



**BERA E-Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 -  
[www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**

Dear Member

We have altered the layout of our newsletter and although the COVID-19 information is still very important to us all, we have lost the feel of our personal BERA newsletter. Therefore, we are putting our BERA information at the top along with the news that is happening in our area, with all other news below.

However, as there are not so many events happening in the area at the moment, we will also be going back to sending our newsletter out once a week, on a Thursday.

We hope that you will find this a more enjoyable read and thank you for your continued support.

Keep well,

Regards

Ron

## **1) Information Corner**

### **New BERA website**

As you know, we were undertaking a website redesign. This is still in the process of being completed but if you go to [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk), you will be able to see the changes that have currently been made. I am sure that you will agree that this looks so much better and more friendly to use. You can now use any mobile device to view the website and once it is fully completed, we will let you know all of the other benefits that this will offer.

### **Photos for the website**

If any photographers have any high resolution images for the website of our area that we can display, please email them to either Ron at [ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronwoodley@hotmail.co.uk) or Mike at [cllrstafford@southend.gov.uk](mailto:cllrstafford@southend.gov.uk) and we will include them on the new website. Thank you.

### **Christmas Lights in The Broadway**

BERA have ordered the Christmas lights for the lampposts and the tree on the roundabout in The Broadway.

### **Monthly Coffee Mornings**

When it is safe, we hope to resume our monthly coffee mornings. We will of course, keep you updated on any changes. Ron's missing the cake that Beryl and Sally bring along but he has lost weight!

### **Scam phone calls**

We have been contacted by a member who has had phone calls from HMRC. Please do not give out any of your personal details.

### **Tree Planting**

The Ward Councillors have been awarded £5000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy and we have decided to spend it on tree planting. We also have BERA funding trees, so if any residents would like a tree planted outside their home, we can cover it from either of those schemes. Please either contact Ron or Mike should you wish to have a tree planted.

### **Outbuilding on Thorpe Bay Gardens destroyed in late night fire - Sunday, 6th September 2020**

Source: Echo News <https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/18701967.outbuilding-thorpe-bay-gardens-destroyed-late-night-fire/>

A tennis club's hut has been destroyed after a late night fire.

The outbuilding, Thorpe Bay Lawn Tennis Club's Groundsman's Hut, on Thorpe Bay Gardens, was "completely on fire" according to fire crews last night.

Firefighters were called to the scene in Thorpe Bay at around 10.30pm, with the fire extinguished three hours later.

The tennis club has said the fire was caused by an electrical fault.

A spokesman from the fire service, said: "Firefighters were called to a fire involving an outbuilding in Thorpe Bay. When fire crews arrived, they reported that the building, which has a thatched roof, was completely on fire. Firefighters managed to extinguish the fire by 1:20am. One crew stayed at the scene for a further few hours to ensure all hot spots were fully extinguished. An investigation will be carried out to find the cause of the fire."

### **A127 Major Works Update**

From the 6th September, Denton Approach will be closed at the Junction with the A127. This is to prevent vehicles from attempting to bypass the works at The Bell Junction, and a speed 'rat-run' through Denton Approach, Denton Avenue, Hornby Avenue. Emergency vehicles will still be granted access through this junction should an emergency arise.

## **Bell Junction**

Works currently happening at the Bell Junction include removal of the existing eastbound and westbound traffic signal islands during daytime (09:00 to 15:00 off peak); with carriageway integrity testing and ground penetration radar surveys being undertaken at night-time (20:00 to 06:30). The footbridge demolition is planned for the weekend of the 18th to 20th at night-time (20:00 to 06:30).

## **Essential Major Maintenance**

Works currently happening on the A127 for the above include, drainage gully repairs (during daytime 09:00 to 15:00 off peak) eastbound; with carriageway integrity testing and ground penetration radar surveys being undertaken at night-time (20:00 to 06:30).

A full weekend closure is planned from Progress Road to Kent Elms Corner for structural repairs and resurfacing of the eastbound carriageway from Saturday 06:00 to Monday 06:30.

## **Bell Junction and Maintenance Work A127**

The weekend of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August the Bell junction and the A127 highway itself will be **closed**. It is essential that the works are carried out so it is something that we have had to do. Please avoid the area.

