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1) Information Corner

Southchurch Library

Due to the installation of a new boiler, Southchurch Library will be closed from 4pm on Saturday 31st October and will re-open at 10am on Monday 16th November. The closure will be advertised on posters at the library and also via social media.

Alarms

Please contact Ron or Mike if any member wishes to have a panic alarm, personal alarm, no cold caller letterbox sticker, contactless debit card blocking pouch or the car key signal blocking pouch. We can deliver if necessary.

Tree Planting

Thank you to everyone who requested a tree and BERA will be planting 10 trees in the area this year.

The Broadway Roundabout

We are having the roundabout at The Broadway planted up, ready for the Christmas lights.

BERA Noticeboard

The BERA noticeboard in The Broadway is being updated regularly, so please take a look at the news and events that are displayed on the board when you are passing.

Beach Shelter

We had two beach shelters refurbished in Shoebury Common, which were due to have been opened last Sunday (11th) but unfortunately, they were smashed up on the Saturday. We are saddened at this mindless behaviour and they will now have to be repaired once again.

Next year's exams in England delayed but still going ahead

Next summer's A-levels and GCSEs in England are going ahead, but with reduced content for some subjects and a start date pushed back by three weeks. Most exams will now start from 7 June, rather than mid-May, in an attempt to make up for lost teaching time and the Education Secretary said further back-up plans would be decided later for "all scenarios".

2) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 9th October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01618/CLP

Officer: Oliver Hart

SINGLE STOREY SIDE/REAR EXTENSION, ALTER ELEVATIONS (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

8 FERNBROOK AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Ward. Southchurch

Date Valid. 2 October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01633/FULH

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT PART SINGLE/PART TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL PORCH AND CANOPY ROOF TO FRONT AND ALTER ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

123 BURLESCOOMBE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Ward. Southchurch

Date Valid. 6 October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01456/FULH

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION

61 COLBERT AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Ward. Thorpe

Date Valid. 7 October 2020

APPLN. NO: 20/01570/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

Date Valid. 5 October 2020

DEMOLISH EXISTING SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND ERECT TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH JULIETTE BALCONY TO REAR, ALTER ELEVATIONS

100 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01625/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 2 October 2020

DORMER TO REAR AND ROOFLIGHTS TO FRONT AND SIDE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOF AND ALTER SIDE AND REAR ELEVATIONS (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)

155 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

APPLN. NO: 20/01626/GPDE

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Oliver Hart

Date Valid. 5 October 2020

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 5.9M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 3M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.6M

155 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

3) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending **11th October 2020**

APPLN. NO: 20/01153/FUL

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

FORM ROOF TERRACE OVER SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO GROUND FLOOR SHOP AT REAR WITH PERIMETER WALL AND PRIVACY SCREENING, INSTALL FRENCH DOORS ONTO ROOF TERRACE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

225A HAMSTEL ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01206/TPO

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

FELL ONE PEDUNCULATE OAK TREE (T10), CLEAR AND REMOVE REMNANT HAZARD OF ONE FAILED OAK TREE (T2) AND CROWN REDUCTION OF 2-2.5M TO ONE PEDUNCULATE OAK TREE (T9) AND ONE MATURE HOLM OAK TREE (T3) ALL TREES LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN MOST AREA OF THE CARPARK (WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER)

THORPE HALL SCHOOL WAKERING ROAD SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant consent to carry out work to Trees

APPLN. NO: 20/01343/CLP

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Hayley Thompson

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
Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 20/01221/FULH
Officer: Kara Elliott

Ward. Thorpe

ERECT SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, INSTALL BALCONY TO FRONT
159 BURGESS ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01301/FULH
Officer: Kara Elliott

Ward. Thorpe

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
263 WOODGRANGE DRIVE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/00904/FUL
Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

Ward. West Shoebury

ERECT DWELLINGHOUSE AND LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT
LAND ADJACENT 16 TORRINGTON SHOEBURYNESS
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01146/FUL
Officer: Scott Davison

Ward. West Shoebury

ERECT DWELLINGHOUSE ADJACENT TO EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE,
INSTALL TWO VEHICULAR ACCESSES ONTO AYLESBEARE, ASSOCIATED
LAYOUT PARKING TO FRONT AND REAR (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
15 AYLESBEARE SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Decision: Refuse Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01188/OUT
Officer: Scott Davison

