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## **Details of e-mails received from County Councillor Peter Schwier, since the July 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. Summer of Volunteering campaign. Received 3 July.
2. White Hart Bridge, Great Yeldham – Updates on installation of new bridge deck. Received 4 July and 7 August (Both circulated to Cllrs)
3. ECC to partner with Ford RideLondon for the next 3 years - This includes hosting the Ford RideLondon-Essex mass cycling participation events as well as two stages of the Ford RideLondon Classique, part of the professional UCI Women's World Tour, the highest level of female cycle racing in the world. Received 4 July.
4. Highway Highlights – June 2023. Received 12 July
5. Essex Explorer magazine - Covering Essex Country Parks and Green Spaces. The digital edition can be downloaded here: <https://www.explore-essex.com/culture/essex-explorer> . Received 13 July.
6. Supported Local Bus Services Consultation 2024 – 2028 - To access the consultation please follow this link: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023> . Deadline 5 October. Received 13 July.
7. Community Safety Survey - A new Community Safety Survey to identify priorities to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Essex has been launched by Safer Essex (Community Safety Partnerships). Deadline 20 August 2023. To take part visit: [https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/equalities-and-partnership/community\\_safety\\_survey\\_2023](https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/equalities-and-partnership/community_safety_survey_2023) . Received 13 July.
8. HGV Driver Training Programme - Free HGV driver training is being offered in Essex thanks to a partnership between Essex County Council, Tendring District Council, Uttlesford District Council, Harlow Council and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Logistics is a key sector across the UK and you can find out more about the Programme by watching this [short video](#). Received 17 July.
9. ECC 'Report It' tool on website - To report issues about PROW and vegetation growth go to [Vegetation cutting | Essex County Council \(essexhighways.org\)](https://www.essexhighways.org/vegetation-cutting) . Received 17 July.
10. Essex Climate Action Plan – A revised [Essex Climate Action Plan](#) , which will see a 25% increase in climate-related investment has been approved by Essex County Council's Cabinet. The committed investment has risen to £250 million, from the original £200 million. Received 19 July.

11. Essex Parks awarded Green Flag status. Received 26 July.
12. Free events launched in Essex Country Parks this summer to inspire learning, reading and maths. This is part of the [Essex Year of Numbers](#) campaign that aims to inspire a love of learning, with a focus on numeracy. Received 27 July.
13. Essex Infrastructure improvements - ECC has entered into a contract with Network Rail, to complete the construction of the new Beaulieu Park Station in Chelmsford. This final contract will ensure the station is completed in 2025 as planned. This will also ensure construction of the Chelmsford North-East Bypass in phases which will improve connectivity to the station once in place. Received 27 July
14. ECC and Essex Police launch online safety map - A new [online map](#) has been launched that women and girls in Essex will be able to use to highlight areas they feel safe or unsafe. Residents can access the map [here](#). Received 27 July,
15. Pothole Repairs - During the school holidays, peak time traffic is less busy due to fewer commuters and changing travel patterns. This means it's a good opportunity for Essex Highways to complete as many repairs as possible, particularly in traffic sensitive locations. Please therefore be aware that more roads will experience temporary closures during the summer season and plan your journey accordingly. Received 27 July.
16. Essex County Council is encouraging clubs, groups and organisations which offer support for children and young people with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to join the Essex Local Offer. The Local Offer gives information about support for children and young people aged between 0 to 25, with SEND. Received 2 August.
17. Active Travel in Essex - A survey has been launched to gauge the views of Essex residents towards developing walking and cycling networks called Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs). LCWIPs are designed to create coherent cycling and walking networks and are an important step for Essex to achieve the vision of a safer, greener, and healthier county. Take part in the consultation at: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/sustainable-travel-planning-team/local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plans-lcw/> . Received 2 August.
18. Submission of Local Highway Panel applications – New process to be adopted. Received 2 August.
19. Free Business Support - Essex County Council has renewed its contract with Backing Essex Business for a third year. The service offers 12 hours free and impartial support to local entrepreneurs. Received 3 August.
20. Relaunch of BEST Growth Hub secures additional support for Essex businesses - Following new funding agreements, The Business Essex, Southend and Thurrock (BEST) resumes its support to businesses from August 2023. Received 8 August.
21. Superfast broadband improvements - Since 2012, ECC's Superfast Essex programme

has connected more than 160,000 homes and businesses to superfast broadband, including those in some of the hardest to reach locations in the county. Of those addresses, nearly 30,000 have been connected to gigabit-capable broadband. This is the fastest connection available in the UK, offering speeds up to 1,000Mbps. Received 9 August

22. Reporting uncut roadside hedges and verges – a) Verges – This work is undertaken by BDC on behalf of ECC so refer all initial queries to BDC b) Hedges – These are normally the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. If there is a particular problem report it to ECC (preferably use What3Words and a photo) at

[Tell us - Essex County Council \(essexhighways.org\)](https://www.essexhighways.org) Received 9 August.

23. Essex Childrens Services again rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Received 11 August

24. New strategy launched to support the County's arts, culture and creative sectors - To view the cultural strategy in full visit: [www.explore-essex.com/essex-cultural-strategy](http://www.explore-essex.com/essex-cultural-strategy) . Received 19 August.

25. ECC Highways Highlights – July 2023 edition

26. Changes to Park and Ride prices – From 1 September prices will be reduced to encourage more residents to use the Park and Ride Scheme. Received 23 August.

27. The Big Weekend – VisitEssex ballot for reduced/free tickets at top attractions over the weekend of 6-8 October. Deadline to enter ballot 25 September. Received 30 August.