

RURAL CRIME OPEN DAY – FRIDAY 10TH MARCH STARTING AT 1PM



The public are invited to join the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Essex Police and Essex Rural Partnership at a Rural Crime Open Day.

The event will take place at the historic Layer Marney Tower, Nr Colchester on **10th March from 1pm-4pm**.

You can talk to specialist police officers, visits stalls, enjoy refreshments from the teashop and more!

For further information about the afternoon please [click here](#)
Rural Crime Plan 2023-2026 Launch [press release](#).

REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)



The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on [reforms to the NPPF](#). The deadline for responses is 2nd March 2023. The [Consultation](#) poses 58 specific questions on potential changes to planning policy, including questions on

affordable and community led housing, neighbourhood planning and the role of design and beauty on place making.

SUFFERING FROM THE RURAL COST OF LIVING? MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS KNOWN



The Rural Services Network (RSN) in partnership with the Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group (CARIG) has launched a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey. Independent research commissioned by the RSN in summer last year shows rural areas are suffering more acutely from the cost of living crisis compared to urban areas. To lend more

weight to the argument for more funding for rural areas the RSN is calling on as many rural residents as possible to complete a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey. The purpose of the survey is to understand more about rural household budgets at, what is, a very difficult time for many. Research has shown that those living in rural areas face extra costs and the RSN and CARIG now want to explore the impacts for households. For more information and to complete the household survey please [click here](#)

DaRT 1 AND 2 CONSULTATION – UTTLESFORD



Essex County Council ECC are proposing to re-design the current DaRT services 1 and 2 to create a new single service numbered 299, which will not duplicate other services. The ECC states for most people their journey will not change. But for some, this could mean changes to how they make their journey and that is what this consultation covers. There is limited time to have your say with the consultation closing on **3rd February 2023** for further information please [click here](#).

CORONATION COMMUNITY NEWS



Buckingham Palace is pleased to announce further details on the [ceremonial](#), celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023.

Please [click here](#) to access all information.

Details include:

A Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May

In a nationwide act of celebration and friendship, communities will be invited to share lunch together in their streets, parks, gardens and community spaces to mark the historic occasion of the Coronation. The Big Lunch team, supported by the Eden Project, will provide downloadable resources via [this link](#) for those wishing to plan a Big Lunch event. It may also be useful to note that the Government is encouraging street parties and has written to local authorities to ask them to support local residents who want to organise events for their neighbours.

The Big Help Out on Monday 8th May

The *Together Coalition* would be delighted to highlight the positive impact that volunteering has on communities across the United Kingdom.

Recalling His Majesty's lifelong dedication to public service, supported by The Queen Consort and other Members of The Royal Family, it is hoped the initiative will bring communities together in volunteering initiatives and create a lasting legacy from the Coronation weekend.

A volunteering awards scheme will shortly be launched by His Majesty in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service. The initiative will focus on the contribution made by volunteers of all ages across the country from a wide range of community groups and charities.

Emblem

Following tradition for major national Royal events, an official Coronation Emblem will soon be launched. The Emblem will be available free of charge for use by communities, businesses and other organisations or individuals who wish to use it for Coronation-related events and materials.

Ideas

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, the King's personal representative in the county has requested your help with support and imaginative local ideas. This would be greatly appreciated as we all work together on this historic series of events. In particular, to focus on the overall ambition to promote the themes of youth, community, diversity and sustainability.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



The *National Lottery Community Fund* is supporting communities across the UK to come together to mark the Coronation. Funding of up to £10,000 is available for Coronation-related events and activities via the *National Lottery Awards for All* programme.

The programme does not have a deadline but it can take up to twelve weeks from the date of application submission for successful groups to receive funding. In other words, applications for events around the Coronation weekend would need to be made by mid-February.

The funding criteria terms and conditions can be found [here](#).



The *National Lottery Heritage Fund* will celebrate the Coronation by providing new opportunities for younger people to engage with heritage, the natural environment and landscapes, and create a new cohort of traineeships in environmental organisations for young people from diverse and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Coronation programme will build on the Heritage Fund's Platinum Jubilee programme from 2022, with a £7 million commitment to help communities across the UK reconnect with nature and support young people in taking their first steps toward a career in natural heritage.

Further information will be available via the [Heritage Fund Website](#) in due course.

ESSEX RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKING SYSTEM ANNOUNCED



From Monday 13th March 2023, residents visiting Essex County Council (ECC) recycling centres will need to book in advance.

A booking system will be trialled for all vehicles visiting ECC recycling centres to help manage waiting times, reduce congestion, and improve the customer experience.

The booking process has already been trialled for all vehicles using Rayleigh Recycling Centre, and also for large vehicles using

the nine van-friendly sites. Both trials have been effective in smoothing the pattern of demand across operating hours and reducing queues and congestion both in and around the sites. Residents will be able to book their slots in advance from Monday 27th February. Site users visiting by foot do not need to book a slot. Blue Badge holders do not need to book a slot.

For more information and how to book a slot please [click here](#).



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Finance Essentials for Treasurers and Trustees

Wednesday 1st March 2023

9am registration, 9.30am to 1.30pm

Trainers: Jan Stobart and Danielle Frost

Venue: RCCE offices, Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road,
Feering, CO5 9SE

Cost: Members £65, Non-Members: £130

Course Content:

This comprehensive training session will cover the role of the treasurer and trustee, governance requirements, Charity Commission register, bookkeeping, financial information for meetings, financial policy, reserves policy.

It will also discuss Charity Commission requirements and reporting, annual account requirements, the annual report, employment, payment of trustees and conflict of interest.

This will be an interactive session, with an opportunity to ask questions and work through examples. Therefore, please bring a copy of your Trust Deed or Governing Document with you.

Registration details required:

Course: *Finance Essentials Training*

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Which Hall/Building are you representing:

Please send the required details to: sara.ward@essexrcc.org.uk

To post your registration details please return your information to:

Sara Ward C/O Finance Essentials Training, RCCE, Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road,
Feering, CO5 9SE

Payment is required at time of booking. BACS details are:

Account name: Rural Community Council of Essex

Account number: 30421375 Sort Code: 20-19-95

Booking by Tuesday 15th February

Refunds will be given up to 14 days before the course.

After that an alternative delegate may be sent or booking will move to the next available course.