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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ASKS FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK



The consultation invites anyone who lives, works, or visits Essex to share their views on proposed changes that will be included in the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) for 2025-2030.

Earlier this year, thousands of Essex residents provided feedback on the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's (PFCC) priorities for the fire service, which informed the development of the PFCC's Fire and Rescue Plan. The Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) is the next phase, detailing how Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) will turn this strategy into action. The CRMP will outline how the Service plans to identify and manage risks across Essex over the next five years, focusing on emerging risks and how proactive prevention and education will build safer, more resilient communities. To find out more and have your say please [click here](#).

GOVERNMENT PROVIDES CERTAINTY TO HORTICULTURE AND POULTRY BUSINESSES



A package of measures to provide certainty and stability to farmers and growers in the UK's horticulture, poultry and sheep sectors has been announced by Defra.

Underlining the government's commitment to the horticultural and poultry sectors, the Seasonal Worker visa route has been confirmed for 2025, with a total of 43,000 Seasonal Worker visas available for horticulture and 2,000 for poultry next year.

As well as confirming visa numbers for 2025, Defra has also published the [2023 Seasonal Worker's Survey](#) report as part of Defra's commitment to monitoring the welfare of the seasonal migrant workers who help bring home the horticulture harvest each year. The survey showed that the vast majority of respondents (91.0%) reported a positive experience from their time in the UK and 95% expressed a desire to return.

Alongside this, the government is taking action to deliver fairness in the supply chain for sheep farmers by ensuring producers receive a fair price for their livestock through legislation to mandate sheep carcass classification and price reporting.

The government also announced measures on egg and poultry labelling to help farmers deal with the impact of future avian influenza outbreaks. The changes will mean that free-range eggs can continue to be labelled as such throughout mandatory housing measures.

A [consultation on introducing similar measures](#) for the labelling of free-range poultry is also being launched.

For more information, you can [read the full announcement on GOV.UK](#)

CALL FOR HOME SOLAR PANELS INSTEAD OF SOLAR FARMS



Building solar farms on farmland instead of adding panels to new homes is "madness", BBC Politics East has been told. On the programme's Your Shout segment, Bengt Larson, from Bury St Edmunds, criticised plans to build huge solar farms on agricultural land when new homes were being built without panels.

The message was backed by MPs from the three main parties: Pam Cox (Lab, Colchester), Jerome Mayhew (Con, Broadland and Fakenham) and Marie Goldman (Lib Dem, Chelmsford).

The government said the new Energy Secretary Ed Miliband took "immediate action to boost the role solar projects play in the UK.. as the government accelerates to net zero to deliver its clean energy mission".

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

Source: BBC News 6th October 2024

THE CHURCH THAT HELPS PEOPLE CONNECT WITH ITS RURAL COMMUNITY

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St Nicholas Church in Castle Hedingham has undertaken a complete relighting of its roof, nave, chancel and aisles thanks to a grant from the UK Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund. The relighting brings modern architectural LED lighting to a 12th Century Grade I listed building, bringing with it energy saving efficiencies and lower maintenance costs.

The new ambience enables the church to run varied social, educational and cultural activities, such as exhibitions, performances, musical events and concerts. The church, located in the centre of the village, is a hub and focal point for the whole community, and the venue helps people connect in this rural community.

RCCE IS LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) is a growing, countywide charity looking for a Business Development Manager to help secure its long-term sustainability.

The post will identify opportunities for business development through new funding streams, partnership and commissioning opportunities and by developing the benefits of membership. The postholder will be expected to lead on the preparation

and management of funding bids, tenders and business proposals working closely with the management team and other members of staff. **Deadline Date 12 noon 15th November 2024**

To find out more about this exciting role please visit the [RCCE Work with us page](#).

THE PRICE OF SAFETY - RESEARCH ON THE COST OF LEAVING AN ABUSER



Women's Aid have published new research on the cost of leaving an abusive relationship, a figure that has never previously been calculated for survivors in England. This research aims to quantify the costs survivors may face when fleeing a perpetrator and building a new life. You can read [more here](#).

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Help EWT showcase the amazing wildlife in Essex by submitting your best photographs to this year's competition. [Check out](#) last year's winners and the six categories you can [enter here](#). Entries close midnight, 29th November 2024.

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local wildlife, environment
and communities.

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