

Belchamp St Paul and Belchamp Otten Parish Council

Details of e-mails received from County Councillor Peter Schwier, since the October 2025 PC meeting

Item 5 on the Agenda

18 November 2025

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

1. **Essex Wellbeing Services - Stoptober-** Support is available to smokers in the county through Essex Wellbeing Service (10/10).
2. **Skills Bootcamps expand across Essex with guaranteed job interviews-** Over-19s can now apply for a range of free skills courses in Essex with guaranteed job interviews on completion (16/10).
3. **Highways-New Road surface technology-** A trial to see if the use of graphene, the strongest material ever measured, can increase the lifespan of Essex roads is showing positive results (16/10).
4. **Devolution plans are approved in landmark vote** - Essex County Council Cabinet greenlights creation of new Mayoral Combined County Authority, unlocking transformative powers and investment In a historic moment for the future of Greater Essex (17/10).
5. **Police Fire Crime Commissioner PFCC -have your say on funding** - The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex is inviting all residents, businesses, and people who study or travel in Essex to share their views on future funding for Essex Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service for the 2026/27 financial year (22/10).
6. **Recycling centre staff abuse campaign receives national recognition** - A campaign raising awareness of the abuse employees at Essex recycling centres receive has won national awards recognition (22/10).
7. **Highways -Members' Highway Initiative - delivery update** - Thousands of highways repairs have been carried out on top of normal maintenance since April through the Members' Highways Initiative (MHI) (22/10).
8. **Essex Highways crews work hard to ensure road network is safe to travel on** - The gritters are ready, the salt barn is full and the crews which keep Essex's roads safe are primed for cold weather as the winter service for 2025/26 begins (29/10).
9. **Raising awareness of domestic abuse in older people** - Campaign aims to help older people and their families, friends and professionals spot the signs of domestic abuse (29/10).

10. **Funding boost for community events promoting healthy lifestyles** - A new fund offering grants to support community-led events that promote healthier lifestyles, wellbeing, and social cohesion is being launched (30/10).
11. **Mentoring scheme connects young Essex residents with top employers** - Young people across Essex are invited to join the We Rise Business Mentoring Programme, helping 16–25-year-olds gain insight into the world of work, raise aspirations and develop employability skills with top employers (31/10).
12. **Highways User Survey 25** - We'd like you to tell us your views on the services provided by Essex Highways by completing a survey on priorities and satisfaction levels (31/10).
13. **Apply now for 2026 primary school places** - Parents and carers in Essex can now apply for primary (reception) school places. The application window is open between 10 November 2025 and 15 January 2026 (10/11).
14. **Residents and businesses urged to help shape ECC -Budget 26/27** - Residents and businesses are being encouraged to share their views on the priorities for Essex County Council's 2026/27 budget (12/11).
15. **Anglian Water's Thriving Communities Fund** - Anglian Water's Thriving Communities Fund offers grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 to support projects across the entire Anglian Water region that are focused on the water environment whilst also delivering social benefits (13/10).