

MALDON DIVISION MARCH UPDATE – COUNCILLOR FLEMING

UKRAINE

The new 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme will allow individuals, charities, community groups and businesses in the UK to bring Ukrainians to safety – including those with no family ties to the UK. The scheme will allow a sponsor in the UK to nominate a named Ukrainian or a named Ukrainian family to stay with them in their home or will allow them to offer a separate property.

The Government has already launched the Ukraine Family Scheme allowing extended family members to enter the UK.

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Useful links

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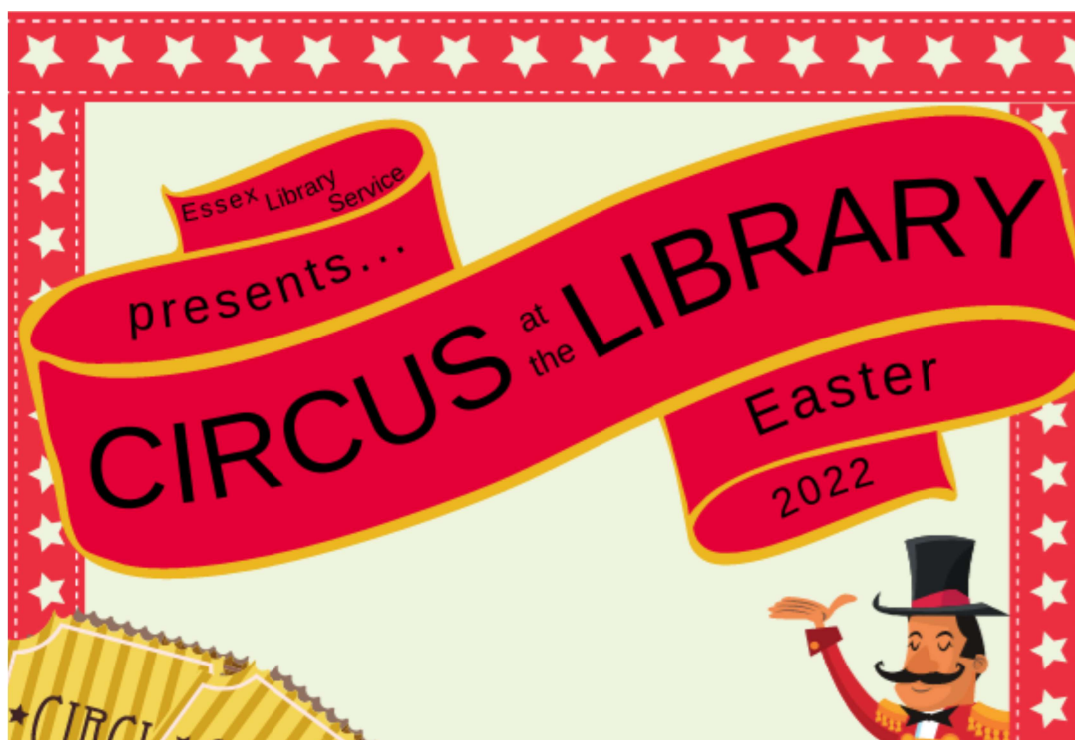
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CIRCUS AT THE LIBRARY!



Roll up, Roll up! This Easter, Essex Library Service are taking you to the circus. Prepare to be a part of the greatest show Essex has to offer - the Circus at the Library!

Many of our libraries will be running circus themed activities during the Easter Holidays, so we'd love for you to round up your troupe, don your best ringmaster suit and come and join our circus.

From rhyme times to arts, crafts and games, each library has something unique to offer. We also have a challenge to help the circus master find their performers. They are dotted over the library on posters and need to be found before the show starts! Find out if your local library is running off with the circus on our [events listings](#).

ESSEX SUMMER OF CULTURE 2022

Essex County Council have launched the 2022 Essex [Summer of Culture guide](#).

The Summer of Culture aims to promote the wealth of arts and cultural events and activity in Essex and celebrates and focuses on the environment with the theme 'The World Around Us'.

The digital brochure combines fascinating features, family friendly listings and arresting articles on how to combat climate change and enjoy the world around us. Explore the guide [here](#). Read on to find out more.

ESSEX YEAR OF READING

Join in the fun at this year's [Essex Book Festival](#) taking place throughout June in some stunning venues including Tudor palaces, Norman castles and ancient woodlands.

