

HIGHWAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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INFORMATION FOR LOCAL COUNCILLORS
JUNE 2025

SAFER / GREENER / HEALTHIER

**£6 MILLION
FOR PRIORITY
HIGHWAY
IMPROVEMENTS
OVER THE NEXT
TWO YEARS**

COMMENT

COUNCILLOR TOM CUNNINGHAM

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE
AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT**

Welcome to this latest issue of Highways Highlights. I am delighted to see that Local Highways Panels (LHP) in Essex will receive a share of £6 million over the next two years. The money will be used to deliver priority highways improvement schemes in local communities. Local Highways Panels continue to be an excellent route through which larger road improvement schemes, particularly those that improve road safety, can be delivered in local areas.

We also take a look at the work of the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) and its ambitious Vision Zero initiative, along with how Essex Highways supports this objective in its daily operations.

Finally, I'm delighted to see that four Essex Highways teams have been nominated as finalists in the forthcoming prestigious Highways Awards which take place in September. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing each of our teams the very best of luck on the night!

Best wishes,
Tom



ROUTINE REPAIRS:

June 2025

Please note: All drains on main roads are cleaned at least once a year over a two-year cycle. Drains on local roads are programmed for cleaning on a district by district basis.



FOOTWAYS: 700



POTHoles: 1,379



STREET LIGHTS: 1,338

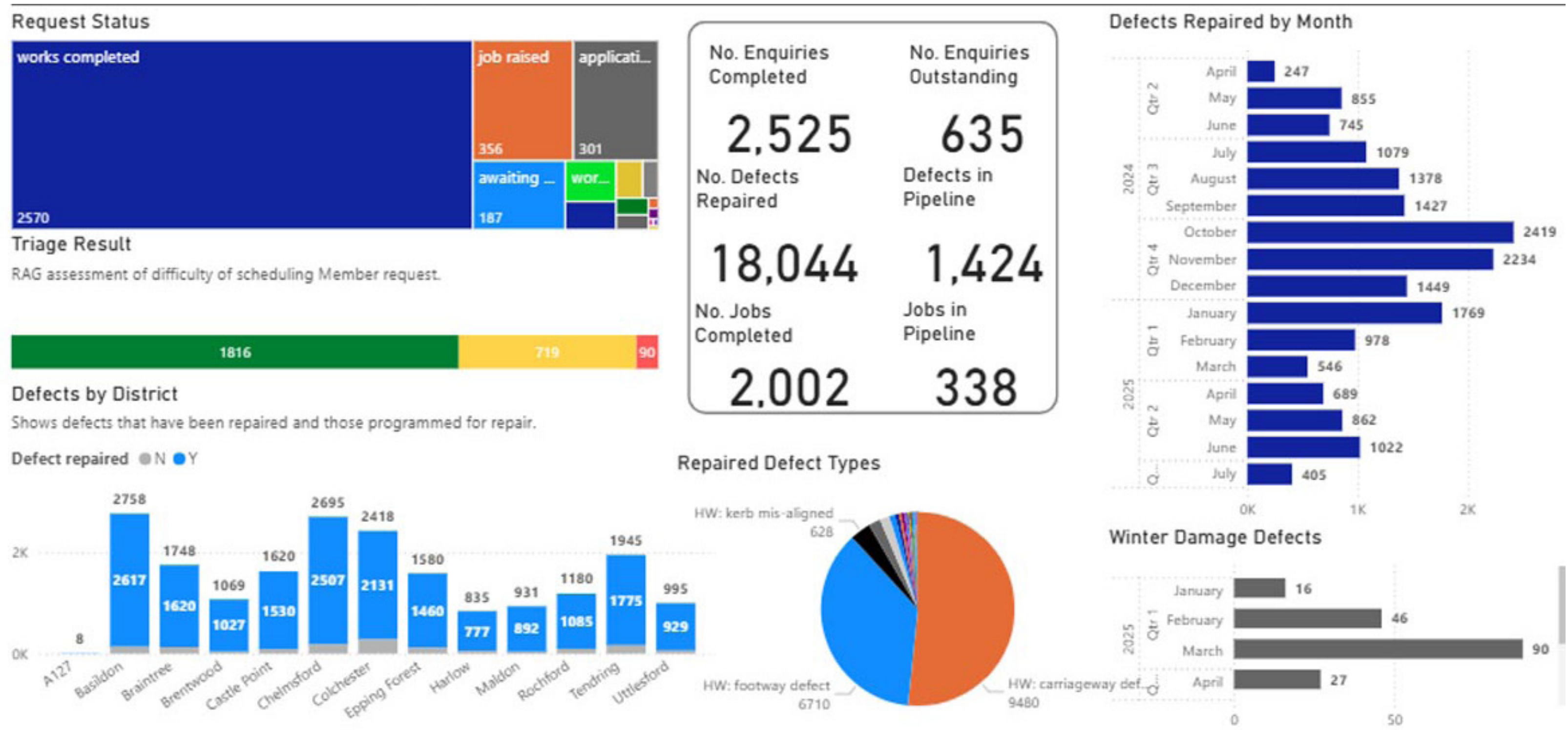


**GULLIES
CLEANSED:
10,696**



MEMBER HIGHWAY INITIATIVE

High Level Report: July 14 2025



£6 MILLION FOR PRIORITY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Local Highways Panels (LHP) in Essex will receive a share of £6 million over the next two years. The money will be used to deliver priority highways improvement schemes in local communities.

Funding will be allocated to schemes that can be delivered quickly and that will have the most impact on road safety.

