

E-Newsletter – 19th March 2021

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1) Information Corner

Renewal Reminder – 12 days left to renew

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Possible Scams

We have been contacted by a member and they have had two scams this week. Please see below:

1) Internet service

A call on her mobile was from 07735403154. 'This is your internet service provider and we regret to inform you that our main computer has been under hacking attacks and we will have to shut down this system. If you wish to connect to our new service and set up passwords etc, please press 1'

2) National Insurance

A call on his mobile from 07759053825. 'This is the National Insurance Fraud department and we have to inform you that we have found attempts by hackers to access your NI details. We will have to stop any payments we are currently making

to you in order to protect the information. In order to continue to receive payments, you will need to press 1 and update your account information'.

Essex Police Fraud Alert

CAR SELLERS BEWARE— THIS OIL TRICK COULD LOSE YOU THOUSANDS

Car sellers are warned to be on the lookout for a re-emerging scam that sees potential buyers try to knock thousands off a car's asking price—by tampering with it's engine.

The scam, which has been around for a number of years, sees criminals secretly pour oil into the coolant reservoir of the vehicle for sale, then request a large discount claiming it will require a new engine.

The scammers often arrive to view the car in pairs or threes and will try and distract the seller—one may ask to look at the engine whilst the other wants to see the spare tyre in the boot. When the car is taken for a test drive, the engine may smoke or make loud noises, which will prompt the scammers to ask for a cut-price deal.

Recently, Essex Police has seen an increase in the number of reports of this scam, both within Essex and in surrounding counties. If selling a car, remember:

- **Stay with the buyers** - don't leave them alone with the car or allow yourself to be distracted at the rear of the vehicle whilst someone is looking at the engine
- **Be aware of suspicious behaviour** - scammers will often request an enormous discount due to the 'fault' with the vehicle
- **Be confident to refuse the sale** - if you are doubtful about how genuine the buyer is, or you believe that something suspicious is going on, don't hand over the keys!

2) Temporary Road Closures

York Road, Chichester Road & Heygate Avenue, Southend-On-Sea – 15th March 2021 and it is anticipated that the works will last for 10 days - Emergency sewer repairs

To facilitate emergency sewer repairs; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND SUSPENSION OF STOPPING, PARKING & WAITING in YORK ROAD, CHICHESTER ROAD & HEYGATE AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

1. Enter & exit York Road at its Junction with Chichester Road to High Street
2. Turn left from Heygate Avenue into Chichester Road
3. Turn right into York Road from Chichester Road

4. Suspend stopping, parking & waiting on York Road from its junction with Chichester Road to the High Street

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 15th March 2021. It is anticipated that the works will last for 10 days.

3) List of Applications Registered **Week Ending 19th March 2021**

Application Number: 21/00463/FULH **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Oliver Hart
Erect single storey rear extension and alter side elevation
265 Thorpe Hall Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00359/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Scott Davison
Erect a two storey building comprising of two self contained flats at rear of No. 156 The Broadway, external staircase to access first floor flat, with bin store, parking and cycle rack at rear
Rear Of 156 The Broadway Thorpe Bay

Application Number: 21/00380/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Erect single storey side and rear extension
42 Greenways Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00430/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Erect single storey rear extension and alter elevations
2 Meadow Drive Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00442/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Erect part single/part two storey side extension with first floor terrace
137 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00421/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Erect single storey rear extension with roof lanterns
5 Elm Close Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

4) List of Decisions Issued
Week Ending 14th March 2021

APPLN. NO: 20/01565/CLE

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, CONVERT LOFT AND GARAGE IN TO HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION, INSTALL ROOFLIGHTS TO SIDE ELEVATIONS OF THE ROOF AND ALTERATIONS TO THE FRONT ELEVATION AND THE ROOF OF THE GARAGE (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - EXISTING)

29 SAMUELS DRIVE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: split decision for Cetificates

APPLN. NO: 21/00069/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT ROOF EXTENSION, TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS, DORMER TO REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE LOFTSPACE, JULIETTE BALCONY TO REAR, ALTER ELEVATIONS (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

52 DAINES WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00081/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND ALTER ELEVATIONS

