

Consultation Paper: Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit

The Government is seeking views on proposals for the future Agricultural Policy in England. The consultation closes on **8th May 2018** and papers can be found [here](#).

This paper consults on a new, post-CAP domestic settlement for agriculture designed for our own circumstances, with greater freedom for all parts of the United Kingdom. This consultation marks the first step on the road to a new agricultural policy outside of the EU to secure a future for farming and the environment.

Crimestoppers Essex

The Essex Crimestoppers committee is well established and chaired by Stuart Rawlins who has been involved for 15 years. The group is looking for people living or working in Essex to join this vibrant committee and help fight crime in their community. Specifically, they need a vice-chair, those with IT skills, someone to take the lead on youth issues and someone with marketing knowledge. For more information about becoming a volunteer for Essex Crimestoppers, please use this [link](#).

RCCE Village of the Year Competition 2018 – open for entries

There is still time to enter RCCE's Essex Village of the Year Competition. Entry forms and guidance have gone out to parishes and the closing date for entries is 4th May 2018. We are delighted that sponsors Essex & Suffolk Water and Inkpen Downie architects will again be supporting us this year. To find out more or to download an application form, visit RCCE's website www.essexrcc.org.uk.

Applications for Best Kept Churchyard will be arriving on doorstops and in inboxes soon.....

Neighbourhood planning

Locality has been awarded the government contract to make grants to NP groups for the next 4 years. The support will comprise a basic grant of £9,000 available per NP area, with an additional grant of £8000 per NP area if certain criteria are met. To find out more visit - [Grant Funding information](#) or [Technical Support information](#)

Challenge yourself to a Pink Ribbon Walk for Breast Cancer Care**Audley End House and Gardens, Essex – Saturday 9 June**

Challenge yourself to a Pink Ribbon Walk and enjoy tailor-made 10 and 20 mile routes in a unique location. Starting and finishing in the stunning grounds of Audley End House and Gardens, the walk will showcase the best of Essex's splendid rural scenery. Breast Cancer Care will support you with every step while you do something special to support the thousands of people going through one of the toughest challenges they'll ever face – breast cancer. Find out more and register at www.breastcancercare.org.uk/ribbonwalks