

# Colchester Community Updates



Colchester  
City Council

March 2025

Welcome to our newsletter for March.

Our Team's contact details are at the end of the newsletter, so please do let us know if you'd like us to promote an event for you, or if you have anything you'd like us to share with all our readers.



# Contents:

A new layout! Simply click on the section you are interested in, and you'll be taken to the relevant pages.

NB: Some articles will be repeated as they fall into more than one category.

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# BABIES & TODDLERS

# PARENTS', BABY & TODDLERS GROUP

ELIM CHURCH, CLEMATIS WAY,  
GREENSTEAD, COLCHESTER, CO4 3PY

EVERY TUESDAYS BEGINNING ON TUESDAY 1ST  
OCT. 2024 @ 10AM TO 2PM



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# KIDS & YOUNG ADULTS

# NHS

THE AVENUE  
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# DENTAL CHECK-UPS



FREE FOR UNDER 18 YEAR OLDS

*Ensure your child's smile is healthy and bright with a dental examination. Our experienced dentists will check for cavities, gum health, and provide tips on proper oral hygiene.*

*Limited slots available.*

## CONTACT INFO

 01206 577696

*or visit our website to  
book online*

[www.smileclinicgroup.com](http://www.smileclinicgroup.com)



smileclinicgroup



# Oral Health Training for Social Care Teams Supporting Young Children

Community  
Dental  
Services



The Oral Health Team have been commissioned by Essex County Council to deliver oral health training to social care teams supporting young children. The training will provide 1 hour CPD.

**Tuesday 25th February - 2:00pm-3:00pm**

**Wednesday 5th March - 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**Monday 17th March - 1:00pm-2:00pm**

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to choose and register for a training date.



## **Course objectives**

The webinar will aid social workers in feeling confident to advise clients on good oral health for children including:

- Be aware of how poor oral health can affect a child's general health and well-being
- Identify the main causes of tooth decay
- Have an increased awareness of dental neglect
- Have an increased confidence of delivering the key oral health messages in line with Delivering Better Oral Health 4th Edition PHE
- Recognise the importance of delivering oral health promotion within your role

We would highly recommend using a laptop, PC or iPad to join the training and avoid using a phone, as previously there have been issues with viewing and hearing the presentation and videos.

Attendees will receive an oral health certificate including CPD hours on completion.

If you would like to know more about our training

opportunities, please contact us on [ohimp.essex@cds-cic.nhs.uk](mailto:ohimp.essex@cds-cic.nhs.uk)

or visit our website:

[Community Dental Services - OHI](#)



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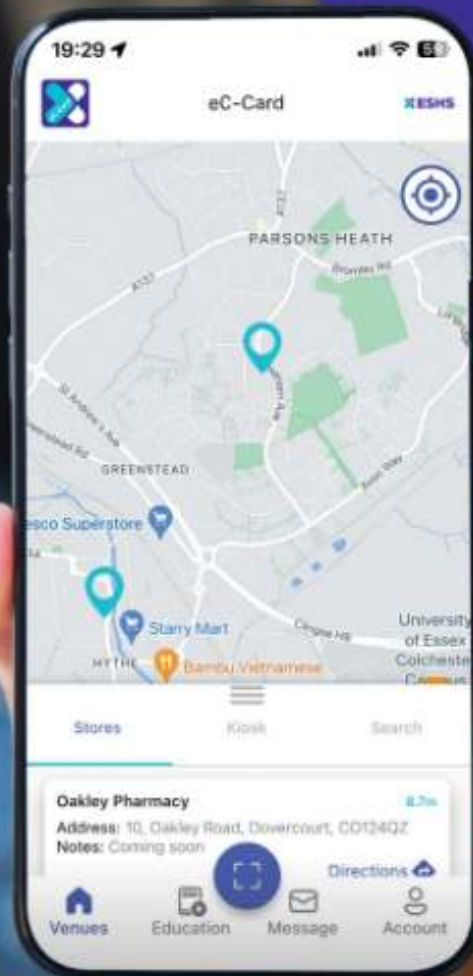
# The eC-Card Scheme

The scheme provides **young people** aged 16 to 24\* with access to **FREE condoms** and **lube** available from locations across Essex.

- Confidential Service
- No clinic visit required
- Sign up online

Download on the  
 **App Store**

GET IT ON  
 **Google Play**



To find out more visit  
➤ [ec-card.org.uk](https://ec-card.org.uk)

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\* if you are under 16 and interested in the scheme please contact your local sexual health service for further advice and information.



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Premier League  
**Kicks**



# PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS



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Premier League Kicks provides **FREE** football sessions that inspire and engage young people through sport. Our programme promotes physical activity, teamwork and personal development in a safe and supportive environment.

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AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITIES**

Registered Charity Number: 1159381



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[cucf@colchesterunited.net](mailto:cucf@colchesterunited.net)

01206 755160

@CoLU\_CF /CoLUCF  
#enrichourcommunities



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# VENUES & TIMES

DAY	TIME	VENUE	GENDER	AGE
Monday	18:00 - 19:00	JobServe Community Stadium	Mixed Mile End	14-17
Tuesday	17:00 - 18:00	Colchester Academy Greenstead	Mixed Greenstead	11-14
Tuesday	17:00 - 18:00	Colchester Academy Greenstead	Mixed Greenstead	14-17
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Mixed Clacton	8-11
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Mixed Clacton	11-14
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Mixed Clacton	14-17
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Girls Clacton	11-17
Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Harwich and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles	Mixed Harwich	8-11
Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Harwich and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles	Mixed Harwich	11-14
Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Harwich and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles	Mixed Harwich	14-17
Friday	17:00 - 18:00	Shrub End Community & Sports Centre	Mixed Shrub End	11-14
Friday	17:00 - 18:00	Shrub End Community & Sports Centre	Mixed Shrub End	14-16
Friday	17:00 - 18:00	Shrub End Community & Sports Centre	Mixed Shrub End	16-17

To sign up, either visit the link below or scan the QR code above:  
[colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/term/81](http://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/term/81)

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# Could you bring back the light to a child's life?

Help guide a child out of the shadows and give them a safe place to call home.  
Children in Essex need you.

0800 801 530

[www.essex.gov.uk/foster](http://www.essex.gov.uk/foster)



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**Find a group near  
you and get involved!**





## Free CSCS Training for 16 – 19-year-olds in Colchester

2 Day course includes HSCE Level 1, CSCS Test and Card

HSCE Level 1 – Thursday 10th April, 9:30am to 16:30pm

Test Practice/Booking – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am to 16:30pm

There will also be Employment and Apprenticeship opportunities with a range of employers including OCS, Clarion Housing, Wates, Equans and more...

\*You must have photo ID to take part on this course (Passport, Drivers Licence/Provisional and Citizens card all accepted)

Course will take place at Hythe Community Centre, 1 Ventura Drive, Colchester, CO1 2FG

For more information

Contact Jonathan Richmond

Email: [jonathan.richmond@clarionhg.com](mailto:jonathan.richmond@clarionhg.com)





# ADULTS & OLDER PEOPLE

# Get Walking This Year!

Working with Active Essex and CVST to offer  
community walks in your area!

