

County Councillor's update, July 2019

Parents, did you know?



Children in Essex state their parents are the best source of information and advice around staying safe. That's why Essex Safeguarding Children Board has teamed up with Barnardo's and The Children's Society to help parents and carers improve their understanding of child exploitation.

A number of 'Parents, did you know?' events are set to take place across the county over the coming months, to help you spot the signs your child could be in danger and to provide a safe space where you can get advice and speak to subject matter experts, including Essex Police and the Essex Youth Offending Service.

Short talks, which can be booked for free in advance, will also be available during each event and information packs will be available to take away. [Find an event near YOU.](#)

Discover something new with the Essex Explorer Pass



Spending time outdoors is a great way of improving your health and wellbeing, having fun and discovering something new about the county's beautiful landscapes. To help you get out more this summer, we have launched the new Essex Explorer Pass which will help you save money on car parking, cafes and other attractions at Essex Country Parks.

From the ornamental lakes at Danbury, to the deer park and Stick Man trail at Weald, there is something for everyone all year round. To find out more, visit the [Essex Country Parks website.](#)

Get in touch with your creative side this summer



The county's largest visual arts festival – Essex Summer of Art – is back this year, featuring over 20 art trails, events and open studios - from Harlow to Harwich and everywhere in between!

Learn more about the artistic talent Essex has to offer and enjoy celebrating the county's diverse artistic heritage.

[Find an event near you](#) and get in touch with your creative side this summer.

Highway matters

Highways: resurfacing work reaches its peak during the summer months and that coupled with water mains replacement and broadband cabling can mean extra delays on some routes.

As ever, if there are any highway problems, please use the ECC website to report them.

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