## **2) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 4 September 2020**

APPLN. NO: 20/01228/FUL

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Scott Davison

Date Valid. 20 August 2020

**ERECT SECOND FLOOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING CLUB LOUNGE  
GARONS PARK GOLF COMPLEX GARONS PARK SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 20/01337/CLP

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 17 August 2020

**SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION TO FORM GARAGE, CONVERT  
EXISTING GARAGE INTO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION (LAWFUL  
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)  
90 SOUTHCHURCH BOULEVARD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01343/CLP

**Ward. Southchurch**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Date Valid. 18 August 2020

**HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE  
ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE, INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT  
(LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)  
131 POYNINGS AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01346/FULH **Ward. Southchurch**  
Officer: Oliver Hart Date Valid. 18 August 2020 Area BORO  
**ERECT TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS**  
**6 LADRAM ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01336/CLP **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Julie Ramsey Date Valid. 17 August 2020  
**DORMER TO REAR WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO EXTEND HABITABLE**  
**ACCOMODATION IN ROOFSPACE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT**  
**CERTIFICATEPROPOSED)**  
**7 THURLOW DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01342/CLP **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 18 August 2020  
**DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN**  
**ROOFSPACE, INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT**  
**CERTIFICATEPROPOSED)**  
**170 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01344/FULH **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 18 August 2020  
**ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS**  
**170 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01379/FUL **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: Robert Lilburn Date Valid. 3 September 2020  
**DEMOLISH EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE AND ERECT A THREE STOREY**  
**BUILDING COMPRISING OF 3 SELF CONTAINED FLATS WITH ASSOCIATED**  
**PARKING TO FRONT AND REAR, LAYOUT AMENITY SPACE, REFUSE AND**  
**CYCLE STORAGE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)**  
**3 THORPE ESPLANADE THORPE BAY ESSEX**

APPLN. NO: 20/01335/FULH **Ward. West Shoebury**  
Officer: Kara Elliott Date Valid. 17 August 2020  
**HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, ERECT DORMER TO REAR WITH**  
**JULIETTE BALCONIES, ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PART**  
**SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS**  
**17 STROMA GARDENS SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

APPLN. NO: 20/01360/FULH

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott

Date Valid. 20 August 2020

**ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS  
(PARTRETROSPECTIVE)**

**10 CHELDON BARTON SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

### **3) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 06/09/2020**

APPLN. NO: 20/01099/FUL

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

**EXTEND GARAGES TO FRONT AT 50 AND 52 ULSTER AVENUE AND FORM  
PORCH TO FRONT AT NO. 52**

**50 - 52 ULSTER AVENUE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01165/AD

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Kara Elliott

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITION 03  
(DETAILS OF MATERIALS) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 19/00895/FULH DATED  
12.08.2019**

**18 LODWICK SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Grant Permission

### **4) Southend NHW Crime Report - 31st August - 6th September 2020**

Ward	<b>Southchurch</b>
Reference	42/138325/20
Offence Type	Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle
Reported Date	01/09/2020 10:33
Committed From	31/08/2020 20:30
Street Town	Hamstel Road, Southend-on-Sea
MO	SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED SILVER RIDGEBACK SPEED PEDAL CYCLE VALUED AT 500 GBP BY MEANS UNKNOWN.

Ward	<b>Southchurch</b>
Reference	42/142196/20
Offence Type	Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date	04/09/2020 11:36
Committed From	08/08/2020 00:00
Street Town	Philpott Avenue, Southend-on-Sea

MO SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS REMOVED THE INFORMANTS WORK LAPTOP FROM ITS PACKAGING WHILE IT WAS BEING COURIERED IN ESSEX.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Reference 42/139754/20  
Offence Type Theft if not classified elsewhere  
Reported Date 03/09/2020 11:03  
Committed From 01/09/2020 20:00  
Street Town Thorpe Bay Gardens, Thorpe Bay  
MO SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS CUT A ROPE SECURING A CHAIN AND ANCHOR TO VICTIMS BOAT AND STOLEN THE CHAIN AND ANCHOR.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Reference 42/141688/20  
Offence Type Theft from the person of another  
Reported Date 05/09/2020 17:09  
Committed From 05/09/2020 16:00  
Street Town Eastern Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea  
MO SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE APPROPRIATED PROPERTY BELONGING TO VICTIM BY MEANS UNKNOWN

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Reference 42/140840/20  
Offence Type Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date 03/09/2020 18:04  
Committed From 30/08/2020 10:30  
Street Town Fremantle Southend-on-Sea  
MO SUSPECT UNIDENTIFIED AGED APPROX 3 TO 4 YEARS OLD HAS THROWN A STONE AT VICTIMS GREEN FORD C-MAX CAUSING DAMAGE

## 5) Temporary Road Closures

### a) Wakering Road, Southend – Emergency Water Repairs – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for 1 week.