A review considered the best way to deliver highway improvements that are recommended by Members and which address the concerns of local communities. Given there is already a strong programme of work being

recommended by the panels, LHPs were given the go ahead to continue to deliver schemes over the next two years. The LHP programme will cease at the end of 2026/27. This will coincide with the new highways contract being brought in from April 2027.

LHPs will continue to work closely with Essex Highways on the design and delivery of schemes. Chairs have been asked to identify schemes that are deliverable and ready from a list of proposals. This will be shared with them along with further information and advice on what sort of schemes will be suitable.

Councillor Tom Cunningham, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport, said: “Local Highways Panels continue to be an excellent route through which larger road improvement schemes, particularly those that improve road safety, can be delivered in local areas.

“However, it’s important we keep improvement work of this nature under review to ensure that these types of programmes remain effective and efficient, and most importantly are spending taxpayers’ money where it is most needed. These measures will be hugely important to the local communities and the Members involved in delivering them.”

LHPs are made up of all county Members and in some areas, several Members from the borough, city or district councils. They meet on a quarterly basis to discuss and consider highways concerns within their local borough, city or district boundaries. The panels then prioritise local concerns and make recommendations to the Cabinet Member.



ESSEX HIGHWAYS TEAMS SHORTLISTED FOR FOUR HIGHWAYS AWARDS

The prestigious annual awards, celebrate the successes of individuals, teams, and organisations who are making a real difference across the UK's highways sector.

There was an unprecedented number of entries this year so to be shortlisted in four categories is a real achievement.

