential dwellinghouse (Class C3) to residential institution (Class C2)
117 Brunswick Road Southend-on-sea Essex

Application Number: 24/00711/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: James Benn
Erect replacement outbuilding in rear garden
62 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 24/00710/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Scott Davison
Erect a three storey rear extension, dormer to rear and install roof lights to front and side elevations
78 Thorpedene Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 5th May 2024

APPLN. NO: 24/00403/CLE

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

PLACEMENT OF STREET FURNITURE IN AND AROUND RESTAURANT/CAFÉ
(LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-EXISTING)

OCEAN BEACH EASTERN ESPLANADE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Lawful Development Certificate

APPLN. NO: 24/00399/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

Officer: Gabriella Fairley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND SIDE EXTENSION TO GARAGE,
ALTERATIONS TO FRONT ELEVATION INCLUDING CANOPY TO FRONT,
CONVERT GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION AND EXTEND
VEHICLE CROSSOVER TO FRONT

262 SHOEBURY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

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