



Getting Around in Essex – Bus and Passenger Transport Strategy

Essex County Council (ECC) will be sharing information and meeting with stakeholders to review the current bus network with a view to look for efficiencies, identify potential new bus routes or needs, in line with the outcomes of the consultation and where appropriate, identify where tailored local schemes could be more effective. ECC will be holding meetings throughout June and beginning of July.

AM meetings – 10.00am-12.00pm

The morning meeting will include a formal presentation, followed by break out discussion groups.

Invitations have been sent to County, Borough, City, District, Parish and Town Councils; Parish Clerks, Parish Transport Representatives; representatives for OIL (Options for Independent Living); Disability Action Groups; Schools; Young people representatives and Bus User Groups.

PM meetings – 13:00-16.00pm

Invitations have been sent to bus operators and community transport providers and members of the public.

List of the Dates and Venues:

Date	Venue	Time
Friday 19th June	Central Baptist Church Victoria Road South Chelmsford Essex CM1 1LN	10:00am – 12:00pm 13:00pm-16:00pm (open meeting)
Monday 22nd June	Castlepoint Borough Council, Kiln Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1TF	10:00am-12:00pm 13:00pm – 16:00pm (open
Tuesday 23rd June	Basildon Borough Council, Room 2, The Basildon Centre, St. Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL	10:00am – 12:00pm 13:00pm-16:00pm (open meeting)
Thursday 25 th June	Assembly Room Sudbury Town Council, Town Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk C010 1TL	10:00am-12:00pm 13:00-16:00pm (open meeting)
Monday 29th June	Sams Hall, 22 Rosemary Road, Clacton, C015 1NZ	10:00am – 12:00pm 13:00pm-16:00pm (open meeting)
Tuesday 30th June	Epping Town Council, Epping Hall, St Johns Road, Epping CM16 5JU	10:00am-12:00pm 13:00pm – 16:00pm (open meeting)

Wednesday 1st July	Dovercourt Central Church 203 Main Road, Dovercourt, Essex C012 3PA	10:00am-12:00pm 13:00pm-16:00pm (open meeting)
Wednesday 2nd July	Friends Meeting House, Hexagonal Room, 6 Church Street, Colchester C01 1NF	10:00am – 12:00pm 13:00pm-16:00pm (open meeting)

DEFRA has been told to make £83 million of “efficiency savings” under government plans to slash public spending by £3 billion.

Rural leaders have voiced that these savings must not negatively affect countryside communities and rural businesses.

The Country Land and Business Association said it would “work closely with officials” to help Defra achieve its goals.

For more information please click [here](#)

Reminder to complete crime survey

Launched by the National Rural Crime Network, who are requesting for people who work or live in rural areas to give their views on policing in their community. This is to include information on the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour experienced by residents and their neighbours. A worthy survey to complete providing valuable information to help assist with future crime prevention and rural policing.

“By completing the survey, people can have their say on how crime affects them and what they expect from local police and their partners involved in community safety.”

Please click [here](#) to complete the survey

How can we combat rural loneliness?

For some elderly and young people the rural lifestyle can prove limiting and lonely, difficulties arise such as shopping for basic foodstuffs, accessing training, employment and socialising.

While loneliness and social isolation are not the same thing, both are closely related and can have a severe impact on quality of life. The question being ‘how lonely are people and what can be done about it’?

For more information click [here](#)

New Campaign will see thousands set to abandon creature comforts and go wild outdoors

An interesting read about the Wildlife Trust setting a 30 day challenge for us to join in and pledge to do something wild every day for a month.

At the Hay Festival Steve Hilton the Prime Ministers former strategy adviser announced “We need a fundamental rethink [of] humanity’s relationship with the natural world that we inhabit,” He argued for “moving the pendulum back towards the system of our ancestors, in which we benefit from nature while simultaneously giving back to and co-existing with it”.

From 1st June 2015 thousands who have signed up will be starting their 30 days of doing something wild.

“We are all part of nature. It’s a wonderful thing to enjoy and it’s all around us,” said Lucy McRobert of the Wildlife Trust. “With only one child in 10 ever playing in wild spaces, children don’t understand the value of nature and parents don’t understand the value of getting children into nature,” she said

For further inspiration please click [here](#)



Dates for your diary

25th June	Community Action Group meeting	RCCE Offices 2.00pm	(Coffee from 1.45pm)
1st July 2015	Full ERP Meeting	Five Lakes, Colchester	10.00am
1st July 2015	Steering Group Meeting <i>(by invitation)</i>	“ “	(Coffee from 9.45am)

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