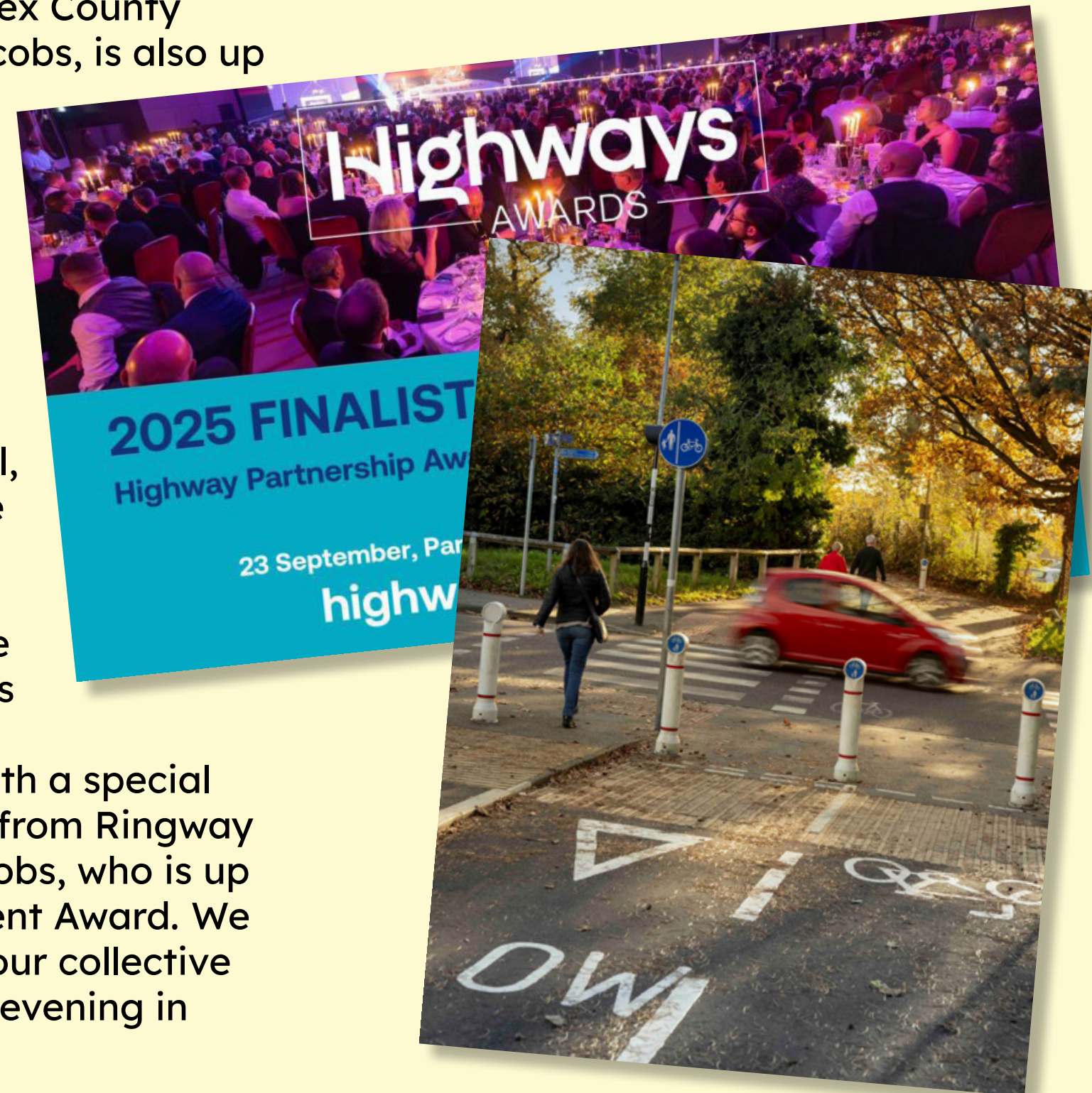
The Harlow LCWIP 9, a £2million walking and cycling corridor improvement scheme between an industrial park in the Pinnacles to the Town Centre, is nominated for two awards - Small Project of The Year and Active Travel Scheme of the Year.

Up for Team of the Year is the team responsible for the Priority One Surfacing Programme - the fast-paced delivery of £25million worth of highway network improvements across Essex. Essex Highways itself, the strategic

partnership between Essex County Council and Ringway Jacobs, is also up for Highway Partnership Award.

The shortlistings highlight the partnership's successes in working closely to deliver first-class services that make a real, positive difference to the communities we serve.

