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Everything Local News - which is taking / has taken our photographs at the AGM and Awards Presentations - is a media service which works with Local Councils, on a one-off or year-round basis, to prepare and circulate their news to the local and regional media and their own dedicated list of email subscribers.



County Broadband

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We would like to thank County Broadband for providing the PA system for this event. Their continued support is greatly valued by the EALC.

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 2019

Saffron Walden Town Council Vaughtons Council of the Year 2019



Saffron Walden Town Council provides community support by managing a number of assets, bookings being made regularly with local clubs and groups offering recreational activities or special events. For example: Accuro, Saffron Walden Musical Theatre Group, Hyperfusion Dance Group, Saffron Walden Lions & Lioness Clubs, Scouts, Rotary Club, Saffron Walden Screen (a community cinema) and various sporting clubs. Many of these groups have received direct funding from the Council in the form of grants or free of charge hall hire.

In April this year the Council delivered a new play area at The Common including new adult exercise equipment. The area was designed following considerable community engagement and consultation to give the Local community what they wanted.

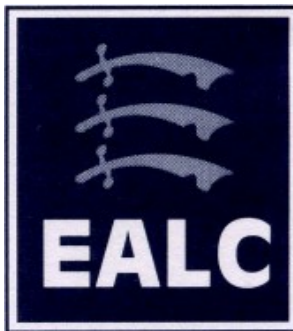
The Council manages large areas of open spaces which provide local people and visitors with recreational facilities. There are four main play areas: Golden Acre, The Common, Anglo American Playing Fields and Little Walden; with the Health & Wellbeing Agenda being high on the list of the Councils priorities, these resources help to support the health of the community and an addition to this new footpaths have been installed along the South and East of The Common making pedestrian access into the Town much easier and it is hoped more pleasurable to encourage more children to walk to school.

While managing the open spaces, allotments, the Golden Age Community Centre, registering the Town Hall as a venue for Marriages, Civil Partnerships and Naming Ceremonies the Council are also working on a Neighbourhood Plan starting with the launch of the Mayor's Plastic Charter, Saffron Walden Town Council have been at the forefront of reducing the use of plastic and encouraging environmentally friendly initiatives. The Council have installed a total of 10 new water refill points around the community and have also refurbished the drinking fountains in Market Square; thus reducing the use of plastic and throw away drinking bottles.

They truly deserve to win Council of the year 2019 considering the number of great initiatives.

EALC Annual Awards

The Annual Awards 2019 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

Approx. 17,000 Electors

Leigh on Sea Town Council is an active Council working in partnerships with Southend Age Concern and Southend Clinical Commissioning Group regarding general health, mental health, learning disabilities, young people and the elderly. The Council have announced that they are launching a Youth Club in cooperation with Southend YMCA for children in Leigh aged between 8 and 12 years and a Youth Forum for 11-18 year olds to give young people a voice and a say in their local area. The judges were extremely interested in the ongoing innovative works for the younger generation of Leigh-on-Sea Town. This Council demonstrated great community cohesion.

The Essex County Council Award for Community Work



Winner - Little Waltham Parish Council

Approx. 1,400 Electors

Little Waltham Parish Council work hard and contribute greatly to the Health and Wellbeing in the Community. They have a long lease of the recreational area consisting of a children's play area, tennis court and mixed use games area both of which are being considered for an upgrade. The Council have recently installed a defibrillator within the Parish and organised training. In the past 12 months a grant was awarded to the 'Good Companions' which is a group for the senior residents of the Parish offering talks and trips to tackle loneliness. The Council are also engaged with Alzheimer's UK and a representative addressed a Council meeting in July 2019 to discuss ways of being a dementia friendly community and raising awareness within the community generally.

Community Leadership Award sponsored by BHIB Insurance Brokers



Winner - Saffron Walden Town Council

Approx. 12,000 Electors

Saffron Walden Town Council are working towards a Neighbourhood Plan. Often working with neighbouring Councils in considering planning applications. The Council is part of the Haverhill Area Forum which is primarily concerned with development and transport around Saffron Walden. The Council have an extremely comprehensive plan for the future management and maintenance of the prestigious Bridge End Gardens. The Gardens are a series of small, beautiful Victorian gardens which have featured heavily in national magazines and newsletters. The management plan covers the works required for the next 15-20 years. This Council plans well for the future. This Town Council has demonstrated great community leadership.

