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### Vaughtons - Silver Salver

The EALC would like to thank Vaughtons for this year's sponsorship of Vaughtons Council of the Year, providing us with an engraved salver and a £200 voucher for EALC training.



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### Essex County Council

The EALC would like to thank The Essex County Council for their sponsorship which provided a £150 cheque.

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Thank you to David Jackman for taking photographs at the 2015 event, photographs will be available on the EALC Website.



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### A & J Lighting

The EALC would like to thank A & J Lighting for £200 cheque which has provided the award and earlybird prizes.



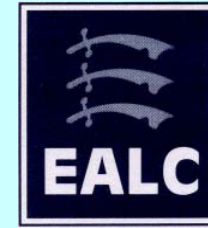
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### County Broadband

The EALC would like to thank County Broadband for providing the PA system for this event in 2015. Without this support EALC would not be able to manage major events.

The Essex Association wish to formally thank Essex County Council both Officers and Staff, for the support provided to the EALC, Parish, Village, Community and Town Councils across Essex.

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# COUNTY UPDATE

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**Annual Awards 2016**

## Vaughton Council of the Year 2016

**Congratulations to the award Councils**



### Winner - Witham Town Council

Witham Town Council is a large Town in the district of Braintree, offering excellent services to the community it serves. During the last year it has been active in helping to shape the development of the Town in the best interests of local residents whilst recognising Governments' house building targets. Witham has been extremely busy and active in consultation process for the new Local Plan. Additionally it is planning for the future by undertaking a Town Plan. The community has been involved in seminars and meetings working towards achieving a vision for Witham for the next ten years. The Council has taken a role in healthcare and is working on the parking strategy task force.

Witham also runs many events and delivers a large number of services. These include the World War One Commemorations, which is a four year programme of events to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1st World War, an international puppet festival which is held every third Saturday in September, Mayor Youth Awards which is to reward the achievements of innovative and community minded young people in Witham and more.

### Runner Up - West Hanningfield Parish Council

### Highly Commended - Hullbridge Parish Council

### EALC Annual Awards

The Annual Awards 2016 celebrate the success of Essex Councils and recognise achievement in the sector. This special edition of the County Update showcases the excellent work undertaken by Councillors, Clerks and Councils in Essex.



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## Special Achievement Award sponsored by A&J Lighting



### Winner - Epping Town Council

Epping Town Council have achieved a great deal in the last year. Highlights agreed by the judges were:

- Support for the successful Epping in Bloom competition, which included an awards evening with the communities young people.
- Refurbishment of recreation ground, community building, sports & community provision and a play area.
- Queens 90th Birthday Beacon
- Engaged in Neighbourhood Planning
- Street party including fancy dress and a band.

### Runner Up - Woodham Ferrers & Bicknacre Parish Council

Woodham Ferrers & Bicknacre Parish Council deserve the runners up award for developing a new skate park, village green and playing field improvements.

## The Essex County Council Award for Community Work



### Winner - Hullbridge Parish Council

Community work has been key to the services delivered by Hullbridge Parish Council. Achievements have included benches, extension to their play area, picnic tables, sun canopy, snooker equipment, wildlife lectern, Christmas parcels for the elderly, Christmas fayre and a number of competitions.

### Runner Up - Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Parish Council

Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet Parish Council deserves the runners up award this year for working in partnership to arrange the youth bus, developing a neighbourhood plan and arranging the Queens 90th Birthday picnic in the park.

### Buckingham Palace Garden Party Award Winner for 2016

#### Cllr David Lee Chairman of Bures Hamlet Parish Council

The EALC hope to have an allocation of Garden Party tickets, if these are made available by the Palace Cllr Lee will represent Essex Councils at the event.

### The EALC Gavel Award Toppesford & Gainsford End Parish Council Village of the Year Award

Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition hosted by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) receive the commendation from the EALC recognising success. Congratulations to the Parish Council on this excellent achievement.

## The Chairmans Gavel Award:



In 2015 - 2016 the award was made to the following Chairman:

Tom Arnold—Nazeing PC  
 Jay Blissett - Canvey Island TC  
 James Browning - Ongar TC  
 Nic Cooper - Little Baddow PC  
 Jochen Culemann - Coggeshall PC  
 Ronald Dent - Tolleshunt D'Arcy PC  
 Andy Duncan - Mayland Pc  
 Chris Evans – Nazeing PC  
 John Fennelly - Sible Hedingham PC  
 Max Ford - Gosfield PC

Diane Greenwood - Great Sailing PC  
 Dee Hyatt - Sandon PC  
 Terry Jack - Flitch Green PC  
 Alan Moor - Stisted PC  
 Thomas Pleasance - Witham TC  
 Laureen Shaw - Hawkwell PC  
 Mike Steel - Great Waltham PC  
 Joanna Symons - Woodham Walter PC  
 Ron Volkwyn - Sible Hedingham PC  
 Jo Ann Williams - Witham TC

Covering: Chairing a Meeting, Professional Conduct, the Public and the Media, Conduct and Challenging Issues, Chairing a Challenging Meeting and Visionary Leadership.

## The Certificate in Local Council Administration:



The CiLCA is the basic qualification for all Clerks. It is delivered in Essex through the "Essex Equals" training package. Candidates gain the CiLCA by successful compilation of a portfolio evidencing good practice.

### Clerks who have attained the CiLCA 2013 this year:

Terence Frostick – Saffron Walden TC, Michelle Townsend – Harwich TC, Liane Rowland – Wickham Bishops PC, Claire Waters – Castle Hedingham PC, Neil Williams – St Osyth PC, Susan Barnes – Blackmore, Hook End & Wyatts Green PC, Kate Smiles – Hockley PC, Urska Sydee – Hatfield Broad Oak PC, Emma Cansdale – Wix PC, Pearl Willcox - EALC, Sian Morris - EALC, Helen Harris - Myland CC, Jacqueline Lane - Boreham PC, Heidi Angrove - Stondon Massey PC, Kevin O'Brien - Buckhurst Hill PC

### Clerks who have attained the CiLCA 2015 this year:

Keith Williams - Birchanger PC and Beverley Rumsey - Epping TC

## Short Courses:

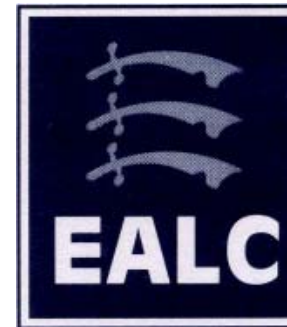
Peripatetic Courses



During the past year our short course programme has proved as popular as ever with 30 Councils undertaking "in house" training. The Short Course Programme has been revised and updated for September this year with new modules.

Councils undertaken short courses this year are:

Bradwell with Pattiswick, Earls Colne, Sible Hedingham (2), Rettendon (2), Coggeshall, Toppesfield, Canewdon, Thaxted, Wickham Bishops, Radwinter, Stansted, Ingatestone, St Oysth, Eight Ash Green, Lawford, Elmdon and Wenden Lofts, Bradwell, Shotgate, Harwich, Langley, High Roding, Wendens Ambo, Rayne, Hawkwell, Wix, Stanway, Hullbridge, Rayleigh.



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