Find out more about the [Essex Year of Reading](#), an important new campaign which aims to inspire a lifelong love of reading in children through a series of events, competitions and challenges.

ESSEX RECORDS OFFICE PRESENTS: 100 YEARS IN THE LIFE OF A THAMES SAILING BARGE

Tuesday 5th April 10:30 - A talk from John Rayment the Thames Sailing Barge Trust on the history of the Thames sailing barge 'Pudge', which will celebrate her 100th birthday in 2022. The talk will tell the fascinating story of her trading life along with details of her restoration and the work the Trust has completed to make sure that she is fit to sail for many more years to come.

[Click here to book](#)

ESSEX RECORDS OFFICE PRESENTS: GETTING STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME OFF THE GROUND

Tuesday 7th June - Ian Flint explores the work the charitable trust charged with preserving the early history of military aviation at Stow Maries in Essex.

[Click here to book](#)

ESSEX RECORDS OFFICE PRESENTS: BALANCING THE CHALLENGES - MANGING HERITAGE LANDSCAPES ALONGSIDE CONTEMPORARY NEEDS

Essex Gardens Trust & Essex Record Office all day Joint Symposium

Saturday 2nd April 10:00 - 15:30 - We are delighted to be holding a joint all-day symposium in Chelmsford with the Essex Gardens Trust on Saturday 2 April 2022. This event was originally conceived and planned before the pandemic and after some enforced rescheduling, is now going ahead. The theme of the day is to explore some of the many challenges that heritage landscapes and gardens face today in trying to balance competing priorities of preservation, conservation, ecology, sustainability, and public access.

Lunch is included in the ticket price. [Click here to book](#)

JOIN THE ESSEX RESIDENTS PANEL

Help improve the services which matter to you. Get vocal and [join the Essex Residents' Panel](#).

There are 6 online surveys a year where you can share your opinions to influence decisions that

affect you.

Your opinions are used to inform us about what matters to you so improvements can be made. Surveys could be about anything, from libraries and education to adult social care to improving the environment where we live. Your views matter to us, we want yours, join now!

ESSEX LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHED

The Essex LNP will form part of a national network of LNPs and will be responsible for encouraging, supporting and facilitating nature recovery across the county.

As well as helping the county on its journey to net zero by helping increase natural green space and improving access to it across town and country, it will enhance the health and wellbeing opportunities of all Essex residents. The 14-strong board will see representatives from agriculture, local government, conservation organisations, community groups, health organisations and youth groups, with the county council providing initial administrative support.

The LNP will be chaired by experienced conservation leader Dr Simon Lyster. Essex-born, Dr Lyster has worked in wildlife conservation most of his life. Author of the textbook, International Wildlife Law, Simon was head of conservation policy at WWF for nearly a decade and was then Director General of the Wildlife Trusts for a further eight years.

[You can find out more about the launch of the Local Nature Partnership on the Commission's website.](#)

LOCAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT BOOST

As part of its plans for levelling up the county, Essex County Council has partnered with leading retrofit training body, [The Retrofit Academy CIC](#), to deliver cutting-edge domestic retrofit training and accreditation to individuals seeking to enter the industry, and those looking to pivot to greener practices and services.

These retrofit training courses will give existing contractors and aspiring built environment workers in Essex an opportunity to gain the skills and accreditation needed to create in-demand and lifelong careers in the UK's growing retrofit sector.

The programme will develop new skills, nurture new careers, and boost economic activity in the region, while improving energy efficiency and addressing the deepening cost of living crisis and working towards the UK's net-zero goals.

The project is fully funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund.

For more information about the programme, please contact Loretta.Hoy@essex.gov.uk.

JOIN THE FIRST EVER CLIMATE AWARENESS TRAIN TO NORTH FAMBRIDGE!

Join us on Sunday 22nd May ([International Day of Biological Diversity](#)), for an organised [climate awareness train ride](#), followed by a walk.

During the event, children and families will have the opportunity to learn more about climate change and actions they can take to protect the local environment. The climate awareness train is being hosted by the Essex Climate Action Commission and the [Essex & South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership](#). For all the family, the trip will include a fun-filled climate activity pack, including games for the journey and an I-spy for the walk.

The train will start at Wickford station at 10:06am, only 15 minutes to the destination of North Fambridge.

There will be an opportunity to enjoy an information-packed guided walk taking approximately an hour. The walk will be easy and suitable for young children (although boots are advised for all!). Packed full of wildlife, families can keep an eye out for creatures big and small, such as hares and water voles. The walk will finish at North Fambridge Village Hall for warm drinks and cake, after which you will be guided back for the 13:21 train to Wickford Station.