## Tiptree Wellbeing Walk 1 hour circular walk

Where: Meet at Tiptree Medical  
Centre

When: Every 3rd Tuesday of the  
month at 10.15am

(Dates: 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 18th Mar, 15th  
Apr, 20th May, 17th Jun)

Cost: Free!

No booking required, just turn up!

This is a gentle walking group for all ages and  
abilities. Come along and make new friends  
from your local community, have fun and get  
active!



**DISCLAIMER:** This group holds no responsibility and is not liable for any incidents which may occur during a group walk and individuals participate at their own risk. Although any group routes will be suitable for all abilities, walkers should ensure that they are fit to participate.

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community walks in your area!

## Brightlingsea Wellbeing Walk

Where: Meet at Colne Medical  
Centre

When: Every 3rd Wednesday of  
the month at 2.30pm

(Dates: 15th Jan, 19th Feb, 19th Mar, 16th  
Apr, 21st May, 18th Jun)

Cost: Free!



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## Rowhedge Wellbeing Walk 1 hour circular walk

Where: Meet at Rowhedge  
Medical Practice

When: Every 4th Thursday of the  
month at 1.15pm  
(Dates: 30th Jan, 27th Feb, 27th Mar, 24th  
Apr, 29th May, 26th Jun)

Cost: Free!

No booking required, just turn up!

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# COVID-19

# DAY OF REFLECTION

## FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025

2025 marks five years since the pandemic began, and we continue to honour and remember those affected. Join us on Friday, 7 March 2025, for the 'Covid-19 Day of Reflection' at Firstsite. This is an opportunity to come together to remember those who have lost their lives since the pandemic began and to honour the tireless work and acts of kindness shown during this unprecedented time.

The event is suitable for all ages and will feature activities such as crafts and rock painting, providing a meaningful way to share memories and experiences. Everyone is welcomed.

**Date:** Friday, 7 March 2025

**Time:** 11:00AM – 2:00PM

**Venue:** Firstsite Gallery, Lewis Gardens,  
High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH





# HOLI

15 March 2025 || Saturday || 11AM - 5PM

Venue:

Firstsite, Lewis Garden, CO1 1JH

Live Bollywood DJ || Food Stalls || Henna



<https://colchesterindians.org/holi2025/>

### Early Bird:

Entry Ticket only (5yrs+)	£1.50
Colour Bag only	£2.00
Entry Tickets (5yrs+) & Bag of Colours (For group of 3)	£10.00
Entry Tickets (5yrs+) & Bag of Colours (For group of 4)	£14.00

### On the Day:

Entry Ticket only	£2.50
Colour Bag only	£2.50

### Under 5yrs - FREE ENTRY

\*\*Group ticket includes colours bag per person.

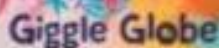
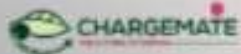


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email: [info@colchesterindians.org](mailto:info@colchesterindians.org)

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Blackberry Road Bakery & Cafe  
58 Blackberry Road  
Colchester

## Colchester Borough Homes Physical Activity Interest Survey





**Our Kinder Essex coaches link local people in creative ways to help reduce loneliness and increase connections across the county.**

Working together for Essex:



# bringing people together



- Would you like to start a new social group or community project in your area?
- Could you help encourage local acts of kindness?
- Do you run a community group and would like to involve more people?
- Are you a local business who would like to support local projects?

**Then contact your Kinder Essex coach who can work with you to make a difference.**

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essex**

**see  
you  
soon!**



You can contact your local coach directly using the details below or find us on social media @KinderEssex

Scan the QR code to follow us on Facebook

**H Goodwin** (Colchester)

✉ **h.goodwin@ceessex.org.uk**

☎ **07458 300 894**



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# Think Carers

Your guide to help  
support carers

Click [HERE](#) to read the full guide





Essex County Council

# Are you an adult looking after someone in Essex?



Click [HERE](#) to see a map  
of support services for  
your area



**CONFERENCE**

**9.30 AM-2 PM**  
**12TH MARCH 2025**  
**WOMEN'S HEALTH**

 Recognising & including the health of trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming anatomical females.

FIRSTSITE,  
LEWIS GARDENS,  
HIGH STREET, COLCHESTER,  
ESSEX  
CO1 1JH

Click on the image above to book your place

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**PROJECT UPDATE**



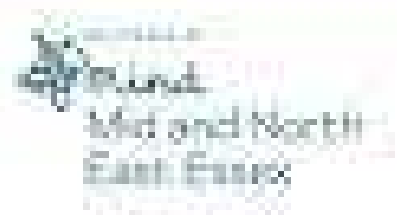
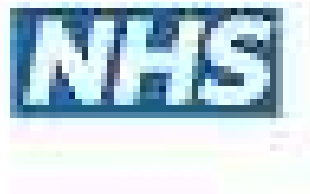
Click on the image above to read more  
about how the project is progressing



Do you live in Colchester or Tending?  
Are you worried about your mental health?

**We're here to help.**

www.neesanctuary.co.uk  
Registered charity number: 11954329



Click **HERE** for more  
information about  
this service

# BIGGER, FASTER STRONGER

## A 6 WEEK INTRO TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Miss  
fits  
WORKOUT

FREE

- Do you want to be **more physically active** but feel like your abilities or limitations are not always respected or understood?
- Are you in a bigger body? (e.g. consider yourself to be plus size or have a high BMI?)
- Would you like to **feel more confident** or empowered when you take part in physical activities?
- Would you like to take part in movement sessions in a small and private group?
- Would you like to work with a plus size instructor who understands the experience of exercise in a bigger body?
- Would you like to feel the benefits of physical activity in the body you have now?
- Would you like it all to be **completely free** to you?

### We can help!

Each weekly session includes a 30 minute low-impact taster session (designed for beginners in bigger bodies) and a 30 minute workshop activity/chat. Each session is limited to just 6 participants.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MORE INFO:

[www.missfitsworkout.co.uk/bigger-faster-stronger](http://www.missfitsworkout.co.uk/bigger-faster-stronger)

Sessions take place each week at The Movement Hub, Abbots Community Hall,  
39 Ladbrook Drive, Colchester CO2 8RW

Health and wellbeing are central to ensuring carers can sustain the support they give to the cared for over a prolonged period, sometimes, a whole lifetime. Carers often tell us they are at breaking point, physically and mentally exhausted with no respite and very little time nor energy to self-assess and acknowledge when their mental health and wellbeing deteriorates, the pressure becomes too much, and many become overwhelmed. Those that do acknowledge their mental health and wellbeing is at risk, often do not know where or how to access the appropriate support. The aim of our survey is to ask you, the carers about your experiences of mental health and wellbeing both good and bad. What you tell us will help shape and influence better awareness of mental health in the caring community and improve support for everyone. We know and appreciate there is a stigma and discrimination around speaking out but the feedback you feel you can share will give us a clear picture of current mental health issues and we value your participation. Whilst we know the mental health and wellbeing of the cared for has a direct impact on the carer, our survey focuses on the carers mental health and wellbeing and we welcome your feedback. Please contact the Healthwatch Essex Carers Voices team on 0300 500 1895 or email [carersvoices@healthwatchessex.org.uk](mailto:carersvoices@healthwatchessex.org.uk) if you require this survey in a different format.

