



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Programme Officer – Rural England Prosperity Fund (Maldon)

RECRUITMENT



18 hours per week - £30,000 FTE

Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) is working in partnership with Maldon District Council to deliver the Rural England Prosperity Fund, an exciting new funding opportunity for rural businesses and community organisations, within Maldon district. We are seeking to appoint a Programme Officer who will engage with local businesses and community organisations throughout the district to promote the fund and facilitate the development of strong and sustainable funding applications.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate relevant experience and knowledge of grants and funding programmes, strong stakeholder engagement and organisational skills and an ability to encourage and facilitate initiatives. Excellent communication skills will be essential as will an ability to manage your own priorities, time and workload and work to agreed deadlines.

This post will be based at the RCCE offices at Feering, near Colchester, but home working will be permitted. You are required to have a full driving licence and access to a car. The post is time limited to April 2025.


Application deadline: 12 noon Wednesday 8th November

Interviews will be held within two weeks of the application deadline.

To apply please provide either a curriculum vitae, details of 2 referees and a covering letter (maximum of 2 sides of A4) setting out your qualities and how you meet the requirements of the post. Or complete an application form and equality monitoring form which can be downloaded from the [website](#) or contact RCCE, telephone: 01376 574330

Please send all applications electronically to: Sara Ward (Administrator) – sara.ward@essexrcc.org.uk



This role is funded by Magnox Ltd  **Magnox**

HAVE YOUR SAY ON RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKINGS!



Since January 2023, a trial booking system has been in place at Essex County Council recycling centres. Following an evaluation of the trial, Essex County Council are proposing to retain a booking process permanently for all vehicles at their 21 recycling centres.

You can have your say on their proposal by completing the consultation survey before **19th November 2023**.



To read the evaluation, supporting documents and to complete the survey, [click here](#)

A NEW FUTURE FOR NATURE IN ESSEX



More than ever, wildlife and the habitats it needs to survive are under threat. Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) will become the primary strategic plan in England to tackle the demands of the ecological emergency and help reverse biodiversity declines – and

you have the chance to help shape this new future for Essex.

Essex County Council will be supported by the Essex Nature Partnership in creating the LNRS for Essex, which will become a comprehensive strategy to highlight existing spaces for nature and areas of importance for biodiversity, as well as showcasing key areas for nature recovery, helping to outline priorities.

Hearing the opinions of Essex residents is an essential part of how the Essex LNRS will be created, helping to recognise existing success stories for wildlife as well as new opportunities for nature recovery. A series of online webinars and in-person workshops are soon to take place and you are invited to join in, ask questions and provide feedback that can then be fed back into the Essex LNRS.

For more information [click here](#)

DEFRA – FUNDING UPDATE

Defra has announced £2.5m funding for latest round of Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund.

You can now read the updated guidance on the [Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund](#), which gives groups of farmers and landowners in England the opportunity to work together and share knowledge to protect and enhance the local environment, in line with their local [Countryside Stewardship priorities](#).

The £2.5 million fund for this round encourages collaboration between farming groups and supports government efforts to improve the environment and create cleaner, greener landscapes.

A new theme of Net Zero has been introduced for this round alongside existing themes, which will contribute to meeting the UK's environmental targets. Groups now need a minimum of 500 hectares to be eligible for the scheme, making it easier for smaller groups of farms to come together. Administrative processes have also been changed, making it easier to apply and be in the scheme.

The funding allows facilitators, for example local farming and nature groups and charities, to give advice and share knowledge with groups of farmers and other land managers on activities such as restoring habitats for wildlife and improving biodiversity, creating woodland, improving air and water quality, or restoring historic environments. Please [Read the Press notice in full](#) for further details.

DEFRA - Webinar on The Slurry Infrastructure grant, Round 2

Date: 9th November **Time:** 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Leads from Defra's slurry team, the RPA and Environment Agency will provide an overview of the Slurry Infrastructure grant, covering what's new in round 2 and how to apply. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the grant as part of a Q&A session. If you would be interested in joining please register using the following link: A Defra webinar: [The Slurry Infrastructure grant Round 2 Tickets, Thu 9 Nov 2023 at 14:30 | Eventbrite](#)

More information can also be found here:

[Slurry Infrastructure grant: guidance now available for round 2 - Farming \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

MAP SUICIDE RESILIENCE TRAINING

FREE
MAP Suicide Resilience
Training

M - Myth busting
A - Asking the right questions
P - Planning for prevention

Date: Tuesday 28th November 2023
Time: 9am - 12:30pm (3.5 hrs)
Location: Online training session (details to be provided before the session)

To book your place on this FREE course please visit:
<https://www.maldoncvcs.org.uk/2023/11/28/map-suicide-resilience-training>
Or scan the QR code to the right



This short & accessible training course has been designed in partnership with the Farming Community Network (FCN) to provide valuable skills & knowledge around suicide awareness, alertness & intervention to members of the farming community. The topic of suicide can be an extremely scary issue to approach, especially if we are concerned about someone but feel that we don't know what to say or do & are worried that we may make things worse by trying to help. This can make us shy away from talking about it and can create stigma that can really get in the way of PREVENTING suicide from happening.

You will learn the following;

- Learn how to recognize warning signs in others.
- Learn how to recognize the potential threat of suicide & what to do about it.
- Be able to take safe & appropriate action if needed (in crisis situations).
- Develop confidence in your ability to safely discuss & tackle the topic of suicide with aim to prevent it from ever happening.
- Learn these valuable skills for use in both your work & personal / home environment

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For more information, please contact Michelle Gardiner: michelle@maldoncvcs.org.uk

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THRIVING FOR THE FUTURE – FORESTRY COMMISSION STRATEGY 2023-28



Seizing the moment for trees, woods and forests the Forestry Commission has launched its 5 year strategy where they aim to meet some of society's biggest challenges by working to harness the potential of thriving trees woods and forests. For a synopsis please [click here](#). To read the strategy please [click here](#)

FREE TREE PACKS ARE BACK!



The Woodland Trust is urging landowners to join the fight to protect the landscape from the increasing effects of ash dieback and other tree pests and diseases by once again offering fully subsidised tree packs for landowners. Covering large parts of Essex and Suffolk, the Woodland Trust is working at landscape scale across the Eastern Claylands to protect, plant and restore trees and woodlands, which face a variety of pressures including climate change and

tree disease. For further information and to access the two collection points in Essex please [click here](#).

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE, SO HAVE YOUR SAY!



The Essex Waste Partnership (EWP) has set out how they plan to manage waste in Essex over the next 30 years in a draft strategy. Now, they want you to tell them what you think about it. What we throw away each day comes at a cost, not just for us but for the environment too. So, we all need to rethink waste. This means reducing what we buy, reusing items and recycling them when they are no longer needed.

The draft strategy, which has been produced by the Essex Waste Partnership, is deliberately ambitious but achievable.

It reflects a joint commitment from councils in Essex to reducing the impact of waste management on climate change. The proposals will also help to conserve resources and save money in the long-term. This money could then be used elsewhere. There is lots of positive work happening to reduce waste in Essex already and the EWP want to build on this, by working together and making small changes, we will see a big difference.

Find out more about the strategy and the free, information events being held please [click here](#).

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