



## MALDON DISTRICT SURVEY

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COUNCIL



Maldon District Council is seeking the views of residents and businesses to help shape the future delivery of services through a District wide survey.

The survey will be available from **7 October 2019 to 29 November 2019** Online at [www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews](http://www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews) or you can access the survey at the Council offices where staff will be available to help complete the survey online. The results of the survey will be analysed and reported to Councillors as part of performance reporting and District insight.

Councillor Adrian Fluker, Leader of Maldon District Council, said; "I hope that residents and businesses will take the opportunity to give us their views as part of what will be an annual District-wide survey.

All feedback is important to us, as we are keen to know what you think and where we might be able to improve in the future. I would urge everyone to spend a few moments to complete this important survey."

## NEW CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY



Councillor David Finch, Leader of Essex County Council, announces the Essex Climate Change Commission. The new cross party working group will look at how the council can work to reduce its carbon footprint, reduce waste, promote recycling and sustainable transport and work with the community, businesses and suppliers to support them in becoming more environmentally aware and proactive in tackling climate change.

To view the announcement please [click here](#)

## RCCE VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CONFERENCE UPDATE



Update from Sue Gibson, Village Halls and Community Buildings Advisor. Our thanks go to the trustees of Fyfield Village Hall for their very warm welcome to the village hall, and for helping to set out and clear away tables and chairs. Over 50 delegates attended the conference this year representing 20 parishes and it was pleasing to see familiar and new

faces! Presentations by all speakers were interesting and relevant and prompted a number of questions from delegates. The lunch period provided a good opportunity to follow up on specific queries and advice. Our thanks go to all speakers and delegates who attended.

## ENVIRONMENT - First crisp brand in the UK to launch a 100% compostable bag



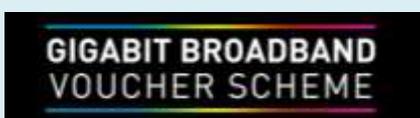
Two Farmers began with the vision of making delicious hand-cooked crisps that celebrate the true flavours of Herefordshire, whilst protecting their beloved countryside with a 100% compostable bag. The packets are made from cellulose and sustainably grown eucalyptus trees from managed plantations. This means that they are 100%



compostable and will compost in a home-composting environment in a little over 26 weeks!

To learn more about this revolutionary packaging please [click here](#)

## BROADBAND FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES



As part of the Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme business and residents in some of the hardest-to-reach places in the UK are eligible for additional funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project.

Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), and up to £1,500 per residential premise to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections. This is subject to the eligibility rules in the terms and conditions and summarised in the comparison table below.

Criteria	Gigabit Broadband Voucher	Rural Gigabit Voucher	Welsh Top-Up Gigabit Broadband Voucher
UK Wide	✓	✓	Wales only
Current >2 and <30 Mb/s	✓	✓	✓
Current >30 Mb/s & not Gb Capable	✓	✗	✓
Minimum new speed	100 Mb/s	30 Mb/s	100Mb/s
New must be Gigabit Capable	✓	✓	✓
Max Voucher Value SME	£2,500	£3,500	£2,500 + £3,000 (top up) = £5,500
Max Voucher Value Resident	£500	£1,500	£500 + £300 (top up) = £800
Minimum Value	£500	£500	£500
VAT	Not paid by voucher	Included in voucher for residents only	Not included in voucher
Businesses Eligible	✓	✓	✓
Residents Eligible	Group Schemes Only 1 bus: 10 res	✓	Group Schemes Only 1 bus: 10 res
Single Connection (Standard PRPs)	✓	✗	✗
Group Schemes (Project PRPs)	✓	✓	✓

You can check whether you are likely to be eligible for our rural gigabit voucher by looking up your postcode in the [postcode search](#). The search will list suppliers that are active in your area. Your chosen supplier will be able to advise and support your eligibility and guide you through the process.

For further information please click [here](#)

## Growing Communities – Healthy School Lunch Competition returns



The competition returns with some exciting changes including an educational 'Field to Fork' trip to Barleylands Farm for one lucky class to win!

### Healthy School DINNER

The children need to think about the vegetables, fruit and herbs that could easily be grown at their school or at home and when harvested, could be used to make the perfect healthy school **DINNER**. The 'dish' can be sweet or savoury but must include the produce from the plot. You can also use additional ingredients for example: pasta, rice, bread, couscous, meat, fish or chicken and not forgetting some seasoning!

**Age groups for the competition two categories: 4 – 7 year olds and 8 to 11 years old – this means two first prizes to be won! And....**



**New this year is an overall prize!** This prize will be awarded to the top winning design who will receive an educational 'Field to Fork' educational trip for a class of 30 children to BARLEYLANDS FARM

It doesn't stop there.... this will include travel also!  
(Terms and conditions do apply: Strictly dates to choose from 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

**Registering:** Registration is free just by answering a few questions, for all the information you require please [click here](#)



**The FIRST twenty schools to complete registration will receive a kit including a Kings Seeds bundle and Paper Potter Kit.**

#### First Prize for each category:

- Each will receive £200 HTA Gardening Voucher for the school. (The voucher can be spent at any participating Garden Centre)
- Cookery class by Barleylands Educational Team to be held at the school.

#### Two Runner Up Prizes

- Each receive an £80 HTA Gardening Voucher

**All entries must be received by 9:00am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



## THERE IS A NEW BADGER IN TOWN



Essex Wildlife Trust unveils their new logo, after 24 years the new logo symbolises how the Trust has evolved over its 60 year history. Since 1959, Essex Wildlife Trust has been keeping Essex wild by protecting wildlife and wild places throughout the county. The Trust currently manages 87 nature reserves and 8,400 hectares of land, engages 60,000 children every year, and welcomes over a million

visitors to its Nature Discovery Centres annually.

Originally the Trust had the emblem of a Kestrel with the strapline "Watch Over Essex" before transitioning to the Badger in 1995. This Badger icon was used throughout the country as part of The Wildlife Trusts movement, a federation of 46 individual Wildlife Trusts that work together to protect wildlife.

Rich Yates, Head of Business Development at Essex Wildlife Trust, says "We're extremely excited to welcome the new Badger to our logo. The Badger is one of our most charismatic animals and has been the Trust's totem for almost a quarter of a century. We intend to continue this close relationship for many years, which is part of our journey to becoming the leading conservation charity in Essex and the largest Trust in the UK.

"Although our old logo was hand-drawn and outdated, it embodied our history and heritage. We were keen to retain the Badger and continue to champion the species, but give the logo some much needed TLC. Badgers have received such bad press over the past decade, but the Trust will continue to use science-based approaches to protecting them and other wildlife, and give them a greater voice in Essex."

The Trust avoided any extra costs in creating the updated version of their logo, preferring to design it in-house. Watch the evolution of the [Essex Wildlife Trust logo](#)

To visit the Essex Wildlife Trust webpage please [click here](#)

**IS HARE COURSING HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?**

**HARE COURSING IS ILLEGAL**

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

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- Calling 101
- To remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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