Take the survey [HERE](#)





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# TEAM TALK SHRUB END



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**FRIDAYS, 5:30-7:30PM**

Team Talk is a **FREE** weekly football and social session for adults looking to improve their mental and physical wellbeing. Combining football and social interaction, this programme creates a welcoming environment that is less intimidating than traditional mental health services.

**WHO?** Mixed, ages 18+ **WHEN?** Fridays, 5:30pm-7:30pm  
**WHERE?** Shrub End Community and Sport Centre, CO2 9BG

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UK Government

# Could you, or someone you know, be missing out on Pension Credit?

Check your eligibility at  
[gov.uk/pension-credit](https://gov.uk/pension-credit)  
or by calling **0800 99 1234**



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**Need  
urgent  
mental  
health  
support?**



**And select the option for mental health crisis**

**Support available 24/7 for all ages**



North East Essex  
Health & Wellbeing Alliance

**NHS**

**Suffolk and  
North East Essex**

# **If you are over 65 or are a family member, friend or carer that supports an older person then our 'Age Well' guide is for you**

**The 'Age Well' guide provides information on the support available in north east Essex to help people age well and live healthy, happily and independently for longer.**

**Use the QR code below to access the guide**







# Explore The World WITH US



## OUR TRIPS OFFER

- Adventure & thrills
- Sun & relaxation
- New experiences
- Social events
- Great fun and laughs

**REGISTER**

## ABOUT US

Benevolent Care will soon be organising a number of accessible trips designed for adults with disabilities and learning difficulties. We will offer day trips, weekend breaks and week long holidays.

We'd love to meet you and discuss your ideal trip. Register your interest for a free lunch and an informal chat.

***[benevolentcare.co.uk](http://benevolentcare.co.uk)***  
***[enquires@benevolentcare.co.uk](mailto:enquires@benevolentcare.co.uk)***

**WILL YOU JOIN US FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME?**

# Come and join us at our groups in North Essex

Our community groups are for people with dementia or memory issues and their carers and friends. **Why not join us this Winter.**

Get information, make friends and have fun. All groups are free to attend.

## **Singing for the Brain® Colchester**

Orchard Baptist Church, Mersea Road, Colchester, CO2 0AE  
Second and fourth Thursday of the month 2pm - 3.30pm

## **Singing for the Brain® Mersea**

WI Hall, Kingsland Road, West Mersea, CO5 8RB  
First and third Wednesday of the month 2pm - 3.30pm

## **Singing for the Brain® Takeley**

Priors Green Community Hall, Takeley, CM6 1YE  
First and third Thursday of the month 10.30am - 12 noon

## **West Clacton Memory Cafe**

West Clacton Library, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8BE  
Second Tuesday of the month 10.30am - 12 noon

## **Harwich Memory Cafe**

Harwich Library, Upper Kingsway, Dovercourt, Harwich, CO12 3JT  
First and third Tuesday of the month 10.30am - 12 noon

**Get in touch to find out more**

**Email: [essexandherts@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:essexandherts@alzheimers.org.uk)**

**Tel: 0333 150 3456**



**Alzheimer's  
Society**

Together we are help & hope  
for everyone living with dementia



Registered charity no. 296645. Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.





# Alzheimer's Society

Click [HERE](#) to read the flyer in full

## Essex Community Dementia Support Services

Our community support services are here for anyone living with or affected by dementia. We're here for you, providing support and guidance throughout every stage of your journey.



### Reconnect with your community

We offer a variety of groups across Essex to help you stay connected and active. Our services include:

- Singing for the Brain groups
- Walk and talk groups
- Low impact exercise
- Subsequent groups
- Fear management groups
- Online groups

**“There is no judgement when you attend a group. Whether you are living with dementia or supporting someone with dementia, it's a great way to meet people and feel part of a community. You can be yourself. You know you're not on your own.”**  
— One of our attendees

### Hospital discharge service

If you've just been discharged from hospital, our community support services can help you settle back into your home. Our staff can work closely with your family and healthcare providers to provide comprehensive support throughout your hospital stay and ensure that your discharge is smooth and successful.

We can provide you with the knowledge, skills and resources required to support you when you have dementia.

We can also assist with paperwork, transportation, financial assistance, medication, shopping and advice on other services. We can help to arrange a care package, arrange for your home to be safe and suitable for your needs.

### Your voice matters

Many people feel as if their voice isn't heard. We can help you to be heard. We can help you to be heard. We can help you to be heard.

By raising awareness, we aim to foster a better understanding of what it's like to live with dementia, promoting a more accessible and inclusive community. Together, we can make a positive impact.



Together we are **Hope** for people living with dementia

Call 0333 150 3436



### Get support

We can provide direct support for you, your loved ones or your carer, and signpost you to activities and support groups local to you. If you are struggling with memory loss or awaiting formal diagnosis, or if you've had a diagnosis and have unanswered questions, our fully trained and compassionate team can talk you through any worries and concerns.

Contact our telephone support line to speak to one of our specialist Dementia Advisers. We offer specialist advice on healthcare and legal matters, refer you to our Community Call service and access to our online forum for visitors and shared experiences. We can also provide you with a wide variety of educational publications. Alternatively, go **near-you** to access information about support services and groups near you.

If you are a member of Essex (including Southend) or another local authority, we can arrange for a Dementia Adviser to visit you in the comfort of your own home. We offer help with anything from applying for a Blue Badge or Learning Power of Attorney, to supplying information about local groups and services available to you.

We offer a regular telephone call service so you can get the right support when you need it. We also run courses for people who have been diagnosed, to learn about their condition and provide knowledge and understanding about dementia.

### Dementia at an early age

If you have been diagnosed with dementia and are under the age of 65, our specialist team of Dementia Advisers can provide personalised advice, advice and guidance, and our you'll work with other people who share similar experiences. You can also participate in local projects to help us to share community development and future services.

### Support for carers

We offer a range of support for carers, including one-to-one support, and courses which provide information and advice, either in a group or online setting. Many have friends, join a support network and gain the knowledge and tools to help you cope with their changes.

Call 0333 150 3436

[alzheimers.org.uk/find-support-near-you](http://alzheimers.org.uk/find-support-near-you)  
Email us at: [essex@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:essex@alzheimers.org.uk)

Alzheimer's Society is UK's leading dementia charity, and the only one to tackle all aspects of dementia by giving help and hope to people living with dementia today and in the future.

We give vital support to those living with dementia, fund groundbreaking research, and campaign to make dementia no longer devastating lives.