57 BROADCLYST GARDENS THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00303/GPDE

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, PROJECTING 4M BEYOND THE EXISTING REAR WALL OF THE DWELLING, 2.43M HIGH TO EAVES AND WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.62M

2 APPLETREE CLOSE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: GPD Non Conditional

APPLN. NO: 21/00003/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Janine Rowley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS

59 MARCUS AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00060/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Kara Elliott

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION, ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION, FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION, FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ROOFSPACE, ALTER ELEVATIONS

16 FERMOY ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00067/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Julie Ramsey

ERECT OUTBUILDING AT REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE-PROPOSED)

29 ST AUGUSTINES AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 21/00079/CLP

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Janine Rowley

HIP TO GABLE ROOF EXTENSION AND DORMER TO REAR (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)

30 RUTLAND AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 21/00080/FULH

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Janine Rowley

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, REPLACE EXISTING GARAGE TO SIDE AND RAISE ROOF OF EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION

30 RUTLAND AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00120/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

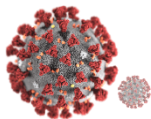
Officer: Oliver Hart

ENLARGE FRONT GABLE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE ROOFSPACE, INSTALL JULIETTE BALCONY TO FRONT

123B EASTERN ESPLANADE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

5) Coronavirus Information



Vulnerable people urged to get a COVID-19 vaccine

Charities including Cancer Research UK, Mencap and the Terrence Higgins Trust have written an open letter urging millions of vulnerable people with underlying health conditions, such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease, to book their COVID-19 jabs. They want to reassure people the vaccines are safe and effective. The Department for Health and Social Care said more than half of the seven million people in priority group six had received their first dose.

Third wave of COVID-19 in autumn is inevitable, says statistics chief

Sir Ian Diamond, head of the Office for National Statistics, has warned of a further wave of COVID-19 infections in autumn despite strong early evidence of vaccine protection. He said although the case rate was the lowest since September, it was still much higher than last summer when the first lockdown was lifted.

Booster shot could protect elderly if cases creep up again

Professor Anthony Harnden, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, has said a COVID-19 booster vaccine is likely to be rolled out in late summer to avert another winter surge. He believed a top-up would be needed to protect against a new variant or as a safety net.

NHS warns of 'significant reduction' in vaccines

The NHS has warned of a "significant reduction in the weekly supply" of COVID-19 vaccines in England next month. A letter to local health organisations from the NHS in England says that "over this next period it is vital" that health organisations focus on vaccinating those in the priority groups one to nine and advises vaccination services to work with local authorities, voluntary community and faith organisations "to put in place reserve lists" of people eligible for the vaccine - as well as targeting areas of lower uptake.

People aged 50-54 invited for jab in England

People aged 50 and over in England are now being invited to book their appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine - the final group on the priority list. Meanwhile, more than 25 million people in the UK have had one dose of the vaccine.

Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid jab safe, insists Hancock

Health Secretary Matt Hancock has told people that the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid vaccine is safe and to "get the jab" as soon as they got the opportunity, after some European countries paused its use amid concern over blood clots. The UK's medicines watchdog, the MHRA, has said that evidence "does not suggest" the jab causes clots.

Coronavirus shielding advice to end on 1 April

More than 3.7 million vulnerable people in England will no longer have to shield from coronavirus from 1 April, following a fall in COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions for the past couple of weeks.

Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 12th March 2021

Key updates/actions

- **Schools:** Pupils started to fully return to school this week. Read more about the national LFD testing programme on GOV.UK. A national FAQ for parents and carers is also available on GOV.UK.
- **DfE webinars:** Recorded versions of 'Return to school' webinar and 'Rapid testing' webinar have been made available online for 4th March and 5th March sessions.
- **Vaccination:** With the vaccination roll-out underway, regular information is being updated on the EPUT website and the dedicated Essex COVID vaccine website. Figures are now also being reported by the national programme on a STP/ICS footprint – the latest weekly figures can be found

at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>.

