

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



All RCCE members are warmly invited to join us for our 2023 Annual General Meeting which will take place in the historic surroundings of Layer Marney Tower (CO5 9US – between Colchester and Tiptree) on: **Wednesday 4th October**, commencing at **6.30pm**.



The meeting will feature:

- An update on RCCE's current activities and upcoming priorities.
- A special presentation on the Essex Wellbeing Service, recently established to provide a range of health and wellbeing services to Essex residents, and which includes RCCE's Community Agents and United in Kind services. Ellen Van Gemmert, Strategic Lead for the Essex Wellbeing Service, will join us as guest speaker.
- A buffet supper and refreshments with an opportunity to talk to RCCE trustees and staff including Community Agents and United in Kind coaches, and special guests.

The RCCE Annual General Meeting is well established as an important meeting point for people concerned with the future of the county's rural areas. We do hope you will join us this year.

Please note all members will receive a copy of the agenda and papers for the AGM after the RCCE Board of Trustees meeting on 13th September.

To book your place please [click here](#) for the booking form.

CPRE Report: State of the Green Belt 2023



In this report the CPRE the countryside charity, highlights the level of changes to Green Belts that have taken place since 2009, and which are expected in the coming years.

In one of its 'key recommendations to Government', the report encourages it to support rural communities within the Green Belt where they wish to use small 'rural exception sites' to deliver affordable housing to meet local needs. One of the case studies features the work of RCCE's Rural Housing Enabler, Laura Atkinson, and the scheme at Roxwell, near Chelmsford, which was built on a 'rural exception site' and completed in 2020. Please [click here](#) to access the report.

CANNOCK MILL INFORMATION DAY – 16th September 2023 – 10.30am to 4pm



Interested in forming a cohousing group? Here is your chance to look around Cannock Mill based in Colchester and find out more please [click here](#).

Event: Information day for forming cohousing groups

Location: Cannock Mill, Colchester

The day is designed for members of forming cohousing groups who wish to learn more about our experience of planning and setting up Cannock Mill. The event will include a tour of a Passivhaus home, the grounds and our common house; lunch and tea breaks; and sessions to discuss topics requested in advance by those attending, which might include finding a site, finance, how we organised ourselves, finding members etc. There is a charge of £36 per person (including VAT).

To register please email events@cannockmillcohousing.co.uk

TRAINING

RCCE FINANCE ESSENTIALS TRAINING FOR TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES



Date: Wednesday 18th October 2023

Time: 9am registration, 9.15am to 1.30pm

Trainers: Jan Stobart and Danielle Frost

Venue: RCCE offices, Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road, Feering, CO5 9SE
or online via ZOOM TBC

Cost: Members £65, Non-Members: £130

For the full details and to book a place please contact Danielle Frost:

Danielle.frost@essexrcc.org.uk or alternatively complete the [booking form here](#).

EVENTS

HELPING COMMUNITIES DELIVER NET-ZERO: HOUSING AND ENERGY



This is a **FREE in person event** being held by South East New Energy at Anglia Ruskin University's Chelmsford campus on:

Tuesday 5th September, 9.30am-4.30pm.

Registration is now open and can be completed [here](#).

RCCE VILLAGE HALLS CONFERENCE 2023



Date: Saturday 23rd September

Registration: 9:30am

Location: East Hanningfield Village Hall

On the day you will hear from various speakers including:

- Utility Aid who will be demonstrating their remote energy audit service
- Essex County Council who will be speaking on the sustainable village hall
- A Project Manager who will be explaining the importance of professional services
- Trustees of East Hanningfield on their success with the Platinum Jubilee Fund
- Hallmark - the benefits of accreditation
- A presentation from a well known funder

For a full agenda, cost and a booking form please contact RCCE's Village Halls and Community Buildings Adviser, Danielle Frost: danielle.frost@essexrcc.org.uk

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Rural Affordable Housing Briefing—Exploring your Options

Delivered by

Laura Atkinson from the Rural Community Council of Essex

£50.00 + VAT

Delivered on Zoom

Briefing available on following dates

Monday 16th October—1.30pm—3.30pm

Thursday 19th October—7.00pm—9.00pm

Delivered by Laura Atkinson, RCCE, Rural Housing Enabler & Community Led Housing Advisor.
For further information please contact Pearl Willcox at Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC):
pearl.willcox@ealc.gov.uk

ESSEX COUNTY HARVEST SERVICE

at Chelmsford Cathedral

**Sunday 24th September
at 3.30pm**

Everyone welcome to the service
and afterwards for refreshments