**Alzheimer's Society**  
23-44 Churchyard Farm  
London E20 2AE  
0208 233 0864  
[www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)  
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Alzheimer's Society is a registered charity in England and Wales (1095917) and in Scotland (SC044326). It is also a member of the Alzheimer's Society International.

# Langham Discovery Cafe



Every third Friday of the month:

1030 to 1230, Langham Community Centre, CO4 5PA

Come along for refreshments, home made cakes and chat and an opportunity to meet new people ~ Free entry, no need to book ~ Drinks and cakes for sale!

*Everyone Welcome*



17th JANUARY

*History & Memories*

Bring along your photographs, books & items, to remember times gone by & enjoy sharing the memories with friends.



21st FEBRUARY

*Pamper & Relax*

Enjoy a morning of relaxing, complimentary hand & arm massages & some lovely pampering.



21st MARCH

*Spring Planting*

Get your green fingers ready, to plant spring flowers  
Colchester 'Community 360'  
Dementia Information Roadshow  
will also be joining us for the morning



18th APRIL

*Easter Crafts & Treats*

Biscuit decorating, colouring, puzzles, arts & crafts, sweet treats & fun activities for all ages

Everyone is welcome to the cafe, also bringing together people living with dementia, their carers, family & friends, to enjoy time together & enable people to live well with dementia.

*Langham Discovery Cafe, Colchester Dementia Friendly Communities & COLCHESTER COMMUNITY 360*

Meet other people, speak to professionals, ask advice & find out lots of information. Run every 3rd Friday of the month, with interactive activities and guest visitors.



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# DEMENTIA INFORMATION MARKETPLACE 2025

Come along and chat with service providers about community support for people with dementia and their carers

**13th February at the Abbey Field Dementia Cafe  
C3 Centre, Ypres Road, Colchester CO2 7FD  
10:30am to 12 noon**

The Information Marketplace will also visit the following venues

Date	Venue	Time
15/1/25	Wimpole Rd Methodist Church cafe CO1 2DN	9-12
24/1/25	St Margaret's Community Cafe, Stansted Road, CO2 8RA	11-1
1/2/25	St Stephen's Church cafe, Canterbury Road CO2 7RY	10-12
19/2/25	Health & Wellbeing Bus, West Mersea sea front	9:30-1
21/2/25	Creffield Dementia Cafe, Shrub End Community/Social Centre, 252-254 Shrub End Road CO3 4SA	12 noon - 1:30
4/3/25	Fordham Village Hall, CO6 3NN	10-1
19/3/25	Health & Wellbeing Bus, Tiptree, Tesco CP, CO5 0SU	9:30-1
21/3/25	Discovery Cafe, Langham Community Centre, School Rd, CO4 5PA	10:30 - 12:30

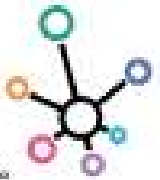
For further information please contact:  
Abbey Field Medical Centre t: 01206-517100  
Ardleigh Surgery t: 01206-230224  
Community360 t:01206-505250





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TO HELP YOU  
GET ONLINE**

## The North East Essex Digital Access Support Team (NEE DAST) provide a **FREE**

service that helps individuals gain basic skills and confidence they need in order to use today's technology.

This support is via **online** and **in-person** activity, including chat and support sessions, ad-hoc one-to-ones, group gatherings, tutorials, and workshops.

### We can help with:

- Understanding how your device works
- Being safe, legal, and secure online
- Using social media and other communication apps
- Online shopping and Online banking
- Accessing and using Council Services and GP Services
- Uploading and downloading applications

### Get in touch today:

Colchester 01206 282452  
Clacton 01255 686497  
Mobile 07970 551153

Digital.AccessSupport@colchester.gov.uk

DigitalAccessSupport@tendingdc.gov.uk

[colchester.gov.uk/dast](https://colchester.gov.uk/dast)



## HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON

Helpline is a falls response service. If you fall in your home or garden and are unable to get back up, at the push of a button, our dedicated responding team will attend to help you back on your feet using our specialist lifting equipment.

### Our trusted Emergency Monitoring and Response service supports:

- Older people and those living with dementia
- People with a physical disability or restricted mobility
- Those living with conditions such as epilepsy or arthritis
- People recovering from illness or returning from hospital
- Those prone to falls
- We attend to customers in Coggeshall, Clacton, Colchester, Dedham, Halstead, Harwich, Manningtree, Mersea, Nayland, Tiptree and more.



For more information call: 01206 769779  
Email: [helpline@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:helpline@colchester.gov.uk)  
[www.helpline247.co.uk](http://www.helpline247.co.uk)

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# HEALTH & SUPPORT SERVICES





**Essex Sexual  
Health Service**

# **Welcome to Essex Sexual Health Service**

**We're here to help everyone  
across Essex access the free  
information, support and  
treatment they need to stay safe,  
healthy and protected.**

Click **[HERE](#)** for details of the  
services and advice we offer

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# Boys & Men

For Black minority individuals, migrants,  
refugees, and asylum seekers affected by  
drug and alcohol addiction

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## What is Dual Diagnosis?

It is when someone struggles with both mental health and addiction/substance use/compulsive behaviour.

## Meetings

Full list of meetings available at [ddauk.org](http://ddauk.org)

Location	Day	Time	Address
Colchester	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	Open Road - 5A Queen Street, CO1 2PG
Colchester	Tuesday	7:30pm - 8:30pm	10 St Peter's St, Colchester CO1 1WD
Clacton	Wednesday	3pm - 4pm	Open Road - 132 Wellesley Rd, CO15 3QD

**'If you've been  
affected by cancer,  
or are supporting  
someone with cancer,**

**this is the  
podcast  
FOR YOU.'**

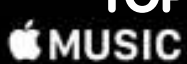


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Safeguarding is the measures to protect the health, well-being and human rights of all individuals which allow people, adults, young adults and children to live free from abuse, harm and neglect. Anyone can be considered to be at risk of harm or abuse, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, sex, or religion and in any environment.

Essex County Council is interested in exploring carers and safeguarding. If you or the person you care for have been through a safeguarding process and would like to share your experiences please complete our questions.

Click **[HERE](#)** to complete the survey.



# PROSTATE CANCER UK

Check your risk  
in 30 seconds

It's the most common cancer in men, but the earlier you find it, the easier it is to treat.

Answer three quick questions

**HERE**

to check your risk.



Healthwatch Essex has launched a new project exploring the experiences of people living with mould in their homes, and the impact this has on their health, care and wellbeing.

They would very much welcome contact from anyone with relevant experience

They would also welcome contact from individuals or agencies who have seen the impact on adults and children who have been/ are exposed to living with mould in their homes.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.



# Carers Locality Events: Networking for professionals

All professionals across social, healthcare, education and the voluntary and community sector are welcome to our networking events.

