

ESSEX RURAL STRATEGY 2020-2024 CONSULTATION FINAL CLOSING DATE 30/06/20



Online Public Consultation – STILL LIVE!

The public consultation survey is still live and will be open for responses until **30th June 2020**.

To access it please [click here](#)

The survey contains questions on a broad range of issues relevant to life in rural Essex today, as well as a specific section for businesses, and questions for parish and town councils. We appreciate the current unprecedented times of COVID-19 are far out weighing other matters for some. However this consultation is part of future proofing our Rural Essex. It takes approx. 10 minutes to complete please take the time out of your day and help shape a large part of Essex in fact 72%!



Essex Rural Partnership

Have Your Say on the Future of Rural Essex

Help shape the refreshed Essex Rural Strategy

What matters to you the people who live and work in our rural communities?

Public Consultation FINAL closing date 30/06/20

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/essex-rural-strategy-2020-consultation/>

The refreshed Essex Rural Strategy will:

- Set out a shared vision for the future of rural Essex
- Highlight priorities for action over the next four years
- Represent the needs of rural Essex to all levels of Government
- Encourage greater collaboration between organisations working in rural Essex
- Provide an evidence base for new initiatives for funding bids

The Strategy is being prepared by the Essex Rural Partnership which brings together a wide range of organisations to co-ordinate action on the major challenges facing the county's rural areas.



PICK FOR BRITAIN



Growers can now register their vacancies on Pick for Britain, a central, online recruitment hub, for this years harvest. Developed by government and the industry, the site helps to bring workers and employers together and ensures the UK can continue to deliver the best fruit and veg.

For further information please [click here](#)

Looking to work on a UK Fruit & Veg farm? From pickers and packers, to plant husbandry and tractor or forklift drivers, there are a wide range of roles available.

Please help spread the word through your networks and to any individuals you think may be interested.

FARMING FORTNIGHT 1st – 12th JUNE 2020



A LEAF Education initiative, developed in partnership with Brockhill Park Performing Arts College.

Primary and secondary schools from all over the UK are encouraged to have a fortnight focus on British Farming and food production. A wide range of engaging national curriculum linked resources and materials have been developed for schools to download. Topic sheets, lesson plans, case studies and videos will explore different farming sectors and support teachers in delivering inspiring lessons around food and farming. Each day of the campaign has its own farming theme and accompanying social media hashtag and schools and students will be encouraged to share their learning experiences on social media.

Follow [#FarmingFortnight](#) on Twitter [@LEAF_Education](#) and please use the correct # for the day plus [#FarmingFortnight](#). Please spread the word!

For more information please [click here](#)

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS



This is a challenging time for parents many of whom are now supporting their children's learning at home or may have questions about their children potentially returning to school. To access up to date information by the Government please click on the following links:

[Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers](#)

[List of online resources](#)

[Q&A guidelines](#)

PRE-SCHOOLS AND NURSERIES



ACRE has issued guidance to managers of Village Halls and Community Buildings for the reopening of halls to host Pre-Schools and Nurseries from 1st June. It includes a very practical checklist, responses to FAQs, and links to some useful documents and posters to download. All RCCE Village Halls & Community Buildings members have received a copy if you are a non-member and would like details of how to join RCCE and access documents please can contact Sue Gibson.

Email: sue.gibson@essexrcc.org.uk

BEFRIENDING MAKES A DIFFERENCE, HELP TODAY

Help Someone Through COVID-19 With a Weekly Phone Call



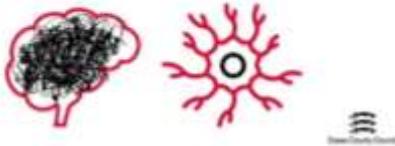
Call 01206368420 option 3 To Help

Can you spare 1 hour or more a week to talk to someone who is lonely, having to isolate at home alone and is perhaps scared of what is going on?

Call today or [click here](#) to Become a Volunteer.

ESSEX WELFARE SERVICE

More support from the
Essex Welfare Service



The Essex Welfare Service (EWS) continues to play a crucial role in our communities to ensure that those most vulnerable in Essex get the support they need. EWS are pleased to say that the service has now expanded to help meet a wider range of needs.

Residents feeling isolated or vulnerable, regardless of their age, health or circumstance, can now access support on:

- Dementia care •Mental health •Parenting and family matters •Learning disability/autism •Caring responsibilities
- Physical wellness.

You can register for support at <http://essexwelfareservice.org.uk> or call 0300 303 9988.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2020/2021

If your neighbourhood plan group needs a grant or technical support, please contact Michelle Gardiner Community Engagement Email: michelle.gardiner@essexrcc.org.uk

RCCE AGM – Postponed



RCCE were looking forward to holding their AGM on 8th July. Regrettably, the coronavirus crisis will make it impossible for the AGM to proceed on this date. An alternative date is still to be set, it is anticipated that it will be held around October. As soon as a revised date is arranged, details will be available.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND 2019-2021



The new Communitive Initiatives Fund (CIF) comprises of an amalgamation of various community grant funding initiatives (original CIF, Local Services Fund,

Local Connection Fund and Cultural Development grants) into a single community fund.

