

PRITI PATEL SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES IN ESSEX



Witham MP, Priti Patel, visited the Rural Community Council of Essex recently at their offices in Feering to discuss support for rural communities. Priti and Nick Shuttleworth, RCCE's Executive Director, discussed the projects supported and managed by RCCE such as Neighbourhood Plans, affordable housing, and LEADER rural development funding.

Following the meeting, Priti said:

"The Rural Community Council of Essex does fantastic work supporting our rural communities and I was delighted to meet with them to discuss some of the projects they have been supporting in my constituency.

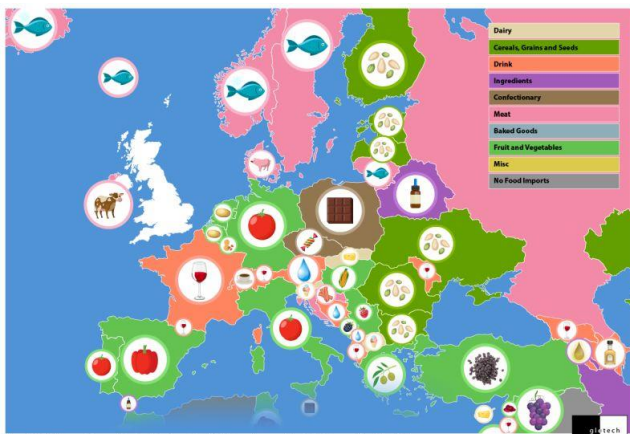
"It is important that we protect our green spaces and countryside and ensure that rural communities are more involved in local planning and development matters.

"I will continue to work closely with RCCE and press for further Government investment to secure the future prosperity of our rural communities in Essex."

Nick Shuttleworth, Executive Director at RCCE said:

"RCCE is a registered charity working to help rural communities secure a thriving and sustainable future. We really appreciate the interest Priti shows in our work and it was great to have the opportunity to discuss with her issues such as affordable housing, planning and social isolation that matter to people who live and work in the rural areas of her constituency and throughout Essex."

UK IMPORTED £23BN WORTH OF FOOD IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018



The import data for the first 6 months of 2018 was collected from HM Revenue & Customs and broken down into countries and categories. Analysis of the 21m tonnes of food imported into Britain from January shows that, for example, £5bn of meat on British shelves comes from overseas. Primary exporters of chicken, of which Britain received £392m worth, were the Netherlands with 43%, Poland with 17%, and Ireland with 10%. Britain also imported £425m worth of beef from Ireland and £171m worth of pork from Denmark.

For the full article please [click here](#)

TRADITIONAL ORCHARD DECLINE

people's
trust for
endangered
species

Traditional orchards offer the habitat stability that is becoming so scarce in our countryside, yet is so valuable to the future of our wildlife.

Over the last 10 years, the orchards team, with the help of over 700 volunteers and nearly 1500 orchard owners, has identified over 35,000 individual orchards in England and over 7,000 in Wales.

Alarmingly, this work revealed that 90% of traditional orchards have been lost since the 1950s, with the majority of the loss attributed to neglect and development. Furthermore, 45% of the remaining orchards surveyed in England and 35% of orchards in Wales were found to be in declining condition as a habitat. By far the most common reason for this is lack of replacement tree replanting, meaning these remaining old orchards will quickly disappear unless action is taken. View the full reports for England and Wales in our wildlife reports section.

Traditional orchards are fantastic for wildlife as they are made up of several different habitats, including elements of woodland, hedgerow and meadow grassland. This mosaic of habitats is home to a range of biodiversity, including butterflies, bumblebees, birds, bats and beetles. The unique way fruit trees age creates an indispensable habitat for a wide range of rare and interesting species. Find out more about the wildlife orchards support in our orchard habitat pages.



Please [click here](#) to find out more about the ongoing effort to conserve and restore traditional orchards across the country in recognition of their amazing habitat value to local wildlife. Find out how you can help the biodiversity in your orchard. Why not become a member?