## Agenda of the day:

### Professionals only – 1.5 hours

- ECC introduction, quick round up of latest progress and plans
- Informal networking opportunities with other carer professionals

### Carers Drop in – 2 hours

- Showcase your services and support offer to carers via market stalls



Please book your place by completing this form [forms.office.com/e/7tu8B51nrb](https://forms.office.com/e/7tu8B51nrb) OR scan the QR code

If you have any questions regarding the events please email [essex.carers@essex.gov.uk](mailto:essex.carers@essex.gov.uk)

## Location and dates:

### MID: Tuesday 18th March

9am - 12:30pm at Little Baddow Memorial Hall, North Hill, Little Baddow, CM3 4TA

### SOUTH: Thursday 20th March

1pm - 4:30pm at The Wick Community Centre, Silva Island Way, Salcott Crescent, Wickford, SS12 9NR

### WEST: Tuesday 25th March

1pm - 4:30pm at The Link, Great Pardon Community Association, Parsloe Rd, Harlow, CM19 4RT

### NORTH: Thursday 27th March

9am - 12:30pm at Acom Hall, The Oak Tree Centre, 252 Harwich Road, Colchester, CO4 3DH





# Carers Locality Events: for unpaid carers

All unpaid carers\* are welcome at our drop-in sessions, to learn more about the support available in your local area.

## Benefits of attending:

- Market stalls with local carer organisations showcasing the support and services available to unpaid / informal carers
- Information and advice from local carer organisations
- Information on the work to date on the Essex Carers Programme and how you can share your views and experiences to help shape future developments

**No need to book - just turn up between the times listed**

\*Definition of unpaid carer - A 'carer' is an unpaid person who regularly looks after, helps, or supports someone who wouldn't be able to manage everyday life without them. Often this is a relative, neighbour or friend. This is different to a paid care worker.

## Location and dates:

**MID: Tuesday 18th March**  
**10:30am - 12:30pm** at Little Baddow Memorial Hall, North Hill, Little Baddow, CM3 4TA

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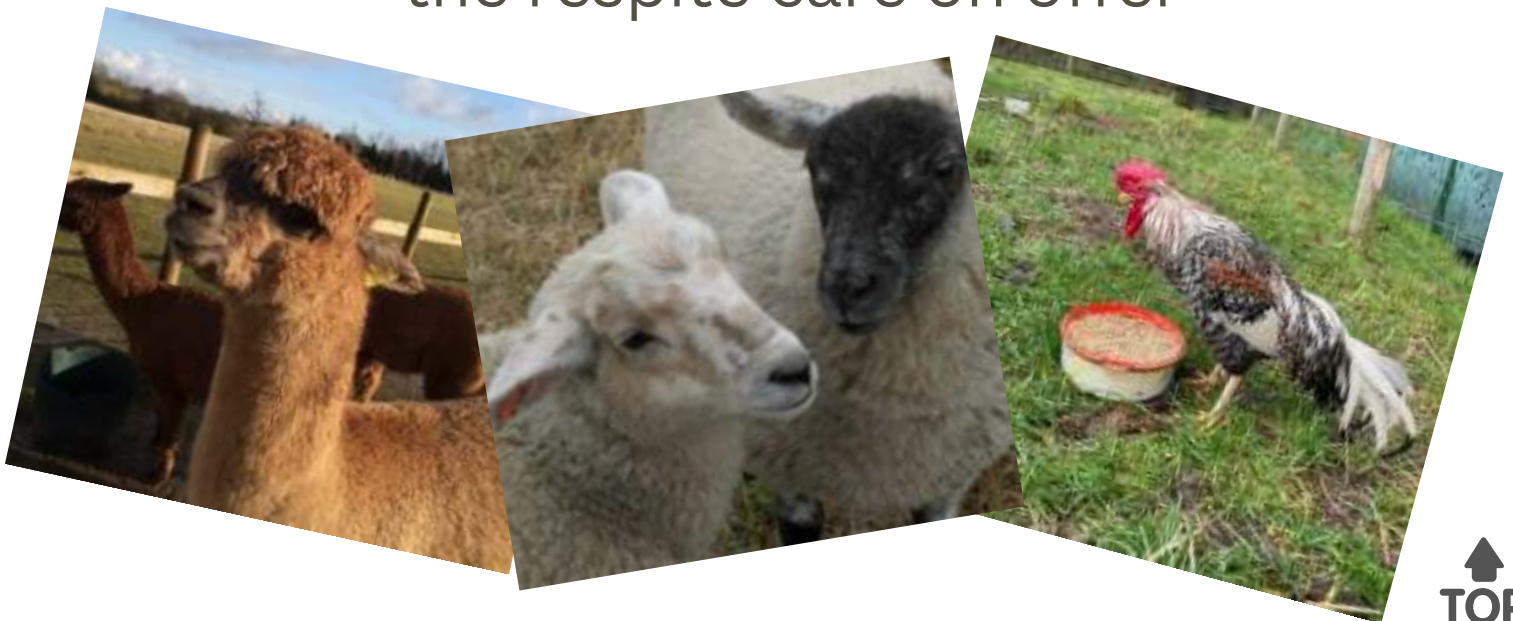
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## **Vision Statement**

To be the facility that parents, carers and working age adults choose for themselves in order to fulfil their highest potential in a safe, fun and invigorating environment. By giving reassurance, dependability and flexibility to carers and a stimulating, safe environment for working age adults we enable them to achieve more than they visualise for themselves.

Visit their website [HERE](#) to find details of the respite care on offer



# Coffee Morning



**REACH OUT**  
*For Mental Health*

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING**



If you are finding life a bit tough, come along to one of our coffee mornings for a chat, some support, understanding and reassurance from our trained volunteers and others feeling a bit low

**EVERY MONDAY 11am - 1pm**

**One Colchester Community Hub  
Long Wyre Street**



**Please Call 07308 069 609 To Book**

*here to*



Colchester  
City Council

# HELP

This guide offers details of organisations and charities across Colchester (and nationally), that can support you, whatever your needs.

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* to see the full leaflet](#)

To contact the council:

☎ 01206 282222

✉ [customerservices@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@colchester.gov.uk)



**LEGAL**

# Modern slavery is happening around us in Colchester

Controlled  
Forced  
Owned  
Abused  
Afraid  
Isolated  
Dehumanised  
Constrained  
Bought & Sold  
Threatened  
In debt

Find out more at

[www.colchester.gov.uk/modern-slavery](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/modern-slavery)

 SCAN ME



**CONCERNED SOMEONE COULD BE A  
VICTIM? DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.**

For advice or to report concerns call  
Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121700.

Email Safer Colchester Partnership on  
[safer.colchester@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:safer.colchester@colchester.gov.uk)

For Essex Police report online  
[www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk) or call 101  
or in an emergency 999.

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# CAMS

## Colchester Against Modern Slavery

With an estimated 122,000 victims of modern slavery in the UK, CAMS is partnering towards a slavery-free Colchester.

Would your organisation or group like to join over twenty-five organisations within Colchester? Together we can explore resilience to exploitation.

