

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Locality is running a Zoom webinar on Wednesday 8 September, 12 to 1pm, on how to use a neighbourhood plan to bring forward affordable housing, including Affordable Housing for Sale. There will be a presentation by AECOM and a chance to ask questions in writing, which will be answered live. Go to [How to use a neighbourhood plan to bring forward affordable housing including Affordable Housing for Sale](#) to book a place. A grant of £10,000 is available to Neighbourhood Planning groups to explore [Affordable Housing for Sale](#) as part of their plan. The RCCE Housing Enabler, Laura Atkinson, can also advise on incorporating [Community Led Housing](#) into your Neighbourhood Plan.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Eastern Community Homes Community-Led Housing Hub have launched their 'Introduction to Eastern Community Homes' video which features some of their advisors, local authorities, and groups currently being supported by the hub. Watch the video and find out about Eastern Community Homes and how they can support your community to achieve their housing goals – if you live in Essex and would like support, please do email our Community-Led Housing Advisor laura.atkinson@essexrcc.org.uk for guidance.

View the video here - <https://hubs.ly/H0V87y70>

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

The [NPPF](#) was updated on 20th July 2021 to "place greater emphasis on beauty, place-making, the environment, sustainable development and underlines the importance of local design codes". Key changes include the following:

- Measures to improve design quality in response to the findings of the government's Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission.
- Inclusion of trees in new developments.
- An adjustment to the presumption in favour of sustainable development to say that "all plans should promote a sustainable pattern of development that seeks to: meet the development needs of their area; align growth and infrastructure; improve the environment; mitigate climate change (including by making effective use of land in urban areas) and adapt to its effects".
- Inclusion of the United Nations climate change goals.

VISIT ESSEX BIGGER WEEKEND

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18th September to 17th October 2021

Free tickets to attractions for Essex residents. Visit Essex have launched the Essex Bigger weekend to encourage locals to discover places on their doorstep this Autumn. 50 businesses have donated tickets for a ballot which residents can bid for free of charge. Experiences up for grabs

include meals out, cream teas, overnight stays, wine tasting, and white water rafting. There are tickets to many attractions including Colchester zoo, RHS Hyde Hall, Hedingham Castle and the Mercury Theatre.

Residents have until 6th September to enter the ballot and tickets can be redeemed anytime between 18 Sept – 17 October. To be in with a chance to win go to

https://essexbigweekend.co.uk/?utm_source=partner&utm_campaign=local&utm_medium=referral

JUST LAUNCHED

Community Led Homes have announced the new £4 million Community Led Housing fund (funded by MHCLG) is now open! Funds of £4k to £100k on offer for established groups.

Find out if you are eligible to apply here - <https://www.communityledhomes.org.uk/chf-revenue-programme-202122>

The Programme will not be suitable for groups who are just forming and need start-up support, or schemes that are at an early stage of pre-development. If you have a community led housing (CLH) project in Essex that is at an earlier stage and need support, please do get in touch with your county CLH Advisor, Laura Atkinson on laura.atkinson@essexrcc.org.uk or call 01376 574331

THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Queen's reign. It is the MBE for volunteer groups and is awarded for life. It is awarded to exceptional groups of volunteers whose level of initiative and impact are truly exceptional.

Nominations for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2022 closes on 15th September 2021.

Nominations must be submitted using the online form at:

<https://qavs.culture.gov.uk/>

The nomination form and letters of support must not be

written or submitted by a volunteer, employee, trustee or anyone involved with the running of the group. The Awards are published on **2nd June**, the anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation.

For further information please [click here](#).



VIRTUAL MEET THE BUYER EVENT – 9th SEPTEMBER 9:30am – 12:30



Bringing together Buyers and Suppliers. As the interest in local food, traceability and provenance continues to rise and consumers continue to redefine their relationship with food and drink this is an opportunity to bring suppliers and buyers together from across the South East.

Suppliers **Register now** - All food and drink businesses based in Essex, East Sussex and Kent are eligible to **register** for free. Once registered you will be contacted and guided through how to use the online system to book appointments with buyers. **BUYERS - LAST FEW SPACES – BOOK NOW** For further information please contact Jill Sargent Email: Jill.sargent@producedinkent.co.uk or call 01732 853170 to book your seat.

ESSEX COUNTY HARVEST SERVICE - CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 3PM



Farming for our future

All are welcome to attend the Harvest Festival, it is a free event and does not require a ticket!

For further information please contact Canon Janet Nicholls, Rural Adviser & Agricultural Chaplain.

Email: jnicholls@chelmsford.anglican.org

FREE SUPPORT AND FUNDING TO START A COMMUNITY FRIDGE



Are you a Community Group or not-for-profit interested in reducing food waste? In partnership with Co-op, [Environmental Charity Hubbub](#) is looking to support 100 community organisations across the UK to establish a new Community Fridge.

Community fridges are registered places where surplus food is shared within a local community – by businesses and individuals. They are welcoming, social spaces that are open to all.

The initiative is open until 20th September with £4,000 funding being offered to cover start-up and running costs, plus free membership to the [Community Fridge Network](#), along with full support, information and guidance on how to get your project started.

To find out more and apply, please [click here](#).

United in Kind Coach Tending District



United in Kind is a social movement encouraging acts of kindness and supporting local people and communities to tackle social isolation and loneliness. Although we have four core groups who are most at risk of loneliness: older people, those with learning disabilities and autism or mental health issues and carers, this is about inclusivity and

kindness.

We are looking for someone who can help make things happen, have an understanding or experience of volunteering, developing relationships and supporting people to achieve things in their community. This is a social movement built on acts of kindness and community spirit. It is about listening to an idea and helping someone make it happen in their community. Or having an idea for acts of kindness and involving people in that. If you have brought ideas to life locally, then we want to hear from you.

You will need to be a proactive person and be computer literate. You need to have a full driving licence and have access to a vehicle for work. The role involves the need for a DBS certificate and we are particularly interested in those living in Tendring district, with networks and evidence of connections and activity in this locality.

Hours: 25 per week Salary: £22,000 pro rata (actual £15,714 per annum)

Application is by email with CV and details to sarah.sapsford@essexrcc.org.uk explaining why you should be considered and evidence of experience/skills.

RCCE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



This year's RCCE AGM will take place on **Wednesday 13th October, 6.30pm** start at Layer Marney Tower (in person format subject to confirmation). The guest speaker will be Cllr. Kevin Bentley, Leader of Essex County Council. Further information and booking details will be sent to all RCCE members in advance of the meeting.

Please Note: Our office still remains closed until further notice, and our staff are working from home and can be contacted by email. General enquiries can be sent to enquiries@essexrcc.org.uk. Our phone is being monitored and will be answered during normal office hours.