- **Vaccine misinformation campaign:** The DCMS have also announced a new social media campaign to tackle false vaccine information amongst ethnic minority communities.
- **Vaccine for homeless:** Following national news of the increasing priority for homeless people to have the vaccination, a joint press release has been issued by the CCG, with SBC and HARP about vaccination clinics. We have added it to our website and social media channels: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2204/southend-gp-practices-host-a-covid-19-vaccination-clinic-dedicated-to-people-experiencing-homelessness>

- **COVID-19 testing:** Testing is key to stop the spread and identify cases.

Testing options includes three rapid testing **LFD** sites available across the Borough.

Full details of all the booking options are available at www.southend.gov.uk/gettested

- **Stay at home message in place until 29 March:** With rates falling and the national and local vaccination programme going well, the Council has urged people not to drop their guard with the stay at home rules in place until 29 March.

- **Business grants:**

New Government business grants in place from November lockdown: 5,471 grant payments totaling £11.81m with 490 outstanding out of 4,760 applications received.

Discretionary grants: Paid £1.941m to 611 businesses

Small business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grants: Paid c. £37.5m to 3,086 businesses

- **Coronavirus case data:** This is published on our website and now also includes the daily 7 day rate of positive cases per 100,000.
- **7-day rate** of positive cases as of **12 March 2021 is 47 per 100,000** (down from 51.9 per 100,000 on 5 March). The rate in the **60 and over age bracket is 44 per 100,000** (up from 41.8 per 100,000 on 5 March).
- **ONS death data:** Southend-on-Sea residents' deaths registered inside and outside of Southend-on-Sea with any mention of COVID-

19 on the death certificate that occurred up to 19 February 2021 but were registered up to 27 February 2021: **636 (+16)**.

- **National and local data:** 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.

Other

- Members of the public who need to self-isolate but are stuck and have no local support from friends and family can call the helpline on 01702 212497. A full list of support contact numbers is available on the corporate website

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.

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- More than 25 million people in the UK have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Read more on GOV.UK.

AstraZeneca vaccine: Following suspensions by some countries of the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca over suspected blood clots, the MHRA confirms that the benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19 far outweigh the risks. People should still go and get their COVID-19 vaccine when asked to do so. Read more on GOV.UK.

Shielding: More than 3.79 million clinically extremely vulnerable people in England will be informed they are no longer advised to shield from Thursday 1 April 2021. Read more on GOV.UK.

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ONS death data: Southend-on-Sea residents' deaths registered inside and outside of Southend-on-Sea with any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate that occurred up to 26 February 2021 but were registered up to 6 March 2021: 641 (+5).

National and local data: 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.

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Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 12th March 2021

DoHSC

- Guidance about the role of the Public Advisory Group and how members of the public are selected to take part to inform new policies moving forward.
- R Value and Growth Rate in the UK range between 0.6 to 0.8
- Published research analysis showing lateral flow tests have specificity of at least 99.9% when used in the community and could be as high as 99.97%

- Published COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions as well as useful links to:
 - Vaccine Stakeholder Q and A
 - Vaccine uptake plan
 - Vaccine delivery plan
 - Latest vaccine data
 - NHS coronavirus vaccine
 - Bristol University 'Global experts urge everyone to talk about vaccine responsibly
 - Coronavirus green book
 - Action fraud

DfE

- Updated guidance on transport to school and other places of education

MHCLG

- Updated guidance for landlords and tenants in private and social rented sector to explain possession action process in county courts and reflects extension of bailiff ban on enforced eviction until 31 May

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 13th - 15th March 2021

DHSC has published:

- A new letter from the Secretary of State to local authorities on government measures to support hospitality businesses to reopen safely.
- New guidance of the intention to extend pavement licences for a further 12 months to help the hospitality industry recover.
- New ban on commercial evictions extended to 30 June and bailiff enforced eviction ban extended to 31 May to protect residential tenants.
- New study where volunteers are being sought to take part in a study at the forefront of new and emerging science and technology.
- New speech by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care speaks at the Global COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Chain and Manufacturing Summit at Chatham House.
- Updated guidance on who is eligible for twice-weekly testing and how to get tested if you do not have symptoms. This guidance is for people without symptoms. Also updated on support bubbles so it applies to nursery staff, and anyone in the household or support bubble of nursery children and nursery staff.
- New workplace testing programme ramps up as 48,000 businesses register for free, regular and rapid tests for their employees.