Southend-On-Sea Borough Council gives notice that to facilitate EMERGENCY WATER REPAIRS; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC in WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

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

PROCEEDING ON WAKERING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTIONS WITH BARLING ROAD & SOUTHEND ROAD TO BOURNES GREEN CHASE.

TO ACCESS THORPE HALL SCHOOL PLEASE ENTER FROM THE JUNCTION WITH BOURNES GREEN ROAD.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 6th September 2020. This notice will remain in force for a period of 21 days or the duration of the works whichever is the earliest. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

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

**b) Thorpe Hall Avenue, Southend-On-Sea – Emergency Water Repairs – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for 1 week.**

Southend-On-Sea Borough Council hereby gives notice that to facilitate EMERGENCY WATER REPAIRS; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF ENTRY in THORPE HALL AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

Whilst this notice is in operation, all vehicles will be prohibited from:  
ENTERING THORPE HALL AVENUE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ACACIA DRIVE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ELM GROVE.

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 9th September 2020. This notice will remain in force for a period of 21 days or the duration of the works whichever is the earliest. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

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

## **Coronavirus Information**

**\*Please be aware that the rate of cases is increasing in Southend and England \***

### **Virus shifts to young**

Two thirds of confirmed COVID-19 infections are in the under-40s while numbers in older people have fallen sharply, analysis shows. A fifth of cases are in people over 50, compared with three quarters in the spring. Cases in those over 80 account for 3 per cent of the total, down from 28 per cent in March.

**Call 111 before A&E – NHS shake-up**

Patients will be told to call 111 before attending Accident & Emergency departments under pilot schemes to be launched across the country.

## **Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak - 4 September 2020**

### **National and local data**

Please visit the test and trace section of our website for the latest national and local data: [www.southend.gov.uk/testandtrace](http://www.southend.gov.uk/testandtrace).

A link to the national NHS Digital information shows information by time intervals (for example, 3-days, 7-days, 30-days, etc), as well as the total numbers and requests or referrals to NHS 111.

### **Antibody Testing Programme**

An Antibody Testing Programme to determine whether people have had COVID-19 is being made available to all care home, social care and domiciliary care staff working in Mid and South Essex and West Essex. This is a voluntary test and is not mandatory for anyone. The Southend testing site opened on 1 September and has been set up at Sutton Road Surgery, 508 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 5PN. The antibody tests are being provided free of charge by the NHS to staff whether they have had symptoms or not.

### **Secondary schools**

Parents and pupils will have an additional secondary school preference to select this year. This follows changes made to the 11+ exam in the wake of recent Government guidance and Coronavirus.

### **Landlords:**

As the Government eases restrictions on evictions put in place due to Coronavirus, tenants and landlords are continuing to be urged to call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council first.

### **Bus passengers**

Bus passengers are continuing to be encouraged to consider when they travel to prioritise children going to school.

### **Business grants**

The application period for the business grants schemes closed on 28 August and final payments for the scheme are now being processed and to be paid by 30 September.

We received 657 applications for phase one of the discretionary scheme (over half being duplicate or ineligible for the scheme) and so far have paid out £405,000 to 136 businesses. The remainder require further information and the team are currently following these up for processing and payment.



We have received 31 applications for phase two, with 15 outstanding.  
Retail, hospitality and leisure and small business grants  
We have now paid out £37.36m to 3,074 businesses.

## **Other**

### **Out of hours:**

Urgent issues arising out of hours should be reported to the out of hours service in accordance with standard practice.

The phone number is 01702 215000.

The out of hours service will then contact the relevant Council officer who is on-call or the relevant contractor such as Veolia. They also have access to the town link radio and CCTV.