Congratulations to all the individuals, organisations and projects shortlisted for a Highways Award with a special mention to Iain Maiden, from Ringway Jacobs' shareholder Jacobs, who is up for a Lifetime Achievement Award. We look forward to sharing our collective successes at the awards evening in London in September.




DID YOU KNOW? **ROAD SAFETY IN ESSEX**

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership has brought together organisations across Essex, to provide a road safety service. SERP partners are Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue Service, Essex County Council, Southend-On-Sea City Council, Thurrock Council, National Highways, The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex, The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust, The East of England Ambulance Trust and The Safer Roads Foundation.



The partnership's purpose is to lead on the reduction of death and serious injury on Essex roads towards zero. This is an ambitious vision and one which SERP cannot tackle alone - each road user plays a part. A challenging interim target to reduce death and serious injuries by 70% from the baseline average of 2005-2009, has been set by 2030. This equates to fewer than 415 deaths and serious injuries. By 2022, a 40% reduction had been achieved, with 822 deaths and serious injuries recorded for the year. That many lives cut short, permanently changed, or involved in serious injury resulting in hospitalisation and time off work each year, is far too high. Many more lives - of the families and friends of those injured - are also changed in the instant their loved one is injured in a road traffic collision.

**VISION
ZERO** 
NO ROAD DEATHS

In 2023, there were 44 deaths, 819 serious injuries (more than two per day) and 2,795 slight injuries (more than 7 each day). Research indicates that for every injury collision reported to the police, there are 10 damage-only collisions, so that's over 100 crashes in Essex every day. SERP promotes road safety and casualty reduction through activities, interventions, programmes and products, via education, engagement, engineering and enforcement. You can find out more about how we will aim to achieve Vision Zero, through our Vision Zero strategy.



However we choose to use the roads, we all have a shared responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe. If we all work together, using the roads lawfully and respectfully, we can all help to reduce the risk of being killed or injured in a collision.

Whether you drive many miles across the county each week, or whether you prefer to cycle, walk, scoot or horse ride, it's important for us all to play our part. Show your support for Vision Zero in the following ways:

- **Sign the pledge**
- Tell your friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues and show your support on social media.

Use the roads safely every time you leave your home
For tips and advice on how to stay safe, **check out our road users section.**

Report unsafe behaviour on the roads

You can help us reduce collisions and

casualties and make roads across Essex roads even safer by reporting instances of poor and dangerous driving.

The Essex Extra Eyes scheme allows members of the public to submit video and photographic evidence relating to driving incidents. You can **find out more and submit videos here.**

Thank you for being a responsible road user and for playing your part in working towards Vision Zero.

