

## MALDON DIVISION MONTHLY UPDATE – COUNCILLOR JANE FLEMING

### UPDATE ON THE 99A BUS SERVICE – NOW THE 99 SERVICE

Following Travel Essex's post on 26 July 2024 "[Bus services operated by Arrow Taxi's and Essex and Suffolk DaRT | Travel Essex](#)", Passenger Transport have shared the following update.

The following service will run initially for 3 months as follows:

Service 99A Maldon – Broomfield Hospital – Will be operated by Stephenson's of Essex commencing 28 August 2024. The service will be renumbered the 99. There is also a revised [timetable](#) and route.

### CONSULTATION ON WALKING & CYCLING NETWORKS IN ESSEX

A new survey asking residents' opinions on networks in Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell, Loughton, Harwich and Dovercourt, Maldon, Clacton and Jaywick and Waltham Abbey has been launched.

Residents and businesses are being encouraged to give their views on local walking and cycling networks in their area.

The findings will help the council develop and plan routes over the next ten years, helping to increase the travel options available to members of the public.

The survey focuses on the areas of:

- Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell and Loughton
- Harwich and Dovercourt
- Maldon
- Clacton and Jaywick
- Waltham Abbey

Residents are being asked whether the routes provide the right local links. They are also being asked whether there are any routes that should be extended to reach specific destinations.

The [consultation](#) will run until Sunday 13 October.

Called Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), these networks are designed to create coherent cycling and walking routes. They are an important step for Essex to achieve the vision of a safer, greener, and healthier county.

LCWIPs ensure that a long-term approach is taken to targeting investment in the right places. They also form a vital part of the Government's strategy to increase sustainable trips.

Only views on the overarching network of routes are being sought at this stage, not on specific infrastructure. To take part in the survey, visit [https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/lcwip\\_buckhurst\\_hill-loughton\\_clacton-jaywick\\_dovercourt-harwich\\_maldon\\_uttlesford\\_and\\_waltham\\_abbey](https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/lcwip_buckhurst_hill-loughton_clacton-jaywick_dovercourt-harwich_maldon_uttlesford_and_waltham_abbey).

## COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

Essex County Council are inviting organisations in Essex to apply for grants from the Essex Community Initiatives Fund. The £350,000 fund offers grants of up to £10,000. Organisations can use the money to help strengthen local communities across Essex. The aim is to make Essex an even better place to live, work and visit. [Apply for the Community Initiatives Fund](#) before Wednesday 18 October 2024.

## FREE MULTIPLY COURSES

As your child starts a new school, helping with their maths homework may feel daunting. A free Multiply course can help. They refresh your maths knowledge, equipping you with tips and tricks to confidently support their maths learning. [Find a free Multiply course today.](#)

## APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12 September 2024 and 31 October 2024. Find out [how to apply for a secondary school place.](#)

## WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

It's World Suicide Prevention Day on Tuesday 10 September. It's more important than ever that we reduce the stigma by encouraging open conversations about suicide and the support available. View [suicide prevention resources, training and how-to guides](#) to help support someone who may be struggling.

## ESSEX ACTIVITY AWARDS 2024

The 2024 edition of the Essex Activity Awards will be the 13th year that outstanding achievements and dedication have been rewarded. If you know an inspiring individual or a group that supports others mental wellbeing through movement this is a great opportunity to highlight and reward

their passion for physical activity. [Nominate someone for an Essex Activity Award](#) before midnight on Sunday 29 September.

## PROPERTY FLOOD RESILIENCE GRANT

Even if you think you're safe from floods, surface water can catch you off guard. Losing irreplaceable possessions like photographs, heirlooms and mementos can leave a lasting impact. Cleaning up after a flood, including dealing with water damage and the daunting task of restoration, can also be life-altering. [Check your flood risk and see if you are eligible for the Property Flood Resilience \(PFR\) grant](#). You can also [submit your questions about surface water flooding](#) and the impact of flooding. We will select the top two or three questions to include in our upcoming discussions.

## HOME UPGRADE GRANT

If your home was cold last winter and you struggled with bills, you might qualify for a Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2). This government scheme funds energy-saving upgrades for off-grid gas heating systems, helping you use less energy and reduce costs. [Register your interest in the HUG2 grant scheme](#) by Monday 30 September 2024.

## ESSEX CARBON CUTTING AP

The Carbon Cutting Essex app is a fun way to keep track of your carbon footprint and discover top tips on how to reduce it. This month, the theme of the app is sustainable transport. Earn rewards, enter prize draws or donate to a good cause. [Download the Carbon Cutting Essex app](#) for free today.

## APPRENTICESHIP HUB

Do you know a year 11 or 13 student interested in an apprenticeship when they leave school? The Apprenticeship Hub can help students find and apply for apprenticeship opportunities. Summer 2025 apprenticeship places are opening up across organisations now. [Visit the online apprenticeship hub](#). The Essex Apprenticeship Hub will also be attending the ['We Rise Get Sorted' careers event](#) on Friday 13 September. Anyone aged 16 to 25 can attend the event from 11am to 2pm at the Basildon Centre. The event will bring together employers, training providers and career advisors.

## APPLY FOR A ROLE IN CARE

Just finished school or college and looking for a career you can be proud of? A role in care is perfect for you. There are even part-time roles to work around further education. With training provided and opportunities for progression, it's the perfect start to a rewarding future. [Apply for a role in care.](#)

## ESSEX GREEN SKILLS

Interested in skills, careers, jobs, and resources that relate to sustainability and the environment? [The Essex Green Skills website](#) can help those currently considering next steps after leaving school, graduating, or changing careers.

