

NEXT ERP MEETING TO FOCUS ON RURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

Our next ERP meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th May, and we will be looking at crime in rural areas. There will be presentations on Active Citizens, Environmental and Wildlife Crime, Gypsy and Traveller Liaison and more! There will also be an engaging workshop session looking at the new Rural Crime Strategy for Essex Police.

The meeting will commence at 2pm, but will be preceded by a sandwich lunch at 1.15pm.

If you would like to attend, please notify Lizzie Rose elizabeth.rose@essexrcc.org.uk by 17th May, stating whether or not you would like lunch, and if you have any dietary or access requirements.

BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 2017



There is still time to enter the 2017 Best Kept Churchyard Competition.

The competition looks to recognise and reward churchyards in Essex that are well-managed, providing a peaceful haven for both humans and animals. We encourage entries from churchyards of all denominations. The competition in 2017 is once again kindly sponsored by Lodge and Sons (Builders) of Stebbing and Essex Biodiversity Project.

For further information please contact: Sara Ward - sara.ward@essexrcc.org.uk or 01376 574330.

ESSEX YOUNG FARMERS SHOW 2017 – IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Essex Country Show
Sunday 21st May 2017
Boyton Hall,
Roxwell, CM1 4LT

ESSEX COUNTY FEDERATION
OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



A great day out for all the family with attractions to suit all! Plus for children under 15 years entry is free!

To book your tickets please [click here](#)

RCCE COMMUNITY ACTION CONFERENCE 13TH MAY 2017



It's just under 2 weeks until RCCE's Community Action Conference at Wickham Bishops Village Hall, 9.30am to 3pm on Saturday 13th May.

RCCE have some fantastic speakers in the morning and practical workshops in the afternoon ... plus lunch.

For RCCE member parishes the cost including lunch is £10 for the day

For non-members and to book your place at the conference also for the workshops visit the [RCCE website](#)

Some information about the morning speakers:

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader of Essex County Council, giving an overview of the challenges of housing growth in Essex alongside ongoing reductions in council funding, and the opportunities for community led solutions.

Caroline Fuller, clerk to Great Dunmow Town Council, sharing her experiences on preparation of the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan, one of the first in Essex, in the face of significant housing growth

Cllr Bryan Panton, Lavenham Parish Council, outlining how Lavenham's Neighbourhood Plan resulted in the creation of a Community Land Trust to provide a locally led housing solution.

RECYCLING IN ESSEX – Disposing of household waste



Everyone has a **duty of care** when they dispose of waste – this means that they are responsible for ensuring that waste is disposed of legally. This applies whether the waste is taken to a recycling centre, or collected by a contractor.

If you have waste:

- Ensure that any person who takes control of your waste is licensed to do so.
- You must take steps to prevent it from escaping from your control.
- Store it safely and securely.
- Prevent it from causing environmental pollution or harming anyone.
- Describe the waste in writing and prepare a transfer note if you intend to pass the waste on to someone else.

In October new restrictions came into force at Essex recycling centres. If in doubt, [check here](#) to see restrictions on what you can take to each recycling centre and what vehicles will be allowed access (at some sites commercial-type vehicles are prohibited, even if the waste is personal).

It's a criminal offence to attempt to dispose of business/commercial waste at any Essex County Council recycling centre and you could be fined if caught doing so. Every business is responsible for disposing of its own waste. For more information about commercial waste sites please [click here](#)

If you see waste that has been fly tipped, you can find it how to report it [here](#)

EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

A variety of funds under the [European Structural and Investment Funds](#) (ESIF) are currently available in different parts of the country. ESIF includes money from the European Social Fund (ESF), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

In Essex the funding is available through the [South East Local Enterprise Partnership](#) and there are currently various calls open. These include:

Under [European Regional Development Fund](#) (ERDF):

- [Research and Innovation](#) (priority axis 1) - up to £9,600,000 of funding available
- [SME Competitiveness and Growth](#) (priority axis 3) - up to £17,500,000 of funding available
- [Supporting a shift towards a low carbon economy](#) (priority axis 4) - up to £6,980,000 funding available

Under [European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development](#) (EAFRD):

Rural tourism – up to £2.6million available

Food processing – up to £3.7million available

Business development (micro and SMEs) – up to £2million available.

WINTER IS OVER – Essex's Gritter Lorries are taking a summer break



This winter the Gritter Lorries of Essex have salted more than 100,000 miles of roads in our county. Known affectionately by their drivers by names such as *Gritney Spears* and *Alexander the Grit*, up to 62 lorries can be deployed at any one time. The winter gritting season will start again on 23rd October, when drivers will be placed on-call to ensure that the residents and businesses of Essex can travel safely on our roads. You can read more about the work of the Essex Gritters [here](#).

FULL ERP FUTURE MEETING DATES 2017

Date: Wednesday 24th May 2017

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: The Essex Young Farmers Centre, Whitbreads Farm, Chatham Green,
Chelmsford CM3 3LQ

Theme: Rural and Environmental Crime

Date: Monday 25th September 2017

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: TBC

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