Ward. West Shoebury

DEMOLISH EXISTING BUILDING (CLASS A4), ERECT 9 DWELLINGS WITH
ASSOCIATED PARKING AND VEHICULAR ACCESS ON TO SEAVIEW ROAD
AND STOUR CLOSE (OUTLINE) (AMENDED PROPOSAL)
22 SEAVIEW ROAD SHOEBURYNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 20/01446/NON
Officer: Robert Lilburn

Ward. West Shoebury

REPLACE APPROVED DRAWINGS 1402 PA00-10 WITH 1402 PA00 REV E, 1402
PA01 REV R, 1402 PA02 REV N, 1402 PA03 REV M, 1402 PA04 REV K, 1402
PA05 REV K, 1402 PA06 REV T, 1402 PA07 REV L, 1402 PA08 REV P AND 1402

PA10 REV G, INCLUDING REDUCE BUILDING EXTENT AT EAST, WEST AND SOUTH ELEVATIONS, ALTER GLAZED OPENINGS AND ELEVATIONS AND REMOVE CAR LIFT (NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION 17/01245/FUL DATED 01/02/2018)

14 LODWICK SHOEBURYNES SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Refuse Non Material Amendment

4) A127 Major Works (A127 and the Bell Junction)

A127 Bell Junction - 12th Oct to 16th Oct

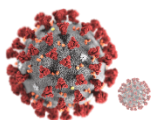
There will be off-peak (09:00 to 15:00) northbound lane closures on Hopleythick Lane, and westbound off-peak (09:00 to 15:00) lane closures on the A127 (at the Bell Junction), for kerb removal and new carriageway widening works.

A127 Essential Major Maintenance - 12th Oct to 16th Oct

Carriageway stabilisation works will continue to be undertaken during night-time (20:00 to 06:30) southbound road closures, from the Cuckoo Corner Roundabout to Priory Crescent.

Carriageway drainage gully repairs and installation works are continuing during the daytime (09:00 to 15:00), under westbound lane closures, from Tesco's roundabout to Borough Boundary.

5) Coronavirus Information



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

Rise in coronavirus cases prompts public health appeal

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Director of Public Health is reminding residents of the importance of social distancing and urging those with symptoms to stop the spread by self-isolating and booking a test.

In the past week 60 cases of coronavirus were confirmed in Southend-on-Sea and our weekly rate is currently 34.4 cases per 100,000 people. This is slightly above the East of England average (c.33 per 100,000), and around four times what it was four weeks ago.

The director of public health, says: “In recent weeks we have seen a rise in confirmed cases across the country, across Essex and across Southend-on-Sea. Most of these are attributed to people not following the public health advice including not self-isolating.

“With additional testing in place this was predicted and although we are doing everything we can to slow this rise in cases locally, we must remember that Coronavirus is still with us and we must continue to be vigilant, and do our bit to help and follow national guidance.

“It is extremely important that we all maintain social distancing by keeping at least two metres from others, maintain good hand-washing, wear face coverings and follow the ‘rule of six.’ This is even more important now that schools have restarted and I urge parents to socially distance at the school gates and young people not to congregate in groups before and after school too. I know this is difficult but please do try and help our communities to stay safe.”

Cabinet member for adult social care and health, says: “Knowing what to do if you have symptoms is also key to stopping the spread. If you have any symptoms, it is crucial that you self-isolate. Get tested as soon as possible, and isolate until you know the result. Do not be put off requesting a test if you have symptoms and please do so as soon as possible. There is support in place for those on low incomes. Please visit our website for further details.

“You must also self-isolate if you are told to by the national test and trace system. In this scenario, you must do so for the full period regardless of whether you have symptoms or not, or whether you receive a negative test result or not. This period will be 10 or 14 days depending on the circumstances. Due to the incubation period of this disease which can be up to 14 days, you must self-isolate for the period advised.

“To be clear, even if you don’t have symptoms or even if you get a negative test result, you must still continue to self-isolate for the full period advised if you have been contacted through the test and trace system. Please follow this and national advice. If people don’t, we will continue to see cases rise, spread and reach people who are more vulnerable in our communities, leading to more severe illness and deaths in our community.”

Three-tier system of local lockdowns confirmed

A new three-tier system of coronavirus restrictions is being introduced in England, the Prime Minister has announced, with Liverpool placed in the highest tier. The Local COVID Alert Levels - "medium", "high" and "very high" - are aimed at simplifying the range of different restrictions which were already in place across various parts of the country and will be implemented in different areas depending on local infection rates. It comes as 13,972 new coronavirus cases were reported in the UK, with 50 more deaths recorded of people who tested positive within the previous 28 days.