Tickets for the event will be [available online](#) from the 1st April.

BUSINESSTIME IN ESSEX

This summer, a new sustainability supplement called 'Sustain Essex' will be launched alongside future issues of [BusinessTime](#) in Essex magazine. The new supplement follows on from the

success of the 20-page sustainability feature published in the new spring issue of [Business Time in Essex](#). Since its launch in 2016, BusinessTime in Essex has provided businesses with the most up-to-date news, views and information across the county. 'Sustain Essex' will be a regular supplement published alongside BusinessTime in Essex starting with the summer issue which will hit desks on June 1.

'Sustain Essex' will provide the county's business community with regular updates on how businesses across the county are taking action to reduce carbon emissions, and helping to respond to sustainability issues, and a great opportunity for businesses to share with others their sustainability services, products and green credentials.

Further information can be obtained from Publishing Editor, Peter Richardson, on 07778 067614 or at peter@pjrcomms.co.uk.

ESSEX GREEN APPRENTICESHIPS GROW

An Essex Outdoor activity centre has recently created two new apprenticeship positions following the hugely successful Essex County Council [Kickstart Scheme](#).

Young people interested in participating in a skills development scheme, such as an apprenticeship, can find a wide range of opportunities on the [Essex opportunities portal](#).

We are also delighted to announce that we have launched our climate action recruitment campaign. If you are passionate about climate change, driven to make a difference and want to achieve your own ambitions by helping us to achieve ours, please take a look at [our current opportunities to join the team](#).

SIGN UP FOR FREE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES

Exciting work is well underway on the England Coast Path, a new National Trail around all of England's coast. Parts of the coastal path in Essex have already opened to the public and work is underway to make the entire Essex coast and its estuaries accessible for walking and available to the public.

To celebrate the 350 miles of the wild Essex coastline and map the way to the coastal path, Essex County Council has been funded by the Coastal Communities Fund to provide a programme of FREE art and photography workshops incorporating the stunning Essex Coast.

We have partnered with a team of talented local freelance artists to provide a programme of workshops for 2022. We will also be adding a series of walks later in the year, so watch this space! #theessexcoast. [Learn a new skill and book online today!](#)

BACKING ESSEX BUSINESS

Let's Do Business Group launches specialist financial support for businesses in North Essex looking to start, restructure, rebuild, and thrive.

Offering 1:2:1 advice, unique to your business, the Backing Essex Business project has been enhanced and will be able to help you with financial forecasting, finding the right finance for you, and the funding application process. Whether you are looking to recover and rebuild following a difficult time, or develop and grow, the dedicated team are on hand to offer free, and impartial support to fulfil your business goals.

Businesses based in North Essex districts of Braintree, **Maldon**, Tendring, Uttlesford, Colchester and Chelmsford, can call upon the team of experienced business advisors or attend a programme of free webinars and workshops tailored towards business finance topics, to provide the help and support required to get you to where you need to be. **For more information, please visit:** www.backingessexbusiness.co.uk

LANGFORD & ULTING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The [result of the Langford and Ulting Neighbourhood Plan Referendum](#) on Thursday 3 March has been published. The electorate voted that the Neighbourhood Plan should be used by the Council to help it decide planning applications.

HEYBRIDGE WEST BY ELECTION

The notices for the Heybridge West by-election have been published. It takes place on 14 April 2022. <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/elections>

BUTT LANE MARKET CONSULTATION

A consultation is open until Friday 18 March on the Butt Lane Market in Maldon. Views are being sought on ways to enhance and improve the current market for the future.

Have your say by going to [Butt Lane Market Consultation](#)

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT 7TH MARCH DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The deadline for applications for the Additional Restrictions Grant for businesses has been extended until midnight on 7 March. The eligibility has also been expanded and now all businesses can apply, although priority will still be given to those businesses that rely on indoor social mixing. Any interested businesses can find out more at [COVID-19 Business Rate Grants](#)

The team is currently working through the applications and businesses who have already applied will be contacted as soon as possible.

LAUNCH OF ONE MALDON DISTRICT

One Maldon District has been launched. This new cross-sector partnership will bring together representatives from across the local statutory, voluntary, and private sectors to improve health, wellbeing, and community safety across the District. [Launch of One Maldon District](#)