Special Commendation

Approx. 629 Electors

Bures Hamlet Parish Council

We would like to make a special commendation to Bures Hamlet Parish Council for making a significant contribution to the community. The Council deliver many initiatives including Councillor surgeries, coffee mornings, a Parish Council snippet page within the monthly church magazine, to gain better communications with their residents, increased the use of social media by using the existing Beautiful Bures website, revamping its own website and holding a Mental Health First Aid Training Course. Bures Hamlet Parish Council in partnership with St Mary Parish Council provide and outdoor adult exercise equipment.

With only an electorate of 629 this is a great achievement for such a small Council.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party Award Winner for 2019

Cllr Peter Jones
Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council

The EALC Gavel Award

Peldon
Village of the Year Award
(Peldon is one of the Villages within Winstead Hundred Group)

The Chairmans Gavel Award:



Simon Burwood - Heybridge PC
Jan Craven - Canewdon PC
Jill Healey - Leigh on Sea TC
Simon Cole - Ongar TC
Cheryl Damen - Boxted PC
Barry Palmer - Canvey Island TC
John Barnes - Broomfield PC
Carole Sach - Canvey Island TC
Gillian Sissens - High Roding PC
Sarah Billingham - Nazeing PC
Judith Farr - Stebbing PC

Andrew Snowdon - Asheldham & Dengie PC
Peter Irvine - Little Baddow PC
Valerie Morgan - Leigh on Sea TC
Mark Weale - Hatfield Peverel PC
Anna Appleton-Claydon - Coggeshall PC
Barry Campagna - Canvey Island TC
Barry Vincent - Wethersfield PC
Carolynne Ruffle - Great Bardfield PC
Angelina Rees-Jones - Hawkwell PC
Mandy French - Shalford PC
Ted Edward - Tendring PC

The Certificate in Local Council Administration:



The CiLCA is the qualification for all Clerks. It is delivered in Essex through the "Essex Equals" training package. The EALC is the only body who has registered tutors and is responsible for the delivery of the qualification in Essex.

Clerks who have attained the CiLCA 2018/2019 this year:

Karen Paradise - Great Bentley Parish Council
Petra Palfreyman - West Mersea Town Council
Wendy Stamp - Burnham on Crouch Town Council
Sarah Gaeta - Hatfield Peverel Parish Council
Will Adshead-Grant - Great Waltham Parish Council
Jerry Wedge - Frinton & Walton Town Council
Joanna Jeffrey - Southminster Parish Council
Laura Walkingshaw - West Bergholt Parish Council
Caroline Carroll - Theydon Bois Parish Council

Amanda Hilton - Heybridge Parish Council
Anthony Belgrave - Chigwell Parish Council
Kirsty Roberts - Springfield Parish Council
Ivan King - Barling Magna Parish Council
Debbie Morgan - Coggeshall Parish Council
Laura Brown - Mountnessing Parish Council
Pat Peachy - Lawford Parish Council

Local Council Awards Sep 2018—Sep 2019

Halstead TC - Foundation Award
Wakes Colne PC - Quality Gold Award
Maldon TC - Quality Award
West Bergholt PC - Quality Award
Messing-cum-Inworth PC - Quality Award
Abberton & Langenhoe PC - Foundation Award

Sandon PC - Foundation Award
Saffron Walden TC - Foundation Award
Waltham Abbey TC - Quality Gold Award
Great Maplestead PC - Foundation Award
Galleywood PC - Foundation & Quality Award

Short Courses:

Peripatetic Courses

The Short Course Programme offers a large number of modules to suit the needs of most Councils and bespoke courses can also be arranged. During the past year we have delivered 14 courses.

Ashingdon PC
Black Notley PC
Heybridge PC
Mistley PC
Woodham Ferrers & Bicknacre PC
Debden PC
Kelvedon PC

The Hennys, Middleton & Twinstead PC
Bradwell with Pattiswick PC
Good Easter PC
Asheldham & Dengie PC
Black Notley PC
Great Notley PC
Little Waltham PC

The Short Course programme includes basic Council training, Planning, Social Media & Code of Conduct. All these courses are delivered at the Council's convenience in their own premises.



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