Threat of England hotspot travel ban to Wales

Welsh Minister Mark Drakeford has threatened a travel ban in Wales on people from English coronavirus hotspots if the Prime Minister does not impose his own. He said he is giving UK ministers "one final opportunity" before he makes changes in Welsh law, after the UK Government announced that it will advise against non-essential travel from Merseyside, but stopped short of making it illegal.

Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 9th October 2020

Key updates/actions

- **Testing** – The media team has issued a media release, reminding residents of the importance of social distancing and urging those with symptoms to get tested. This is generating local coverage and interviews with local broadcast media.
- **Toy Drive** – The Council has announced how it will continue to run the Christmas Toy Drive for children who may otherwise not receive a present during COVID restrictions.
- **Avatars** – Children who cannot attend classrooms for health reasons – including due to shielding – are being assisted by 15 mini “avatars”. The robots will allow students who may not be able to go to school because of medical or mental health reasons, to attend their classes remotely so they learn in real time, interact with their peers and participate in lessons.
- **Compliance and Enforcement Grant** - Guidance as well as individual allocations of the Local Authority compliance and enforcement grant has been published. The Government has announced that police forces and councils will receive an additional £60 million for enforcement of coronavirus rules. Southend on Sea has received £95,357. The guidance covers the application of COVID-19 secure marshals or equivalent
- **Travel updates** - From 4am Saturday 10 October, people arriving in England from the Greek Islands of Lesbos, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos and Zakynthos will not need to self-isolate for 2 weeks. No additional countries have been removed from the travel corridor list this week.
- **Halloween and bonfire night** – Update from Public Health England is that both events are permitted in accordance with the rule of six. Nationally, the messaging will be to encourage people to celebrate safely and this will be supported by the Council. Halloween messaging will also include additional suggestions on how to share treats. Further guidance is expected next week from PHE, including a Q&A and guidance for areas under local restrictions.
- **Interactive map** - The House of Commons Library has produced an interactive map showing areas with local restrictions, which gives a top-line summary of the current restrictions and a link to the relevant guidance

pages on Gov.uk in each area. The map can be found at:
<https://visual.parliament.uk/research/visualisations/coronavirus-restrictions-map/>

- **Schools** - Ofsted has published the first reports on how schools and children's homes are addressing the needs of children at this time, and finds:
 - That schools are working hard to help children catch up with their learning and homes are finding new ways to support children
 - Parental anxiety about safety seems to be behind an increase in the numbers opting to home-school their children
 - Schools are dealing with misinformation and myths about how they should approach COVID security
- **Antibody tests** - Government has announced that it has purchased 1 million antibody tests from the UK-RTC
 - The home antibody tests will be rolled out as part of the Government's COVID-19 surveillance studies to help build a picture of how the virus has spread across the country and further develop understanding of how antibodies work.
 - The test uses a finger-prick device and provides a result within 20 minutes, without the need to be sent to a lab for analysis and therefore has no impact on testing lab capacity.
- **Guidance for working in care homes** has been updated with a notification that the use of gloves is being reviewed and will be updated shortly.
- **High Streets** - The FAQ for the Reopening High Streets Safely Fund has been updated.
- **Mobile testing site at Shoebury Park:** A mobile COVID-19 testing site has been set up in Shoebury Park for booked appointments. The additional testing site is open two days of the week on a Tuesday and a Friday.
- **Flu vaccination:** We are jointly promoting the flu vaccination this autumn and winter with Southend NHS CCG. As part of this promotion and the Livewell launch earlier today (9th), we spoke to Dr Pankhania about the flu vaccine, who needs it and why it's so important: View the video on the Livewell Facebook page.
- **Test and Trace support payment:** People on a means-tested benefit and a low income who are advised by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate, but are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, will be eligible for the test and trace support payment scheme. This will be a one off £500 payment.
Please see our website for further details: [Financial support for those self-isolating](#)

- **NHS COVID-19 app:** We are continuing to promote the national launch of the NHS COVID-19 app across a variety of channels. Residents across the country are being urged to download it and help protect themselves and their loved ones.
- **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

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.