To explore further contact [dan.pratt@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:dan.pratt@colchester.gov.uk)

### Free Modern Slavery Training

Workshops of between 1-2 hours include:

- Overview of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Types of Exploitation
- Signs of Exploitation
- Victim Barriers
- The National Referral Mechanism
- Reporting Concerns

The training can be on Teams or in-person and tailored to your organisation / group.

Contact: [bob.fortt@essex.police.uk](mailto:bob.fortt@essex.police.uk) or  
[dan.pratt@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:dan.pratt@colchester.gov.uk)





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Judaism



Christianity



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Taoism



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**Faith Is Welcome. Hate Is Not.**  
**SEE IT. REPORT IT.**

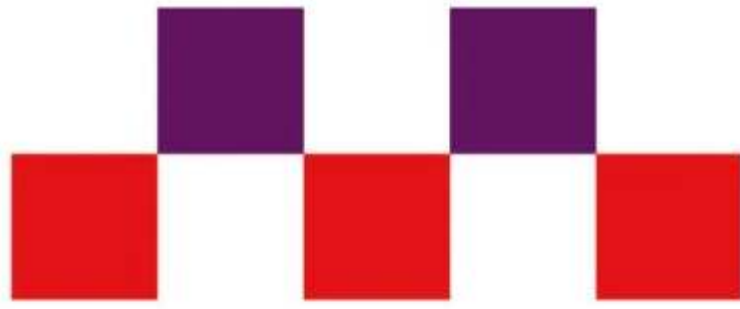
**STOP HATE UK**

**0800 138 1625**

**24 HOUR HELPLINE**

**TEXT 07717 989 025.**





University  
of  
Essex

## ESSEX LAW CLINIC

Access free legal help

Are you struggling to access  
legal help?

The Essex Law Clinic can  
support you. Click [HERE](#) to get  
in touch today.



# ARMED FORCES UPDATES

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# Veterans' News and Communications Hub

The Hub enables forces-friendly organisations across all sectors to showcase the continued value of the UK's highly skilled veteran community.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



## Armed Forces Insight Event – 18 March

**STEP  
INTO  
HEALTH**

Are you a member of the armed forces community? Are you interested in working in the NHS?

Join North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) and Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) for an insight event.

**Date: Tuesday 18 March 2025**

**Time: 10am – 12pm**

**Location: Microsoft Teams**

At this event, you will find out more information about NELFT and EPUT, and how we support members of the armed forces community to achieve their professional goals with a positive staff experience.

We will also provide you with guidance on the NHS recruitment process and share the opportunities each organisation has available.

To register your attendance for our insight event, please scan the QR code below, or [click here](#) to complete the registration form.

If you have any questions about the event, please email: [armedforces@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:armedforces@nelft.nhs.uk).



[www.militarystepintohealth.nhs.uk](http://www.militarystepintohealth.nhs.uk)

[#StepintoHealth](https://twitter.com/StepintoHealth)

  
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NHS Foundation Trust

  
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# 'BATTLING the ODDS'

THE ARMED FORCES  
COVENANT FUND TRUST

## ARMED FORCES GAMBLING HARMS SUPPORT NETWORK



### Awareness:

Developing understanding and knowledge regarding gambling related harms within the armed forces community through the 'Bet You Can Help' FREE training programme.



### Reduce Stigma:

Working to reduce the stigma of gambling harms across the armed forces community and in doing so promote a culture that encourages access to appropriate specialist support.



### Increase Support:

Striving to increase the numbers of members of the armed forces community, at risk of, or experiencing gambling related harms in receiving an intervention at the earliest opportunity. Assisting individuals towards professional support and access to specialist provision throughout the National Gambling Support Network.

### CONTACT:



Breakeven



01273 833 722



<https://www.breakeven.org.uk/>



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Proudly supporting those who serve.

Breakeven proudly supporting our armed forces community

# 'BATTLING the ODDS'

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST

## ARMED FORCES GAMBLING SUPPORT NETWORK



- Veterans are 8 times more likely to suffer gambling harms
- Up to 5% of RAF personnel believe gambling is an issue for them
- Members of the Armed Forces may relate to risk taking situations differently than the general public
- Traumatic events are key links to gambling related harm



Developing understanding and knowledge regarding gambling related harms within the armed forces community through the 'Bet You Can Help' FREE training programme.



Opportunity to protect those working in the Armed Forces community. The Workplace Charter supports the community in developing a positive culture in gambling harms conversation reducing stigma, creating system change and promoting interventions at the earliest opportunity.



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### CONTACT:



Breakeven



01273 833 722



[info@breakeven.org.uk](mailto:info@breakeven.org.uk)

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# Veterans' Group

## Monthly Drop-In

**Open to all Veterans of HM Armed Forces**

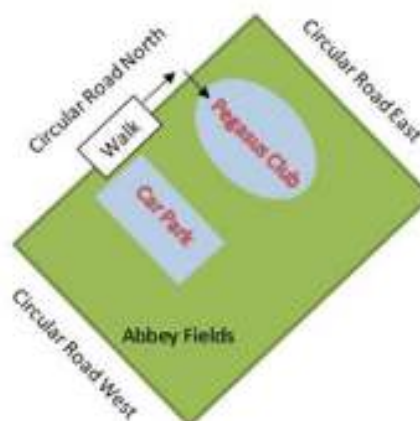
*Refreshments generously provided by SSAFA. No booking required.*

### Venue:

**The Pegasus Club  
Circular Road North  
Colchester, Essex  
CO2 7SU**

(Garrison Athletics/Hockey Club House)

### Directions



Car Park: Sign posted as "MOD Property"

Disabled Parking: Available in front of club house

Bus Stops: Napier Road and Salisbury Avenue Stop

**When: Third Wednesday of the month**

**Time: 10am – 1230pm**

**Contact: 01206 228 774 or [mevs.mhm@nhs.net](mailto:mevs.mhm@nhs.net)**

*With support from:*







**Mental health and wellbeing  
support for veterans,  
reservists and Service leavers**

For more information, click **HERE**

Do you want to celebrate 80 years since VE Day with us?

May 2025

Get in touch here



## A Stronger Healthcare Workforce:

### Integrating the Talent of the Armed Forces

11 March 2025

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)





# COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

# FINANCIAL EQUALITY AND WELLBEING TEAM



## We are here to help you

We offer a range of free, confidential financial and employment support to all our residents in Colchester, including:

- Support paying your rent and Council Tax
- Money and debt advice
- Employment and job search
- Accessing food
- Welfare benefit advice and support
- Maximising benefit entitlement

If you need support you can contact us at Colchester City Council by emailing:

[benefits.advice@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:benefits.advice@colchester.gov.uk)

or call us on:  
01206 505 855

Open Monday - Friday



## Employment Support



- CV and Personal Statements
- Job seeking
- Job applications
- Interview Preparation
- Volunteering opportunities

## Removing Barriers



- Wellbeing and life skills
- Confidence and motivation
- Travel and clothing support for interviews if eligible
- Childcare cost advice
- Multi agency working to ensure maximum support

## Benefits and Finances



- Signpost to any relevant financial support
- Review Council Tax account
- Identify housing support needs, to include sustaining tenancies
- Family welfare  
Household income maximisation

Click **[HERE](#)** to see how to access these services from Colchester City Council Financial Equality & Wellbeing Team



UK Government

# Could you, or someone you know, be missing out on Pension Credit?

Check your eligibility at  
[gov.uk/pension-credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)  
or by calling **0800 99 1234**



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## PENSION CREDIT

# How do I apply?

**Pension Credit** could give you around **£3,900** a year, on average, to help with your living costs if you're over State Pension age and on a low income. Plus, you could get the **Winter Fuel Payment**.\*

### STEP 1

#### Check eligibility

Use the quick **online calculator** to check eligibility and how much you could get.

