

FIGHTING RURAL CRIME EVENT



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Thursday 16th November

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome

Entry via Hackmans Lane, CM3 6RJ

FREE ADMISSION

Find out how Essex Police will tackle crime in rural areas

See a LIVE DEMONSTRATION of the Essex Police drones

Visit information and trade stands

Scan here for the latest information



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Essex Residents are invited to join us at Stow Maries World War I Aerodrome. All visitors will have an opportunity to have a look around this historic site, including access to the museum area.

LIST OF STANDS:

- Essex Police Drones (demonstrations at 2pm & 3pm, subject to weather)
- Essex Police Gypsy, Traveller and Rural
- Engagement Team (GTRET) – meet the Officers in the new team
- Citizens in Policing (incl info on Watch schemes, Active Citizens, Cadets)
- Road Safety (Casualty Reduction)
- Crime Prevention
- Firearms Licencing
- Essex Police Specials
- NavCIS (vehicle crime)
- Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
- Environment Agency
- Crimestoppers
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Rural Community Council of Essex
- Essex Rural Partnership
- Essex Rivers Leader Local Action Group
- Community Agents
- National Farmers Union
- Diocese of Chelmsford
- Essex Agricultural Society
- Farming Community Network
- Age UK
- Panther Security

The event is arranged in partnership by Essex Police, Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner of Essex and Essex Rural Partnership. **DIRECTIONS** can be found at <http://www.stowmaries.org.uk/contact/how-to-find-us>

*This event will follow the launch of the new **Essex Police Rural Crime Strategy** which will take place earlier in the day, and is by invitation only. ERP members should have received a separate invitation to the morning meeting and launch event, with details of how to reserve a place.*

LOCAL SERVICES FUND



The Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) welcomes Essex County Council's (ECC) initiative to set up a new Fund with the aim of providing local communities with the opportunity to make a real difference in local villages, towns and communities across Essex. The aim of this ECC fund is to provide revenue and other grants to Parish and Town Councils and other local community organisations to undertake single activity or ongoing services to satisfy locally determined community benefit or enhancement. Essex County Council and the Funding Board will be looking for innovative ideas that will really make a difference to the community.

Communities are invited to submit applications from 1st October 2017 for the first Funding Board, to be held in December 2017.

The Local Services Fund is managed by the EALC. Groups wanting to be added to the database must contact the EALC; contact details can be found on their [website](#)

Fund Element	Local Services Fund value £500,000 per year
Grants Available	£10,000 per bid or £15,000 over 3 years There is an expectation of match funding.
Application Cycle	Annually – aligned to financial year.
Eligibility	Local Councils (i.e. parish and town councils) and formally constituted groups (i.e. residents' or housing associations).
Definition	Funding to support a set of actions undertaken to deliver a product provided to, or on behalf of, those who live or work in the area for which they are responsible.

Direct link to the [EALC Local Services Fund](#) website page.

MOBILE LIBRARIES TO FIT PEOPLE'S LIVES



Do you or residents in your area use mobile libraries, or have they in the past? Are there other ways or venues where library services could be provided in your area?

Essex County Council's (ECC) mobile libraries consultation closes at midnight on Monday 6th November.

There has been a good response so far, with a number of town and parish councils and voluntary organisations taking part, but ECC are keen to hear from as many residents and groups as possible.

To access the consultation please click the following link:

<http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/mobile-library-service-consultation/>

To help spread the word and to display a poster please email: libraries.consultation@essex.gov.uk

Large print, Easy Read and Braille copies of the consultation pack, and help to complete the survey over the phone, can be requested by phone on 0345 603 7628.