- **Support helpline for parents:** A support helpline continues to operate for parents who have concerns about sending their children to school due to COVID-19. The helpline (01702 212520) operates from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 12th October 2020

Prime Minister addressed MPs to provide an update statement on COVID-19. He described how behaviour change to restrict interaction between people, saves lives. A new approach will come into force on 14 October, which aims to reduce the r rate and keep schools open. To simplify and standardize local approaches and national rules, a three tier system is introduced:

- **Medium** – Covering most of England, this tier consists of current national measures – the rule of 6 and the 10pm hospitality curfew.
- **High** – Reflects the current interventions in lockdown areas. This tier prevents all household-to-household mixing indoors, with the rule of 6 still applied outdoors. Most areas currently subject to local lockdown restrictions will fall into this tier.
- **Very high** – For areas where transmission rates are increasing most rapidly, this tier prohibits social mixing indoors, outdoors and includes the closure of restaurants, pubs and bars.

The PM reiterated that retail, school and universities will remain open for all alert levels. The NHS COVID-19 app, and Gov.Uk postcode checker will use local alert levels to indicate what restrictions apply.

For those affected by these measures, the previously-announced extension to the job support scheme will cover two-thirds of wages of those not required to work due to coronavirus. In addition to the £3.6bn Towns Fund, local authorities will have access to £1bn of new funding.

Department for Health and Social Care has published:

- A new press release where findings show 1 in 170 people in England had the virus between 18 September and 5 October, with 45,000 new infections every day.
- The new Test and Trace Support Payment scheme: claiming financial support, detailing who can claim the support and how to apply.
- Updated report setting out the progress and learning from the first phase of the pandemic in informing advice and recommendations to government and the social care sector. Added easy-read version of How Coronavirus has affected people with learning disabilities and autistic people.

HM Treasury has published:

- A new announcement that the government's Job Support Scheme (JSS) will be expanded to protect jobs and support businesses required to close their doors as a result of restrictions
- New support with The Covid Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF) providing £30bn of direct support to some of the economy's largest firms, who are responsible for almost 2.5m jobs in the UK.

Education and Skills Funding Agency has published:

- Updated guidance that the qualifications Education and Skills Funding Agency will fund to support economic recovery following the outbreak. An updated list of the level 2 and level 3 qualifications included in the high value courses for school and college leavers offer has been added.

DfE has published:

- A new report on wellbeing in children and young people in 2020. This report collates published evidence on the wellbeing in children and young people over the period of March to August 2020.

Ofqual has published:

- New regulatory arrangements on adapting vocational and technical qualifications and assessments in 2021.
- Updated proposals for extending the extraordinary regulatory framework. Consultation decisions and public feedback documents added.

Home Office has published:

- Updated advice for visa customers and applicants in the UK, visa customers outside of the UK and British nationals overseas who need to apply for a passport affected by travel restrictions associated with coronavirus. Updated 'Applying for a visa if your VAC is closed' to add that customers can now apply for a visit visa from any VAC.

DWP has published:

- New guidance for employers looking to create 30 or more and 29 or fewer job placements for young people. The Kickstart Scheme provides funding to create new job placements for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. Employers of all sizes can apply for funding as part of the Kickstart Scheme.

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 14th October 2020

Cabinet Office

- A new hotline is launched to anonymously report suspected fraudulent activity by people illegally targeting Government financial support schemes.
- A series of graphical posters displaying information about the Local COVID Alert Level have been released.

Department of Health and Social Care

- Guidance is updated for education settings on home testing kits for pupils, teachers and staff. 'Making an order for additional coronavirus tests' includes additional information for settings in high risk areas who may be eligible for additional test kits.
- Guidance is updated for recruiting teachers from overseas to help schools prepare for the new immigration system. The new points-based immigration system will apply to all overseas nationals who arrive in the UK on or after 1 January 2021.
 - o A Home Office webinar will provide schools with further information.
- Guidance is updated for providers of supported living settings with easy read formats, and details on how to stay safe from coronavirus.
- Guidance is published (12 October) on who can claim the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, and how to apply.
 - o If someone has been contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to self-isolate on or after 28 September 2020, they are under a legal obligation to do so, and could be eligible for a £500 support payment.
 - o A comms toolkit is also available.

MHCLG

- A £10m Cold Weather Payment for councils has been announced (13 October) to help keep rough sleepers safe this winter and an additional £2m to faith and community groups to help accommodate rough sleepers.
 - o Guidance is published with principles to support commissioners, staff and volunteers of night shelters as well as rough sleepers themselves during the pandemic, should the decision be taken to open a shelter.
- Guidance is updated to incorporate changes in regulations, as they affect weddings and civil partnerships, as announced by the Prime Minister on 12 October.

Department for Education

- In an announcement, the summer exam series will be delayed by three weeks, giving students more time to prepare. Engagement over the next six weeks will identify risks to national, local and individual level exams, and consider measures to address potential disruption.

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