### STEP 2

#### Have the following information ready

- ✓ National Insurance number
- ✓ Information about any income, savings and investments you have
- ✓ Bank details

### STEP 3

#### Apply online

Visit **gov.uk/pension-credit** to apply online.

Alternatively, you can call the **Pension Credit claim line** on **0800 99 1234**.

### STEP 4

#### Wait to hear from us

**You will be notified by post** when your claim has been assessed.



# Worried about energy costs?

Our Community Disability Energy Advice  
service is here to help.

Find a free, face to face session near you:

Find out more...





# “What are these people talking about?”

It was so stressful and frightening - I couldn't cope

You don't know what you're letting yourself in for

He beat up my partner in front of my kids



**Loansharks**

To report an illegal money lender please call

**0300 555 2222**

for help and advice. Stop Loan Sharks



**WANT TO  
REDUCE BILLS  
AND SAVE  
ENERGY?**



**Drop in for**

**FREE Energy Advice**

**+ Book a free home visit  
+ A hot drink on us**

**When + Where?**

**Colchester LEAF**

27 Priory Walk

**Every Friday**

**12-3pm**

**Community Energy Colchester**

Non profit CIC funded by UKPN

**Get in touch:**

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[martina@communityenergycolchester.com](mailto:martina@communityenergycolchester.com)

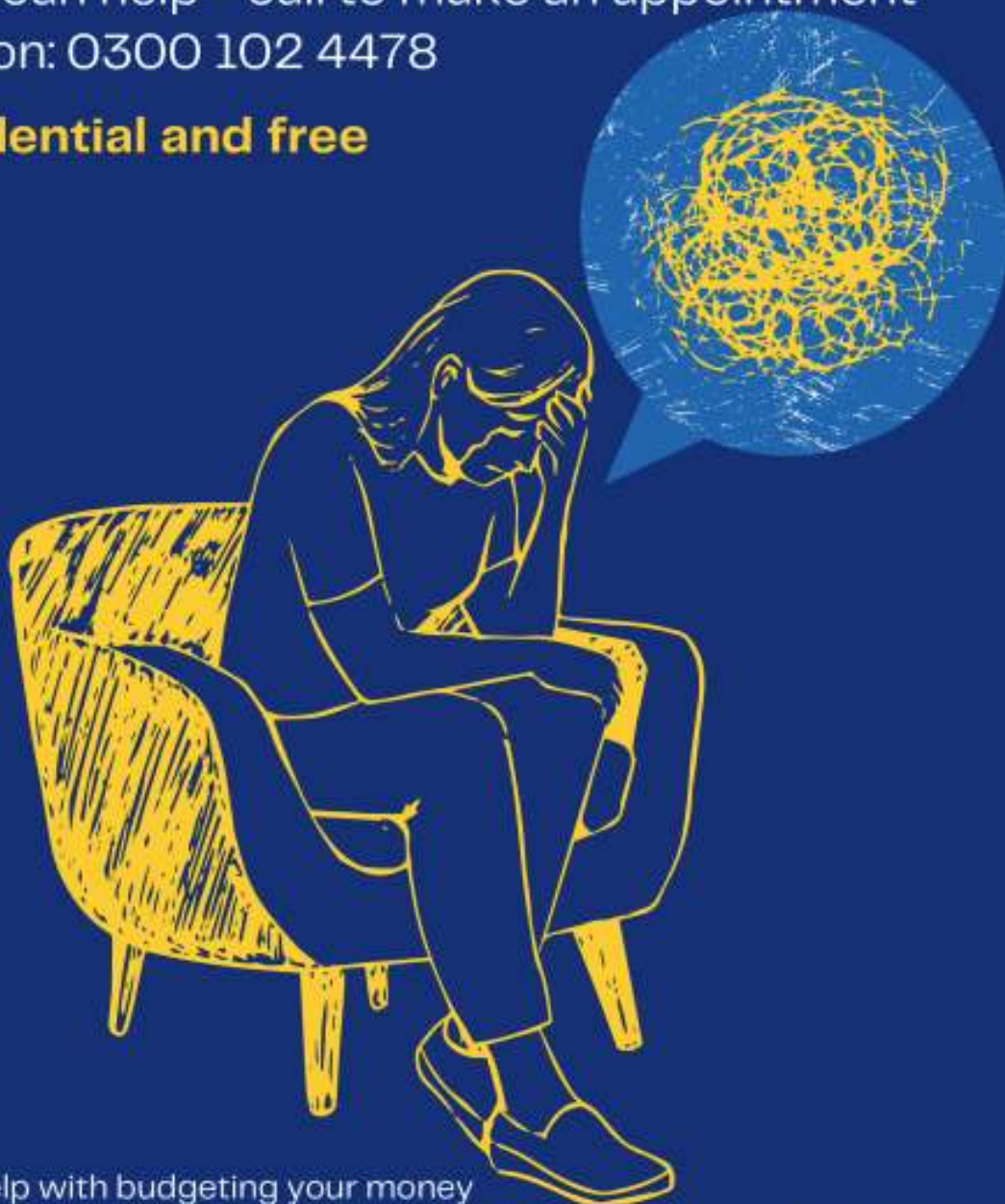
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# Debt can take its toll on your life.



CCDC can help – call to make an appointment  
today on: 0300 102 4478

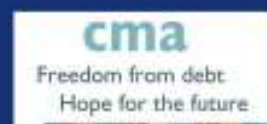
**Confidential and free**



Here to help with budgeting your money  
and helping you get free from the burden of debt.

Learn more at: [colchesterdebtcentre.co.uk](http://colchesterdebtcentre.co.uk)

email: [hello@colchestercmadebtcentre.co.uk](mailto:hello@colchestercmadebtcentre.co.uk)



CCDC registered charity 1152204 working in partnership with the national charity Community Money Advice 1111436

Colchester & Tendring

# **HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

UKPN have provided funding for a  
free and impartial home visit

This service includes:

An assessment of energy improvements

Assistance with funding application

Income maximisation

Tariff switching

Each household will receive  
4 fitted radiator reflectors FREE



To book your visit contact Christopher 07799 494 797  
[chris@communityenergycolchester.com](mailto:chris@communityenergycolchester.com)  
[julie@communityenergycolchester.com](mailto:julie@communityenergycolchester.com)

# COLCHESTER COMMUNITY SUPERMARKET

HOW IT WORKS:

## Step 1 - Sign up

Sign up as a member in store or online,  
either come in and fill in a form or scan the  
QR code to do it online



## Step 2 - Receive your membership card

Once we have your form we will create you  
an account and assign you a number, bring  
this every time you visit.



