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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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A & J Lighting

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



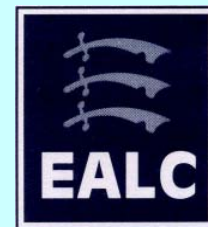
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County Broadband

The EALC would like to thank County Broadband for providing the PA system for this event in 2016. 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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Annual Awards 2017

Loughton Town Council Vaughton Council of the Year 2017



Loughton has surprising disparities in the health and wealth of its residents. Recognising that many of our low income families are really struggling we have significantly increased the number of free or low cost community events and sporting activities on offer. These have proved immensely popular. With a generous grant budget we are also able to help other local organisations and charities to further their vital work in the local community. One of our other key priorities is leading the fight against the proposals in the draft local plan to develop our green spaces. These are so valued by the local people many of whom came to the Debden Estate after WWII from the East End. The Town Council moved to the local library where we are more accessible to our residents and importantly helping safeguard the future of the library by creating a thriving community hub.

Runner Up - Saffron Walden Town Council—Focus on two services

Bridge End Garden: The Garden provides a beautiful, tranquil setting for a wide range of events from family picnics, theatre productions, garden parties and weddings to a stroll in the park. Bridge End Garden is the hidden jewel in the crown and attracts hundreds of visitors who enjoy the beauty and splendour of these excellently maintained, Victorian gardens. A market has been held in the Town since 1141, market days are Tuesdays and Saturdays and are a magnet for both residents and tourists. The market is going from strength to strength with its wide, interesting range of products. The food on offer is the market's greatest strength, with cheese, fruit and vegetables, olives, breads, eggs, whole foods and fish. Flowers and country collectibles also feature.



EALC Annual Awards

The Annual Awards 2017 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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Innovative Work Award sponsored by A&J Lighting



Winner - Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

Leigh-on-Sea Town Council has this year won the A & J Lighting Award for innovation. Among a number of projects and events. The Council has a formal Artist in Residence programme and our young artist was influential in a community project accessible to all. The Council will see a new artist installed in the attic and at the end of their residency they will present a legacy piece of art to the Council. The Group has also promoted an 'Affordable Art Wall' and now has a waiting list for community groups. The annual Leigh Art Trail is an large event with the Parish Centre being part of the event. Other initiatives include the Strand Wharf project, the transformation of an 'illegal' car park to a public square in the heart of Leigh Old Town, a series of summer events held at the Wharf – Music-on-Sea, Italian Pizza day, Kids' Zone, a Heritage & Craft day. A school holiday programme attracts over 300 children to these events, hosting different activities attracting a variety of age groups, from magic and puppet shows, balloon modelling, arts and crafts, seed sowing and soft play.

The Essex County Council Award for Community Work



Winner - Woodham Ferrers & Bicknacre Parish Council

New Bus Route to Maldon

The Award for Community work is given to this Council for responding to residents when asked to organise a direct bus route from Bicknacre to Maldon as the bus services had been discontinued. Working in partnership with Chelmsford Community Transport a mini questionnaire was placed in our March Newsletter with limited response. The Council then contacted South Woodham Ferrers to see if there was a need from the area and there was - and in July a trial Chelmsford Community Transport bus run took place. Feedback has been extremely positive and the Clerk is now working toward setting up the service on a regular basis.

Neighbourhood Plans

Certificates of Special Achievement are presented to the following for achieving a Neighbourhood Plan -

- Myland Parish Council
- Great Dunmow Town Council
- Burnham-on-Crouch Town Council
- Boxted Parish Council

EALC Service and Buckingham Palace Garden Party Award Winner 2017

Terling & Fairstead Parish Council
Cllr Sarah McNamara

The EALC Gavel Award

Village of the Year Award
Terling & Fairstead Parish Council

The Chairmans Gavel Award:



In 2016 - 2017 the award was made to the following Chairman:

Ronald Ramage - Witham Town Council
Patrick Horner - Witham Town Council
Peter Stilts - Maldon Town Council
Paul Clark - Runwell
Laureen Shaw - Hawkwell
James Browning - Ongar
Max Ford - Gosfield
John Fennelly - Sible Hedingham
Chris Evans - Nazeing
Paul Lees - Feering
Debby Bloomfield - Stanway
Trevor Manning - Stanway
Neville Paul - Galleywood
Danielle Frost - Great Dunmow
Shirley Diver - Halstead
Andrew Munday - Halstead

Joanna Symons - Woodham Walter
Ronald Dent - Tolleshunt D'Arcy
Mayland - Andy Duncan
Sible Hedingham - Ron Volkwyn
Canvey Island - Jay Blissett
Nazeing - Tom Arnold
Witham - Jo Ann Williams
Fritch Green - Terry Jack
Little Baddow - Nic Cooper
Stisted - Alan Moor
Witham - Thomas Pleasance
Sandon - Dee Hyatt
Gillian Jefferson - Hedingham
David Smith - Messing Cum Inworth
Phil Meacham - Hockley
Abdul Hafiz - Maldon
Diana Garrod - Sturmer

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: CiLCA

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. Only CiLCA registered Trainers are permitted to deliver CiLCA Courses and in Essex this is delivered at the EALC.

Clerks who have attained the CiLCA 2015 this year:

Helen Symmons - Leigh-on-Sea Town Council
Steve Marriott - Marks Tey Parish Council
Beverley Rumsey - Epping Town Council

Short Courses:

Peripatetic Courses

During the past year we have delivered a large number of short courses with 27 Councils undertaking "in house" training. The Short Course Programme offers a large number of modules to suit the needs of most Councils and bespoke courses can also be arranged.

Councils who have undertaken short courses this year are:

Shotgate PC, Harwich TC, High Roding PC, Sible Hedingham PC, Wendons Ambo PC, Rayne PC, Hawkwell PC, Wix PC, Stanway PC, Hullbridge PC, Rayleigh TC, Black Notley PC, Noak Bridge PC, Gt Maplestead PC, Hockley PC, Birchanger PC, Canvey Island TC, Writtle PC, Terling & Fairstead PC & Theydon Mount PC.
Stisted with Bradwell & Pattiswick, Langley and South Woodham Ferrers Parish & Town Councils had Code of Conduct courses. West Mersea and Ongar Town Council had Planning and Southminster Parish Council had Building Risk Assessment.

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