

## Essex Rural Partnership (ERP) News

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### The Next Rural Development Programme (RDPE): Ensuring Success

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2013**, afternoon/evening, *time and venue tbc*. Sponsored by Defra and hosted by Essex Rural Partnership, supported by Food Farming and Rural Network East and Lincolnshire Forum for Agriculture and Horticulture, this event is one of a series taking place across the country. The events will precede the formal consultation which Defra will be undertaking, but will offer information about RDPE funding, and an opportunity to discuss key issues for the next programme period. To register your interest in attending, please send your name and the name of the organisation (or business) which you represent to [suzanne.harris@essexrcc.org.uk](mailto:suzanne.harris@essexrcc.org.uk) (Places may be limited per organisation when capacity is confirmed).

## Economic

### New Advice Line for Community Co-operative Pubs

On 11<sup>th</sup> March Brandon Lewis MP launched a new [advice line](#) for local people, advising them how to take on the running of a pub as a co-operative. The advice line will be run by the Plunkett Foundation, and is designed to help communities to come together to save pubs at risk of closure. The launch of the advice line complements the 'Community Right to Bid', introduced in the Localism Act.

### Fishing Discard Ban Agreed

Negotiations in Brussels have resulted in an agreement to [end discards](#) of edible fish. The first stage of the ban will come into effect in January 2014, with a ban for white fish stocks to follow in January 2016. The agreement is seen as a fundamental step towards reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

## Communities

### First Neighbourhood Plan Approved

Eden in Cumbria has become the first community to approve its [Neighbourhood Plan](#) by local referendum. The local vote took place on 8<sup>th</sup> March and 90% of voters chose to approve the Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan, which supports (amongst other things) more affordable homes and improved broadband connection. The next Plan to be put to local vote is for Thame in Oxfordshire.

### Celebrate Armed Forces Day 2013

Communities are invited to apply for funding to hold an event to celebrate [Armed Forces Day](#) on Saturday 29 June. The national celebration will take place in Nottingham this year, but last year over 200 smaller events

took place, supported by funding from the MOD. Councils and community groups can apply for funding of up to 50% of the cost of an event, to a maximum £10,000. Applications must be received by 29 March 2013.

## Environment

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### English Heritage Angel Awards – Open for Applications

The annual award scheme which celebrates the efforts of local people who have saved historic buildings or places is inviting entries for 2013. There are four categories which cover places of worship, industrial heritage, craftsmanship and listed/recognised/protected areas or buildings. The [Angel Awards](#) were founded by Andrew Lloyd Webber and are supported by the Telegraph. Homeowners, commercial organisations and volunteer groups are all eligible to enter. The deadline for entries is Sunday 5 May.

### Waste Prevention Programme for England – A Defra Consultation

The Government plans to publish its first ever Waste Prevention Programme for England by the end of 2013 and is now [seeking views](#) to help formulate the Programme. Waste prevention is a Defra priority, intended to support the growth agenda and to help households, local councils and businesses to save money. This call for evidence was launched on 11 March and runs until 29 April.

## Other News

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### How going shopping could save your life...

The Co-Operative is introducing defibrillators at 100 of its stores in the East of England. It is estimated that someone has a heart attack every two minutes in the UK, and it is known that action within the first four minutes after this can significantly improve the chances of survival. 9 of the 18 locations announced so far will benefit communities in Essex and most of them in rural areas. Each defibrillator will have a launch event which will include a training session on using the machine and advice on what to do if someone you're with experiences a heart attack; the [list of locations](#) and launch dates is being constantly updated.

## Dates for your diary

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| <b>16<sup>th</sup> May 2013</b>     | <b>RDPE: Ensuring Success</b> , venue and time tbc (Regional event, in partnership with Defra) |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b>    | <b>Community Action Group Meeting</b> , RCCE Offices, 10:00am (coffee from 9.45am)             |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> August 2013</b>  | <b>Community Action Group Meeting</b> , RCCE Offices, 10:00am (coffee from 9.45am)             |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b> | <b>Community Action Group Meeting</b> , RCCE Offices, 10:00am (coffee from 9.45am)             |

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