Councillor Susan Barker, Cabinet Lead for Culture, Communities and Customer says, "We know how much communities value their mobile library services. But we also know that in recent years, fewer and fewer people have been taking advantage of them. We have now reached a point where the right thing to do is look again at how we provide these services. "We want a service which is able to respond to different local needs and settings, a service

which is flexible enough to help volunteers set up a community library in a village hall, pub or shop. We want people to get involved, have their say on our ideas and share their own." <https://youtu.be/EJaoUeVGOTM>
For full information please [click here](#) and for the links to the surveys: click here for [adults and organisations](#) and click here for [children and young people](#) Essex County Council is encouraging people to complete the survey online but paper copies are available at all libraries and mobile libraries. For large print, braille or EasyRead versions, or for help completing the survey please call 0345 603 7628. Follow the conversation on Essex Libraries' [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#) feed. If an organisation would like to display a poster, available in A4 or A3 or would like to submit additional written comments, please email: libraries@essex.gov.uk

FLY-TIPPING COSTS TAXPAYERS £58M IN CLEAN-UP COSTS



More than one million incidents of fly-tipping were dealt with by councils in England in 2016-17, costing taxpayers £58m to clear up. It was the fourth year in a row that incidents increased. About 56,000 fixed penalty notices were handed out by councils to people caught illegally dumping. The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) said two-thirds of fly-tipping was household waste. There were 1,002,000 cases of fly-tipping handled by councils in England between April 2016 and March 2017, equivalent to 114 every hour. This was 66,000 (7%) more than the year before.

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To full BBC News article please [click here](#)

To read what Essex Rural Partnership is doing about Fly Tipping, and how to report it, [click here](#)

RURAL HOMELESSNESS – AN INVISIBLE ISSUE?



Not having a home can affect a person's ability to live, work, enjoy and get on in life. Finding yourself with little money, where every day is a struggle, can be seen as something that happens to someone else. Yet in 2015/2016 some 6,270 households were homeless in rural Local Authorities, with many other households threatened with homelessness or people having previously experienced homelessness. But with four-fifths of homelessness cases found in urban areas, rural homelessness all too often remains neglected and misunderstood.

Back in 2003 Crisis and the Countryside Agency jointly published a report on the incidence and experiences of people staying with family and friends in response to homelessness. Based on interviews with 164 people in three areas (London, Sheffield and Craven), the report revealed how staying with family and friends was a common situation in rural areas – often the only option when becoming homeless; with a minority of respondents staying with the same friend or relative since becoming homeless but the vast majority having to move between different friends and relatives.

For the full article please [click here](#)

ACRE PRESSES GOVERNMENT ON AFFORDABLE RURAL HOMES



ACRE has published a Housing Position Paper, demonstrating support for 'appropriate' development of affordable housing in rural communities across England. Chris Cowcher of ACRE writes:

"At a time when the availability of housing plays a central role in sustaining villages and small market towns, ACRE wants to see the Government take the necessary steps to ensure that national and local plans are rural-proofed.

"In the paper, ACRE sets out 4 key asks for the Government and other national policy makers to raise national attention for rurally specific matters. By sharing this paper during 'Party Conference Season' ACRE is asking all parties to support further investment in technical support, so that communities can be empowered to share the responsibility for meeting their own local housing needs. ACRE wishes to see continued encouragement for communities to develop Neighbourhood Development Plans and promote proactive engagement in local planning processes. The position paper sets out a need for capital grant funding to build genuinely affordable homes in rural areas, recognising the higher costs of developing these homes. Finally to ensure that affordable rural housing remains affordable in perpetuity, ACRE asks for a protection from the Right to Buy in rural areas.

Please [click here](#)

FULL ERP FUTURE MEETING DATES 2017

Date: 16th November 2017 – this will be a joint meeting of the Essex Rural Partnership and the Rural Crime Forum, followed by the launch of the Essex Police Rural Crime Strategy. Places for this meeting are strictly limited and attendees MUST register a place in advance – if you wish to attend please return the response form sent recently to all ERP members.

Please note that the *Fighting Rural Crime* Event in the afternoon is open to the public.

Location: Stow Maries World War I Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh, Near Maldon, CM3 6RJ



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