This fund will make available £700,000 (subject to availability of funding) over the next two financial years offering both capital and revenue grants, of which £100,000 will be ring fenced for microgrants (£50,000 per annum).

The Community Initiatives Fund will be segmented into the following:



**Community Initiative Fund
2020/2021 Launch**

This fund is aimed at Individuals, voluntary organisations and community groups with a vision to boost their local communities and help make Essex a great place to live and work

Grants of up to £10,000 may be awarded for either a Capital or Revenue (not core costs) project. One off grant awards will be decided by the Panel in October 2020

If you have received funding from the CIF in the past 3 years from 2019/2020, you will not be eligible to apply

This fund excludes projects that deliver outside the administrative area of Essex County Council

Please submit your pre application forms to Louise Gambardella at louise.gambardella@ealc.gov.uk by 5pm on Tuesday 30th June 2020

- Grants up to £10,000 – The main CIF fund. This is for capital projects and projects that require a revenue funding for new service provision, (not core funding) or cultural initiatives.
- Grants up to £500 (microgrants, ‘The Community Chest’). This is for both capital and revenue projects that are creative in connecting communities and delivering community benefit at a grass roots level.

The administration of the 2019-2021 CIF and microgrants will be undertaken by the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) on behalf of Essex County Council. For further information please contact Louise Gambardella Email:

louise.gambardella@ealc.gov.uk

Please do not contact Essex County Council regarding your grant application or questions or queries regarding the fund.



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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



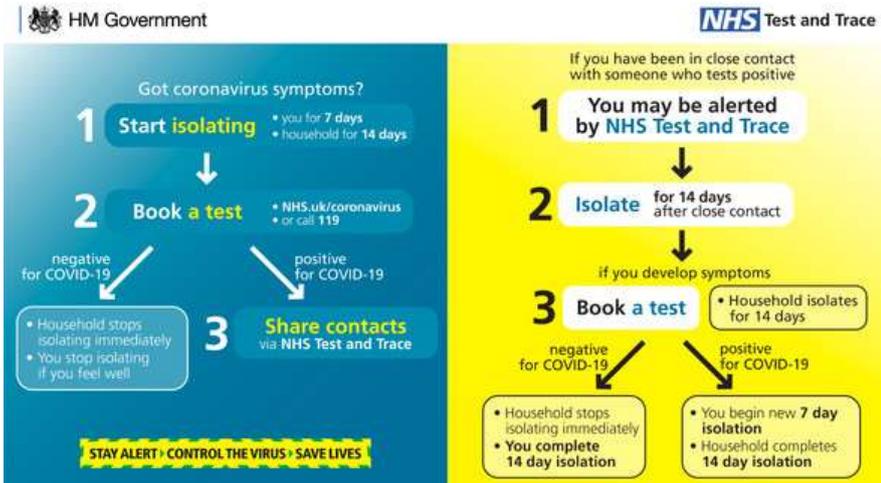
NHS

**CORONAVIRUS
GOT SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED**

HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?

Stay alert - Control the virus - Save lives

Book a test by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus



NHS Test and Trace service will form a central part of the government's coronavirus recovery strategy.

Anyone with symptoms will be tested and their close contacts will be traced.

New guidance means those who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms, to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus.

Learn more: [www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works)

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Get the latest NHS information and advice about COVID-19 here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND



Fancy a walk around Clayhill Vineyard? You are invited to experience the beautiful views over the River Crouch & Crouch Valley, as Clayhill Vineyard is open for walks, takeaway coffee & cake and wine.

Weekends only 10am to 4pm.

For more information please follow @InfoClayhill

HELP SHARE A LITTLE JOY



If you have a story you would like to share about how your community is joining forces to help during the Covid-19 times, then please do share it so that together we can lift spirits and show we will not be beaten. Please email: elizabeth.rose@essexrcc.org.uk



MEETING DATES

Essex Rural Partnership Future Meeting Dates:

CANCELLED

Date: Tuesday 28th April 2020

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

Launch of the Refreshed Essex Rural Strategy 2020-24 - TBC

Date: Wednesday 14th October 2020

Time: TBC (PM)

Venue: Chelmsford City Racecourse, Great Leighs, Essex

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Are you a good listener?

We are looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills to join our local team, providing emotional and practical support to people affected by crime.

Help people in your local community and learn new skills.

Full training provided involving a home-based online learning course followed by workshops on 12, 13 & 19 October.

Interested? Have four or more hours a week to spare? Then we would love to hear from you. Recruiting now.

Call us on 01277 357557 or email: essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk

www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer

As an independent charity, we work for a world where people affected by crime and traumatic incidents get the help they need and the respect they deserve. To find out how you can help us help more people visit victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved

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