

# Colchester Community Updates



Colchester  
City Council

End of April 2023

**Welcome to our newsletter covering the end of April .**

**You'll find plenty of information about community events, opportunities, HEAPS of funding and much, much more!**

**Our Team's contact details are at the end of the newsletter, so please do let us know if you'd like us to promote an event for you, or if you have anything you'd like us to share with all our readers.**



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UK Government

The Emergency Alerts system is now live and it will be used to warn people when lives are in danger.

Find out more at [gov.uk/alerts](https://gov.uk/alerts)



As you will hopefully be aware, the Government is testing a national emergency alert system on April 23 which will send a notification and emit a loud noise even if phones are on silent.

For victims of domestic abuse this could expose 'hidden' phones. Please make people aware that there is a way to opt out of the alerts which is outlined in this YouTube video click [HERE](#) to watch

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Let's do our **BIT**

# What would you do if you saw someone being harassed?



**81%**

of women don't think passers-by would help them if someone was acting inappropriately towards them\*

**60%**

of men and 70% of women aren't confident that they would be able to safely intervene if they saw someone behaving inappropriately towards a woman.\*

Learn how to safely intervene and address unacceptable behaviour.

Sign up today and become an **ACTIVE BYSTANDER**

[www.essex.gov.uk/bystander](http://www.essex.gov.uk/bystander)

\*Data from Essex County Council's Safety Advisory Group research 2021.



Simply scan the code with your smartphone

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**Click on the image below  
to see April's edition of  
the EFSS newsletter**

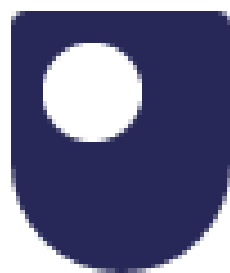


## **Essex Family Support Service**

E-Bulletin April 2023



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**The Open  
University**

In recognition of the challenges that many students are facing in accessing higher education during the cost-of-living crisis, the Open University is making £3 million in support available through a series of scholarships to help disadvantaged students who would otherwise miss out on education.

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# Boundary Changes

The  
Local Government  
Boundary Commission  
for England

A new pattern of electoral divisions is being developed for Essex County Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Essex should be 77. This is a change from the current council which has 75.

The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. A 10-week consultation on the proposals will run until 5 June 2023.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and [HERE](#) to have your say and the proposals.

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**REMEMBER TO**  
1- Register to vote  
2- Check my photo ID  
3- Vote at a polling station!

You now need  
photo ID to  
vote at a  
polling station

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the ID that will now be required in all elections in England, effective from 4th May 2023

Trevor Holden, managing director of Broadland DC and South Norfolk Council, has even recorded a rap video regarding Voter ID - watch it [HERE](#)!

**The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for use at these elections is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April**

The  
Electoral  
Commission

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# Design, *differently*

Capacity building for  
community-led design

Design  
Council

Design, differently takes community and local authority project teams on a design thinking and design doing journey.

We teach skills and methods to improve design capability while also going deep on individual projects to ensure their success.

Empathy and insight, practical solutions and design prototyping are the three pillars of the process.

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# Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

## Please do not contact the centre

If you have queries please go to  
[www.sneevaccine.org.uk](http://www.sneevaccine.org.uk)

or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961

Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day



### Top up your immunity this spring!

If you're in one of the following groups, you can attend any of our walk-in clinics in  
**North East Essex** to take up the Covid-19 Spring Booster.

**Adults  
75 years  
and over**

**People aged 5-74  
with a weakened  
immune system**

**Residents  
in care  
homes**

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Greenstead Resource Community Centre, Fivefields Court, <b>Colchester</b> CO4 3QE	10:00 – 14:00
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Harwich Pavilion, Barrack Lane, <b>Harwich</b> , CO12 3NS	10:00 – 14:00
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Sainsburys, 1 Stanway Western Bypass, <b>Stanway</b> , Colchester, CO3 8AA UK	10:00 – 14:00
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Elmstead Community Centre, School Road, <b>Elmstead Market</b> , Colchester, CO7 7ET	10:00 – 14:00
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> April	St Osyth Village Hall, Clacton Road, <b>St Osyth</b> , CO16 8PE	10:00 – 14:00
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	C360 Hub, Long Wyre Street, <b>Colchester</b>	10:00 – 14:00
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Tesco, 86 Church Rd, <b>Tiptree</b> , Colchester, CO5 0SU	10:00 – 14:00

**IMPORTANT:** Please check the SNEE website for any clinic updates and eligibility criteria before you attend. You can access the website via the following link and QR code: [sneevaccine.org.uk](http://sneevaccine.org.uk)



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# Community Funding

All of the funding you need for your organisation can now be found in one place! Just click on the image below, which will take you to our spreadsheet.



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