

## AFTER THE LOCKDOWN, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



**Essex**  
Wildlife Trust

The Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT) is asking the public to complete a short survey. The EWT have stated that things have changed rapidly and dramatically, as we start to consider life after lockdown, we have a unique opportunity to reimagine society. EWT say they have a chance to influence this, therefore they need your thoughts on what a different world could look like. To learn more about the EWT please [click here](#). To be directed to the survey please [click here](#).

## TIME TO STAY LOCAL AND ENJOY ESSEX



Visit Essex have launched their Summer 2020 campaign celebrating the re-opening of many of Essex's well-loved attractions and hidden gems.

Each week Visit Essex will provide updated information on where to visit, including what's open, the best times to visit and how to visit safely. To find out more on where to visit please [click here](#). Also look out for the COVID UPDATE which will detail the latest information.

In these strange times there are plenty of reasons to stay local and plenty of ways to have 'great adventures, close to home'.

Visit Essex is working in partnership with Visit England's 'Know Before You Go' campaign. When a business displays the 'we're good to go' logo it means they have followed government and industry COVID-19 guidelines, has a Risk Assessment in place and a process to maintain cleanliness and aid social distancing. Helping you to stay local, stay safe and have fun this summer – and support your local tourism businesses.

**#Stay Local. Shop Local.Support Local.**



## FOOD SERVICE SECTOR URGED TO SOURCE FROM BRITISH FARMERS



Beef farmers have urged the government to create a campaign to stipulate that restaurants, cafes and pubs source their food from British producers. Chancellor Rishi Sunak unveiled a suite of measures last week to kick start the British economy following the lockdown period of the Covid-19 crisis.

One measure is the 'eat out to help out' discount that will give restaurant customers a 50% discount off their bill during August under plans to boost the struggling sector. While the measures have been widely welcomed, the National Beef Association (NBA) said it felt an 'opportunity had been missed' to help farmers.

In an open letter from NBA interim CEO, Neil Shand to Mr Sunak, it said 'now was the time' for the public and the food service sector to thank food producers by 'lending support in some small way'. He went on to urge Mr Sunak: "Please can you ensure that they buy local and support local producers."

To read the full article please [click here](#)

## BOVINE TB CATTLE VACCINE FIELD TRIALS GIVEN GO-AHEAD



Field trials for TB cattle vaccination are set to get under way in England and Wales following a major breakthrough by government scientists. Defra said the trials will enable work to accelerate towards the planned deployment of a cattle vaccine by 2025. The field trials will be conducted over the next four years on behalf of Defra, the Welsh government and the Scottish government, following 20 years of ground-breaking research into bovine TB vaccines and diagnostic tests.

Defra secretary George Eustice said: "This scientific breakthrough is a major step forwards in our battle to see the disease eradicated from this country.

"As wider preventative measures like cattle vaccines are introduced, we will accelerate other elements of our strategy and start to phase out badger culling, as no one wants to continue the cull of a protected species indefinitely."

Defra chief vet Christine Middlemiss said: "The Animal Plant and Health Agency's ground-breaking research has been pivotal in developing this potential vaccine.

To read the full article please [click here](#)

Source Farmers Weekly

## NFU WELCOMES PART ONE OF THE NATIONAL FOOD STRATEGY



Part one of the National Food Strategy, an independent review that will inform government for the next 75 years, was published 29<sup>th</sup> July.

The NFU has fed into the review, with NFU President Minette Batters part of its Advisory Panel, gathering views from members to form part of its response to a call for evidence last October. Part one of the report calls for the adoption of a statutory duty that would give Parliament the opportunity to properly scrutinise any new trade deals.

Commenting, Minette Batters, president of the NFU, said that now the UK can pursue its own path through trade, it must ensure "our environmental, animal welfare and safety standards are not undermined so that our farmers can continue producing high quality, sustainable food".

Led by restaurateur Henry Dimbleby, the report also includes three recommendations to improve the diet of children:

- Expansion of free school meals to every child from a household on Universal Credit.
- Expansion of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme to all areas in England, ensuring summer holiday support is available to all children in receipt of Free School Meals.
- Increasing the value of Healthy Start vouchers to £4.25 per week, and where the parent or guardian is in receipt of Universal Credit, expanding the scheme to pregnant woman and households with children under the age of four.

To read the full article please visit the NFU website via this [link](#)

## RURAL CRIME TWITTER UPDATE – Hare Coursing and Fly Tip result

Harvest is underway and so is hare coursing! With more of us venturing out to enjoy our beautiful countryside please remain vigilant and report this cruel vicious sport if you see it. Essex Police Rural Engagement Team (RET) urge you to dial 999. Particularly for remote areas RET advise to quote the location using the What3words app.



what3words app

The app has divided the world into 3m squares and each square is given a random combination of three words. what3words addresses are easy to say and share, and as accurate as GPS coordinates.

In a neighbouring county the Police reported '10 Hares killed by 1 car last night, there were at least 4 other cars sighted by the public and damage to fences and crops also caused.' The image of the dead mauled hares was too graphic to include in the bulletin, please help and report such a senseless barbaric crime.

## FLY TIPPING RESULT!



We all know that fly tipping is the scourge of the county, well thanks to a report of fly tipping RET attended the incident and located the suspects! Thank you to who reported the incident and to RET for continuing to keep our county safe and catching the baddies!



To follow the Essex Police Rural Engagement Team and help combat rural crime use: [@EP\\_RURAL](#)

## HELP ESSEX BUY LOCAL – NEW PROJECT FOR ESSEX FOOD PRODUCERS AND RETAILERS



RCCE has received funding to launch a Buy Local scheme for food producers and retailers. If you are such an organisation and wish to find out more about this project, please email [Beverly.davies@essexrcc.org.uk](mailto:Beverly.davies@essexrcc.org.uk)

## VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY HALLS – TRUSTEE INFORMATION FROM ACRE



Whilst many hall committees are re-opening their doors to hirers, the decision to re-open is at the discretion of the management committee who must consider the risks and their resources to safely re-open. ACRE have provided an Information Sheet to members, which outlines Government guidance on cleaning regimes, social distancing, capacity, hiring arrangements, employees and advice for different activities. The Information Sheet provides a Covid 19 Risk Assessment for hall managers, sample special hiring conditions and other templates. RCCE and ACRE consider the Information Sheet required reading for all hall managers and as such has made this publicly available to download from the RCCE [website](#)



power to  
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Covid-19 Community-Led Organisations Recovery Scheme offers grants up to £100,000 to community organisations in England who are facing financial difficulties caused by Covid-19. The scheme is aimed at organisations delivering services in their local community to support people who are at high risk from Covid-19, with an emphasis on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)-led or BAME-supporting businesses.

For more information about whether your community organisation will be eligible, please [click here](#) for the guidance notes.

## MEETING DATES

### Essex Rural Partnership Future Meeting Dates:

**TBC**

**Date:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Time:** TBC (PM)

**Venue:** Chelmsford City Racecourse, Great Leighs, Essex

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