

ROYAL OPENING OF AFFORDABLE RURAL HOMES IN ROXWELL

HRH The Princess Royal visited the village of Roxwell, near Chelmsford, on 11th September, in her capacity as Patron of the English Rural Housing Association, to officially open English Rural's latest affordable housing scheme.

Glebe Meadow is a small development of seven homes, built by a local contractor, Rose Builders, five of which are for rent, and two for sale to local people at 75% of open market value. Attractively situated close to the village centre, the development meets high environmental and sustainability standards. Planning restrictions will ensure the homes always remain affordable and available to people with a connection to Roxwell, which is crucial with house prices in the area, as throughout rural Essex far exceeding average earnings.



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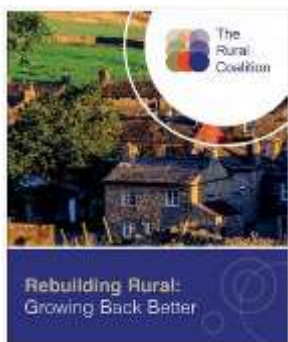
The royal visit was a proud day for Roxwell Parish Council and local residents, marking as it did the successful culmination of a process that had begun back in 2012 when Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) facilitated the original housing needs survey. RCCE remained involved throughout the process, facilitating a further survey in 2018, to ensure the scheme was tailored to local needs and liaising between the Parish Council, English Rural, Chelmsford City Council, the Diocese of Chelmsford and other partners.



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To find out more about providing affordable rural housing in Essex contact Laura Atkinson, RCCE's Rural Housing Enabler at laura.atkinson@essexrcc.org.uk

CALL FOR GOVERNMENT TO LEVEL UP RURAL AREAS TO SUPPORT ENGLAND'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM COVID-19



A coalition of thirteen leading rural organisations has urged the Government to commit to more equitable funding in rural areas to support England's economic recovery from COVID-19.

The Rural Coalition has published Rebuilding Rural: Growing Back Better, setting out its priorities for a successful recovery by seizing the potential social and economic opportunities across rural England.

Rural areas are home to 9.3 million people – more than Greater London – but they have long faced the challenges of sparsity, remoteness, poor connectivity and a history of unequal funding and patchy service delivery. Some communities which are heavily dependent on tourism and seasonal work are now at risk of being left further behind. The COVID-19 crisis has exposed weaknesses in the narrow economic base of some of these areas, but also highlighted the opportunities rural economies can make to the recovery. Now, this potential needs to be unlocked through a programme of investment.

To read the full ACRE article please [click here](#) To access the Growing Back Better document please [click here](#)

NHS TEST & TRACE APP



Test and Trace

New regulations have come into force making it a legal requirement for venues to log the details of their visitors, customers, and staff. Local Council venues and buildings which allow public access or bookings must now:

- Have a system in place to request and record contact details of customers, visitors and staff.
- Register for an official NHS QR code and display the official NHS QR poster from 24th September 2020.

The NHS have provided more information on the QR code and posters for organisations, as well as further information on the NHS Covid-19 app. Collecting contact details and maintaining records for NHS Test & Trace is now a legal requirement, and failure to comply is punishable by a fine.

In brief the NHS Test and Trace service:

- Ensures that anyone who develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can quickly be tested to find out if they have the virus, and includes targeted asymptomatic testing of NHS and social care staff and care home residents
- Helps trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive for coronavirus and, if necessary, notifies them that they must self-isolate at home to help stop the spread of the virus

Please [click here](#) for further information and guidance

GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRINCE'S COUNTRYSIDE FUND



Projects from across the UK which are working to create resilient rural communities are invited to apply for grant funding of up to £10,000. Supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery, locally-focused, legally-constituted not-for-profit organisations can apply for one year of grant funding from the Fund.

[Click here](#) for more information.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF UTURN



UTURN is a charity, who empower young people aged 18 and under to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. The charity supports young people to get involved in their communities, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

UTURN aims to help all young people, whatever their background or barriers they face, to make the community a better place for us all. For more information please [click here](#).



Stop Loan Sharks have launched their new Stop Loan Sharks reporting app this can be down loaded for free on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

The app is mainly aimed at frontline professionals and provides useful information on how to recognise the signs of illegal money lending, respond to disclosures and where to refer clients to for specialist support.

Stop Loan Sharks [promotional landing page](#) provides web users with an overview of the app and links to relevant app stores and share tools.

If you are concerned that someone you know may be the victim of a loan shark, please call our 24 hour helpline on **0300 555 2222** or seek advice and support through the app. We also have various survivor stories available which can be publicised to encourage others to speak up about their experiences.

For further information regarding the app or would like to book onto a loan shark awareness course, please contact Holly-Leigh Luckman, Press and Communications Officer, England Illegal Money Lending Team:
Email: holly.luckman@birmingham.gov.uk



DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH YOUR ENERGY BILLS OR KNOW SOMEONE THAT DOES?

Warm Homes

Essex is a new service delivered by the Citizen Advice Bureau, working in partnership with Essex County Council it aims to help people struggling with their energy bills. Staffed by experienced, professional advisers, based in local Citizens Advice offices around Essex, the service is resourced by the Warm Homes Fund. Call 0300 3033 789 to find out how the service can help or alternatively for more information please [click here](#)



RURAL CRIME TWITTER UPDATE – Hare Coursing you can't hide!



Yet another cracking result for TEAM HARE!

RET team recent post:

We asked you to report hare coursing to us. You did and we dealt with it robustly as we will continue to do. **999 if it's happening now!** This time two males processed under ASB laws. Dog chips read and welfare checked. [#yousaidwedid](#)

To follow the Essex Police Rural Engagement Team and help combat rural crime use: **@EP_RURAL** - Remember in an emergency always dial 999 or report to 101

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Essex Rural Partnership Future Meeting Dates:

ERP Full Partnership Virtual Meeting 14th October 2020 at 10:30am

Please note this meeting will take place virtually via Zoom

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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