## Step 3 - Shop and Save!

We want everyone to get a share of the savings,  
for this reason we limit households to one visit  
per week.



Due to being not-for-profit we are able to offer  
30% cheaper prices than any supermarket.



Do you live in Colchester?

Would you like support with making your home more energy efficient, understanding energy bills, budgeting, or fuel debt?

The Energy Advice team can help people negotiate fuel debt repayment, apply for grants to reduce, or clear their debts, or help to resolve disputes with energy suppliers.

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for more details.



# WOULD YOU LIKE

TO MAKE YOUR HOME WARMER, MORE COMFORTABLE AND CHEAPER TO HEAT?



**REGISTER  
YOUR INTEREST  
FOR AN ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY  
GRANT TODAY!**

Grant funding may be available for improving the energy efficiency of your home using a variety of measures.

These could include \*:

- Insulation for walls, lofts and heating systems
- Draught exclusion
- Changes to windows or doors
- Renewable energy (e.g. solar panels)
- Clean energy systems (e.g. air source heat pumps)

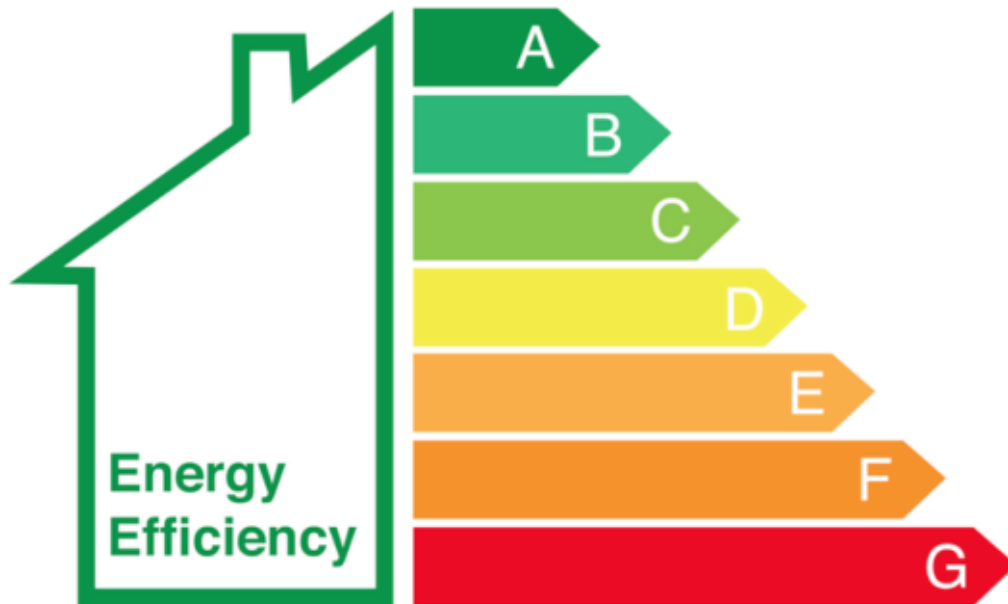
\*Not all of these may be suitable for your property. Our surveyors will advise which measures can be installed if eligible.

**WE CAN ALSO  
PROVIDE YOU  
WITH OTHER TIPS  
THAT MAY CUT  
YOUR ENERGY  
BILLS TOO!**

Contact us for FREE and impartial advice on **01206 636956** or email

**EnergyEfficientHomes  
@colchester.gov.uk**





# Applications open for eco upgrades to Essex residences

Essex County Council has launched two schemes to help low-income households and vulnerable residents reduce energy costs and emissions.

Residents across Essex can apply to have solar panels, heat pumps and more energy-efficient measures installed for little to no cost.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full details





# HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE




**Government help with  
childcare costs for parents.  
Whether you have toddlers or  
teens, you could get support.**

Find out more **HERE** about the  
help you are entitled to for  
childcare costs.



# Save energy Stay Warm



With **FREE** upgrades !

## SAVE £££ ON YOUR ENERGY BILL

We can help you access **free** energy saving upgrades from the government for your home that could help you make savings on your fuel costs.

## DELIVERED BY:



## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Department for  
Energy Security  
& Net Zero



Colchester  
City Council

## CAN I APPLY?

You could be eligible if your household:

- ✓ Is off-gas for heating (for example, uses oil, LPG, solid fuel heating or an electric heating system)

**AND**

- ✓ Has a combined annual income of no more than £31,000 (gross) or, under £20,000 after rent or mortgage costs

**AND**

- ✓ Live in a hard to heat home

N.B. If you are not financially eligible, you could still be eligible if you live in defined postal areas.



[WWW.HUGAPPLY.CO.UK](http://WWW.HUGAPPLY.CO.UK)



0808 196 8255



SCAN TO APPLY

**Old life**

**New life**

**Join us on a programme and meet your community**

**Talking to strangers reduces loneliness, improves well-being, assists learning, and increases creativity.**

*Psychology today*



**"I love that everyone in this room is equal"**

- 6 weeks, 12 hours, conversation led sessions
- **New friends**
- Shared knowledge on how to stretch your money as far as it can go
- **Vouchers given upon completion of the programme**

hello@trustedmoneyconfidence.com  
www.trustedmoneyconfidence.com

Karen                      Jess  
07532253540      07425166069



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St Margaret's Church

# COMMUNITY CAFE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH COLCHESTER  
FOODBANK

All are welcome to our weekly cafe for free refreshments in the church hall.

We also have various community support groups providing drop in sessions as well as the food bank volunteers who are able to issue food parcels for those in need, whatever the reason.

Come along for a cuppa and a chat!

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**11-1PM**



Colchester





Are you worried you're paying too much for your essential services?

Do you feel like you can't make sense of your bills, and you just don't know what you're looking at?

Are you fed up with spending hours on the phone to your suppliers, only to never get a clear answer to your questions?

Worry no more. The team at the Bill Clinic can provide you with a FREE health check on your utility bills. We are here to save you valuable time and money by simplifying your life, giving you the reassurance that you're not spending more than you should.

Click [HERE](#) for more details of how they can help you



# COMMUNITY FUNDING

# Community Funding

All of the funding you need for your organisation can now be found in one place! **Just click on the image below**, which will take you to our website.

If you are successful in getting a grant, let us know - we can help you promote your project, and inspire others to get involved.





Enovert Community Trust is dedicated to supporting projects that positively impact both the environment and local communities.

Through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), the Trust provides grants to a wide range of initiatives designed to enhance community amenities and contribute to environmental conservation.

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for more details and how to apply







# OUR TEAM

# Meet The Team

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Our community & Partnership team provides support, advice, and assistance to those who need it across the city.

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