

Updated 28 June 2023

Details of e-mails received from County Councillor Peter Schwier, since the May PC meeting

Regular e-mails have been received from County Councillor Peter Schwier since the last meeting. Please find below a list of each e-mail with brief details. If you have an interest in any particular e-mail listed please let me know and I will forward the full document to you.

1. 100,000 old style street lights replaced with LED's. Essex Highways' crews have been upgrading around 1,000 lights a week and are currently finishing the upgrades in Braintree District. The upgraded LED lights save around 75% of energy compared to the older bulbs and are more efficient as they are expected to last up to 20 years. Received 16 May.
2. Highways Highlights – April and May 2023. Received 16 May and 12 June.
3. Local Essex charities to benefit from RideLondon fundraising cycling challenge on 28 May – Charities include Essex and Herts Air Ambulance, Haven Hospices, MS-UK and Headway Essex. Received 17 May.
4. Colchester to benefit from safer, greener, healthier travel infrastructure. Received 25 May.
5. ECC awarded environmental status award - The [Carbon Literacy Project](#) has awarded ECC with Bronze accreditation, recognising the council as a Carbon Literate Organisation. Over 250 council employees have achieved Carbon Literacy accreditation. Carbon Literacy is an awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis. Received 30 May.
6. Community Initiatives Fund grants, totalling £350,000, now open for applications – Organisations can bid for up to £10,000 to help create resilient and vibrant communities as part of the ECC commitment to Level Up the County. Deadline for applications 18 August. Received 31 May.
7. ECC receive 2023 ADEPT President's Award (Retrofit – Skills). Received 1 June.
8. Ready...Steady...Go to School - Essex Library Service has a fantastic new challenge for pre-schoolers happening this summer. It will help your child to practice skills that they'll need to help them feel confident and be ready to start school in September. The challenge is running in all Essex libraries until 31 July. Received 2 June.
9. New offer to help eligible residents access the online jobs market - People in Essex who receive Universal Credit and have been out of work for at least nine

helps people who receive Universal Credit find sustainable work. Those using the Restart Scheme can now also access free pre-loaded SIM cards from eight locations in the county. Received 2 June.

10. Castle Hedingham Post Office moving to new premises – From 31 July the Post Office will move into The Village Shop, 5 St James' Street, Castle Hedingham. (Circulated to Cllrs) Received 16 June.

11. Essex Electric Vehicle Charge Point Strategy public consultation - Information brochure can be found at webpage: www.essexhighways.org/ev-strategy and comments can be made at [online consultation survey](#) . Deadline 30 July. Received 16 June.

12. ECC Arts and Cultural Fund - People in Essex can enjoy a summer of free and low-cost events, exhibitions and festivals as this fund supports the county's cultural and creative sector. Find more information on the Summer of Culture: www.explore-essex.com/culture/soc-guide . Received 20 June

13. Dart 3 public transport scheme – New leaflet and notices available. Received 20 June.

14. Essex Carers Magazine – The 2nd edition of this free magazine is available on the Essex Opportunities website or at libraries, job centres and colleges. This issue focusses on job and training opportunities in the health and social care sector. Received 22 June.

15. Care Sector Recruitment Campaign – Free training offer. Fully funded healthcare training is now available to anyone in the county looking to enter or upskill in the care sector. It will help those already working in care or new to the sector reach their career goals without the added pressure of training costs. The training is funded by Essex County Council's Nightingale Care Bursary. It will be delivered by the council's adult education service, ACL Essex. Received 22 e June

16. Nominations invited for the 18 most important potholes in ECC Hedingham Division to our County Councillor. Special scheme to expedite repairs. Received 24 June.