The Essex Green Skills website features:

- green courses and job opportunities across Essex
- sectors that need green skills
- sustainable practises for businesses
- training resources

## ESSEX TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Residents and businesses are being reminded to share their views on our emerging new Essex Transport Strategy. The strategy will set important priorities and outline our vision for transport in the county. Our initial consultation focuses on key themes and outcomes, and your feedback will help guide us in developing the strategy further. Find out more and [have your say on the new Essex Transport Strategy](#) before the consultation closes on Sunday 22 September.

## ACL ADVICE DAYS

Visit ACL between 10:30am – 7:30pm on the below dates to learn more about what's on offer, talk through your options with Career and Skills Progression Advisers and Curriculum staff or enrol on a course.

- ACL Colchester: Wednesday 4 September
- ACL Basildon: Thursday 5 September
- ACL Harlow: Thursday 5 September
- ACL Chelmsford: Friday 6 September
- ACL Brentwood: Monday 9 September

- ACL Clacton: Tuesday 10 September
- ACL Maldon: Wednesday 11 September
- ACL Witham: Thursday 12 September

Just turn up, no need to book! [View our centre locations](#)

## AMBITIOUS ESSEX SUMMIT

The inaugural event will be held at Hylands House for businesses to grow, innovate, and connect!

What to expect:

- hear from top business leaders, sharing insights and answering questions
- attend expert-led workshops from Let's Do Business Group, ARU, Innovate UK and H-Creative
- network in a dedicated space hosted by the FSB, while enjoying local food vendors
- explore interactive zones on innovation, sustainability, inclusive employment and business support.

[Get your free ticket today!](#)

## DIGITAL ESSEX

Find out how to future-proof your company for the switch from analogue to broadband phone lines.

Join a free webinar hosted by Digital Essex, Ambitious Essex and FarrPoint to learn how upcoming changes could affect your phone lines, alarm systems, PoS technology and more.

Experts will discuss why the switchover matters, how it could impact your business and the steps you can take to mitigate any risks.

Book your free space for [Tuesday 17 September](#) (12:30pm to 1:30pm).

Find out more on the [Digital Essex website](#) or contact [digital.essex@essex.gov.uk](mailto:digital.essex@essex.gov.uk).

## CYCLE SEPTEMBER

Cycle September is a fun, free campaign from Love to Ride that encourages people to jump on their bikes!

We're inviting businesses across Essex to get involved. Your team can compete against others on the leaderboards, plus there are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including £2,000 for one lucky rider!

Cycle September is a brilliant way to encourage healthy, sustainable travel choices amongst your workforce. Register now on the [Love to Ride website](#).

## ESSEX GREEN SKILLS HUB

The newly launched Essex Green Skills Hub, supported by Essex County Council and its partners, is a free and collaborative resource for residents, businesses, schools, training providers and more. It aims to foster green skills that benefit the Essex economy.

The Essex Green Skills Hub focuses on delivering local skills necessary for Essex to thrive as a centre for innovation, aiding the county's transition to a net-zero economy and securing future green jobs. This initiative provides free resources and guidance to various groups, including:

- Residents and workers seeking green skills training and job opportunities
- Employers looking to upskill their staff's green credentials
- Educators wanting to integrate green skills into their curriculum

In the long term, the Essex Green Skills Hub is expected to bring significant benefits to the local economy by creating green jobs and encouraging sustainable business practices. Its efforts will help establish a vibrant, innovative, and environmentally friendly community and is a great tool to help plan the best suited career path for those seeking new opportunities.

The hub represents a significant step towards a sustainable future, explore it now and help contribute to a greener future for Essex!

## COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUPS

Since the first group was launched in 2020, Essex is now home to 21 community energy groups and this number is rapidly expanding.

As part of continuing the conversation around community energy, Essex County Council hosted a Community Energy in Essex webinar on Monday 29 July. During the event, attendees were able to learn more about community energy, how it can benefit our communities and hear from two well established groups including Community Energy South and Community Energy Colchester.

Last year, the Council won the ['Supportive Local Authority' category](#) at the 2023 Community Energy Awards in recognition of its demonstrated exceptional support and commitment to the

community energy sector. Working closely with communities to find innovative solutions to transition to clean energy continues to be a key priority of Essex County Council's Climate Action Plan.

## RIGID PLASTIC RECYCLING SCHEME

The [rigid plastic recycling scheme](#) is currently in place at the following recycling centres: Braintree, Brentwood, Clacton, Chigwell, Colchester, Harlow, Saffron Walden and Witham. It will soon be available at Burnham-on-Crouch, Rayleigh and another site to be announced shortly.

A wide range of items that cannot be recycled at the kerbside are accepted. This includes plastic buckets, storage boxes, garden furniture, toys and plastic plant pots.

Previously, rigid plastic items were being sent to landfill. This initiative is a great opportunity to recycle rigid plastic items that are no longer needed and that cannot be reused.

Since the start of the scheme in May 2024, over 64 tonnes of plastics have been sent for recycling. This is the equivalent of roughly 5 double decker buses!

## ESSEX WASTE PARTNERSHIP

On 23 July, Essex County Council adopted the [Essex Waste Partnership's](#) new Waste Strategy for Essex! This is the second authority to adopt the strategy following Uttlesford Council's decision earlier in the month.

The waste strategy sets out the partnership's plan for how to manage recycling and waste in the county for the next 30 years.

The vision of the strategy is simple: We are rethinking our waste – by everyone working together, we will reduce, reuse and recycle more. This will protect the environment and save resources.

The other 11 councils in the partnership will be taking decisions on whether to adopt the strategy over the next couple of months.

[Find out more](#) about the vision, targets and commitments of the Waste Strategy for Essex and how it will affect you.

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