### **Summary of Covid-19 related Govt. announcements 09/09/2020**

The Cabinet Office has published the PM speech from this afternoon, stating it is critical that everybody observes the following key behaviours:

HANDS – Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.

FACE – Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

SPACE – Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

### **The government has announced new measures to suppress the virus and keep the number of infections down:**

From 14/9/20 you must not meet with people from other households socially in groups of more than 6. This will apply indoors and outdoors, including in private homes. This change will simplify and clarify the rules on social gatherings, so they are easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce. There will be a limited number of exemptions. COVID-19 Secure venues, such as places of worship, restaurants and hospitality venues, can still host larger numbers in total but groups of up to 6 must not mix or form larger groups. This rule will not apply to individual households or support bubbles of more than 6 who will still be able to gather together. Education and work settings are unaffected, and organised team sports will still be able to proceed, as will weddings and funerals up to 30. From Monday, this limit will be enforceable in law.

**Businesses will have a clear duty to support NHS Test and Trace.** From 18/9/20, it will be mandatory for certain businesses to have a system to collect NHS Test and Trace data, and keep this for 21 days. Core COVID-19 Secure requirements will be mandated for hospitality businesses, and egregious breaches enforced. The government has also published simplified COVID-19 Secure guidance, available [here](#).

**The government will support Local Authorities and police forces to respond to breaches of COVID-19 Secure guidelines.** We will launch a register of newly qualified and recently retired Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) so that Local Authorities can recruit more quickly and fill any gaps. In addition, we will introduce COVID-19 Secure Marshals to help local authorities support social distancing in towns and city centres.

**The government will take steps to improve compliance with border requirements.** We will simplify the Passenger Locator Form needed for travelling to the UK, and take measures to ensure passengers have filled out their form before departure. Border Force will step up and target their enforcement efforts at the border to ensure arrivals are complying with the rules.

**The government will review plans to pilot larger audiences in venues this month.** Planned sports pilot events will be limited to smaller, safer numbers, with strict conditions to ensure social distancing, and will not take place in areas where incidence is high. We will review our intention to return audiences to stadia and conference centres from 1 October.

**The government will restrict the opening hours of premises, initially in local lockdown areas, with the option of national action in the future.** This has been introduced in Bolton, following a steep rise in cases, and will seek to restrict activities that may lead to a spread in the virus.

**DfE has published:**

Updated guidance to reflect the actions special schools and other specialist settings need to support full opening from the start of the autumn term.  
New guidance on building temporary educational psychologist capacity to support schools and colleges.

**Department for International Trade** has published a new 'bounce-back' plan of trade measures for the consumer and retail industry has been announced today to help support businesses impacted.

**DWP** has updated instructions for public sector organisations and exempt charities applying for the Kickstart Scheme without a Companies House or Charity Commission number.

**MHCLG** has updated guidance for those managing council buildings to reflect changes in rules on gatherings, and on track and trace.

**PHE** has published a new mental health campaign that supports the wellbeing of children, young people and their parents.

**DEFRA** has published updated advice on using green spaces and protecting yourself and others with updated guidance on meeting other people.

## **Summary of Covid-19 related Govt. announcements 10/09/2020**

### **Department for Transport**

- In updated travel guidance, French Polynesia, Hungary, Reunion and mainland Portugal (not including Madeira and the Azores) are no longer on the travel advice exemptions list, following the latest assessment of COVID-19 risks. The FCDO advises against all non-essential travel to these countries and territories. Sweden has been added to the travel advice exemptions list.

### **PHE**

- Guidance for food businesses, has been updated to include an easy-to-translate version to reflect the extension of self-isolation to 10 days.
- Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus has been updated to include support bubble guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together.

### **Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy**

- Guidance for working safely, is updated on social gatherings of more than 6 people and mandatory test and trace requirements to guidance for close contact services; construction and outdoor work; factories; plants and warehouses; Hotels and accommodation; Labs and research facilities; Offices and contact centres; sports providers; Restaurants pubs, bars and takeaway services; and shops.

### **Department of Health and Social Care**

- Guidance has been released for employers and third-party healthcare providers on the regulations and legal obligations of running testing programmes. This guidance will help employers and third-party healthcare providers who want to introduce their own internal testing programmes outside of the NHS Test and Trace service, and ensure that their testing is reliable and effective.