- New advice that people with underlying conditions including cancer, diabetes and heart disease are encouraged to come forward for a Covid-19 vaccine by leading UK health charities.

Social Mobility Commission has published:

A new poll revealing a growing gulf between social classes and a mental health crisis that needs to be addressed.

Cabinet Office has published:

New timetable for introducing import border control processes has been set out by the government to enable UK businesses to focus on their recovery.

DfT has published:

Updated guidance on General Aviation (GA) flying, providing clarification around training for leisure purposes and social distancing.

Ofsted has published:

Updated guidance and information for schools, early years, children's social care and further education and skills providers. Updated the 'Schools and further education' section regarding new provider monitoring visits. Added new sections: 'Children's services inspection (ILACS)' and 'Inspecting social care providers under the SCCIF'.

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 16th March 2021

10 Downing St

In a press release, PM Boris Johnson writes in the Times about the Integrated Review, and the importance of a global Britain.

DfT

- Travel guidance is updated, as Portugal (incl. Madeira and the Azores) and Mauritius will be removed from the red travel list on Friday 19 March. Ethiopia, Oman, Qatar and Somalia will be added to the list on Friday 19 March.
- Guidance on how to quarantine when arriving in England is updated to include that day-2 tests may be taken in-clinic with an organisation on the list of providers of day 2 and day 8 coronavirus testing.
- Guidance on Haulier advice site locations - where HGV and coach drivers can get COVID-19 tests and check documents to transport goods to the EU, now includes a note that Essex Arena is open for 24-hour COVID-19 testing only.

DfE

- Early years guidance for parents and carers contains updated information on returning to boarding school from overseas and elective home education.
- Actions for early years and childcare providers are updated to reflect changes in parent and child groups and in the system of controls.

- Guidance on sports premium in primary schools contains updated information about PE and sport premium carried from the 2019 to 2020 academic year. The deadline to spend carried forward funding is now the end of the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy/Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

Working safely during COVID-19 guidance updated the following areas:

- Heritage locations; Hotels and other guest accommodation; Performing arts; The visitor economy.

These updates include shorter formats focussing on actions to make workplaces COVID-Secure, as well as updated guidance covering Step 1 of the roadmap out of lockdown.

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Guidance to access green spaces safely now includes a link to the Ordnance Surveys Getoutside website to the travelling to green spaces section of the page.

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 17th March 2021

DoHSC

Updated guidance to surge testing to include specific areas N10 for London Borough of Haringey and London Borough of Barnet

DfE and Ofqual

Published support materials, consultation response, analysis and a consultation relating to awarding of GCSE, AS and A levels in 2020 to 2021

Published consultation for additional exam series in autumn 2021 in response to pandemic closing on 9 April 2021.

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Response to precautionary suspension of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, it has not been confirmed reports of blood clots were caused by AstraZeneca Vaccine and people should still go and get the vaccine when asked.

Public Health England

In a press release published study show 75.8% of over 70 to 85 have COVID-19 antibodies

Summary of Covid-19 related Government announcements 18th March 2021

Health & Social Care

- UK regulator confirms that people should continue to receive the COVID-19 vaccine AstraZeneca
- Shielding advice for the clinically extremely vulnerable to stop from April
- letter to clinically extremely vulnerable people

Health Minister Matt Hancock Statement on Coronavirus Briefing 17.03.2021:

- 25m people have been vaccinated
- Single dose of vaccine provides protection of around 60% of getting virus, 80% against hospitalisation, 85% against death.

Cabinet Office

Launched COVID Status Certification Review Consultation (refers to use of testing or vaccination data to confirm in settings that individuals have a lower risk of getting sick with or transmitting) closing on 29 March.

DfE

Announced guidance for households of children attending nursery setting and families of staff who work at nursery settings will be able to access regular lateral flow testing similar to testing in places for schools. Online webinar available for private, voluntary and independent sector on managing testing programme

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