CELEBRATING THE GREAT ESSEX COASTAL COUNTRYSIDE



Countryfile just can't keep away and who's to blame them as once again Mersea Island features as a recommended hot spot to take a walk to witness a 'wildlife haven in early spring, where seals exult, sea plants thrive and butterflies dance' Something to plan and look forward to for Spring 2019! For full details and map please [click here](#)

LIBRARIES WEEK STARTS 8th OCTOBER



This year Libraries Week is all about wellbeing, providing the opportunity to remind you about some of the wonderful services you can take advantage of. Six services have been highlighted which help people to stay connected, provide support, get involved and feel happy.

- Sensory Walls – Bringing people together in an inclusive environment.
 - Book Groups – Meet new people and share the love of books.
 - Memory Support Card – A membership card that doesn't incur any late fees.
 - Volunteering – Get more involved with your community.
 - Press Reader – Click the link to find out more.
 - Space for Hire – The opportunity to start that group of club you've been dreaming of.
- To find out more please click here

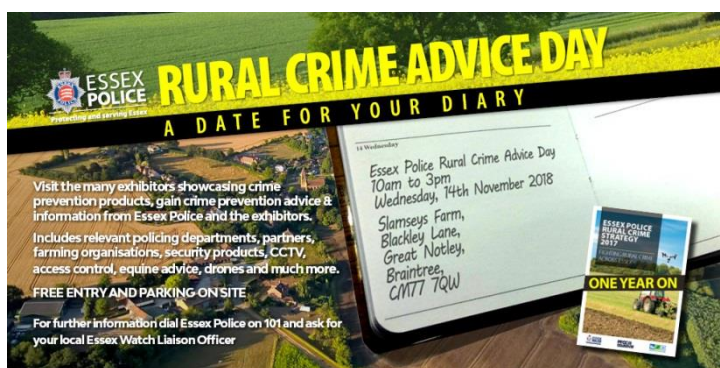
EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!



RCCE Village Halls Conference 2018 : Date for your Diary Saturday 13th October 2018
This year's RCCE Village Halls Conference will be held on 13th October from 9.30 – 3pm at Peldon & Wigboroughs Community Hall which is a great example of a modern hall.

Ch.Insp. Ian Gennery will be there to talk about Rural Policing and the Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) and Kirsty O'Callaghan, from ECC, will be talking about the Community Initiatives Fund. Places are limited and booking is essential – please email Sue Sheppard sue.sheppard@essexrcc.org.uk to secure your place.

THE RURAL COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO THE ESSEX POLICE RURAL CRIME ADVICE DAY



The event is free to attend on:

Wednesday 14th November 2018.

To be held at Slamsseys Farm, Blackley Lane, Great Notley, Braintree, CM77 7QW

OPEN TO VISITORS FROM 10AM UNTIL 3PM

Visit the many exhibitors showcasing crime prevention products, gain crime prevention advice & information from Essex Police and the exhibitors.

Includes relevant policing departments, partners,

farming organisations, security products, CCTV, access control, equine advice, drones and much more!!

FREE ENTRY AND PARKING ON SITE

For further information dial 101 and ask for Essex Police, ask for Essex Watch Liaison Officer.

FULL ERP FUTURE MEETING DATES 2018

Keynote Speaker: Tim Goodship, Director of Rural Policy at Defra

Date: Wednesday 10th October 2018

Time: Start time 11am – 2pm

Venue: Essex Young Farmers Conference Centre, Whitbreads Farm Lane, Chelmsford CM3 3LQ

IS HARE COURSING HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

HARE COURSING IS ILLEGAL

Please call 999 if you are witnessing criminal activity right now

If you have any information about hare coursing in your area, please let us know by:

- Reporting online (www.essex.police.uk/doitonline)
- Calling 101
- To remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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