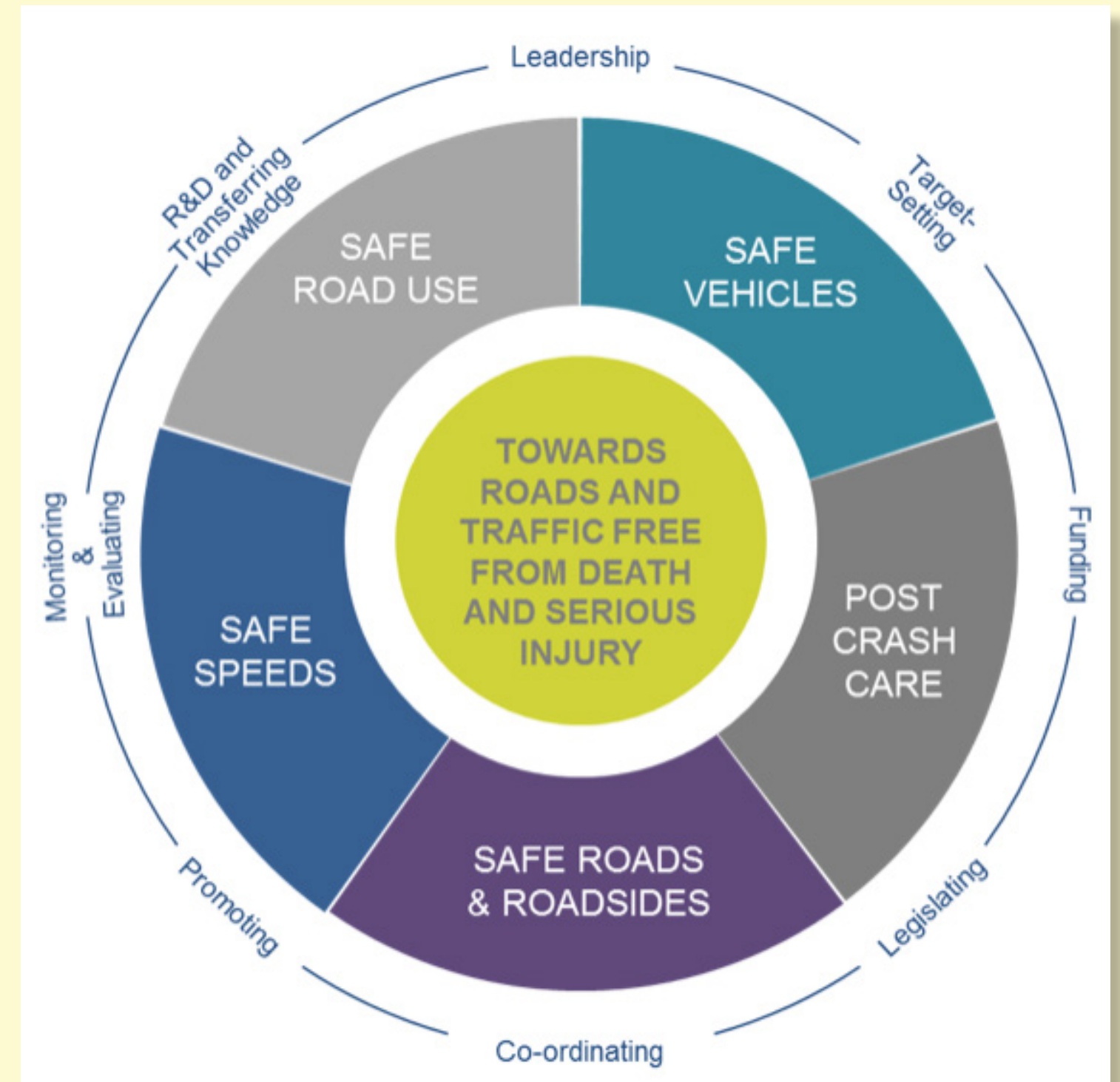
The Road Safety team delivers Essex Highways' contribution to the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) delivery plan, to achieve its "Vision Zero" goal, improving safety on the roads through the provision of training courses, education, enforcement and publicity and community engagement activities.

The team aims to embed and support the "Safe System" approach across Essex Highways and Essex County Council to elevate the priority given to safety and the reduction of risk for all road users in every scheme and element of work that changes the highway network in Essex.

The team is working to ensure that other teams not currently aware of their role in reducing risk on the roads become aware of the safe system approach and start to develop plans to eliminate risk.

ECC and EH, as part of SERP, have committed to Vision Zero - to achieve zero deaths and serious injuries on Essex roads by 2040. This challenging ambition necessitates a rethink of road safety, based around the development of a transportation system that provides layers of protection for the user; accepting that users make mistakes, known as the Safe System approach (see diagram).

The aim behind the Safe System approach is to integrate it with, and complement, other strategic goals and requirements such as Safer, Greener, Healthier, and wider ECC objectives such as environmental initiatives and economic growth, with Essex Highways supporting by delivering a common vision, working collaboratively, seamlessly and with integrity and transparency.



AROUND THE COUNTY

LANGFORD ROAD, HEYBRIDGE ROUNDABOUT ROADWORKS UPDATE

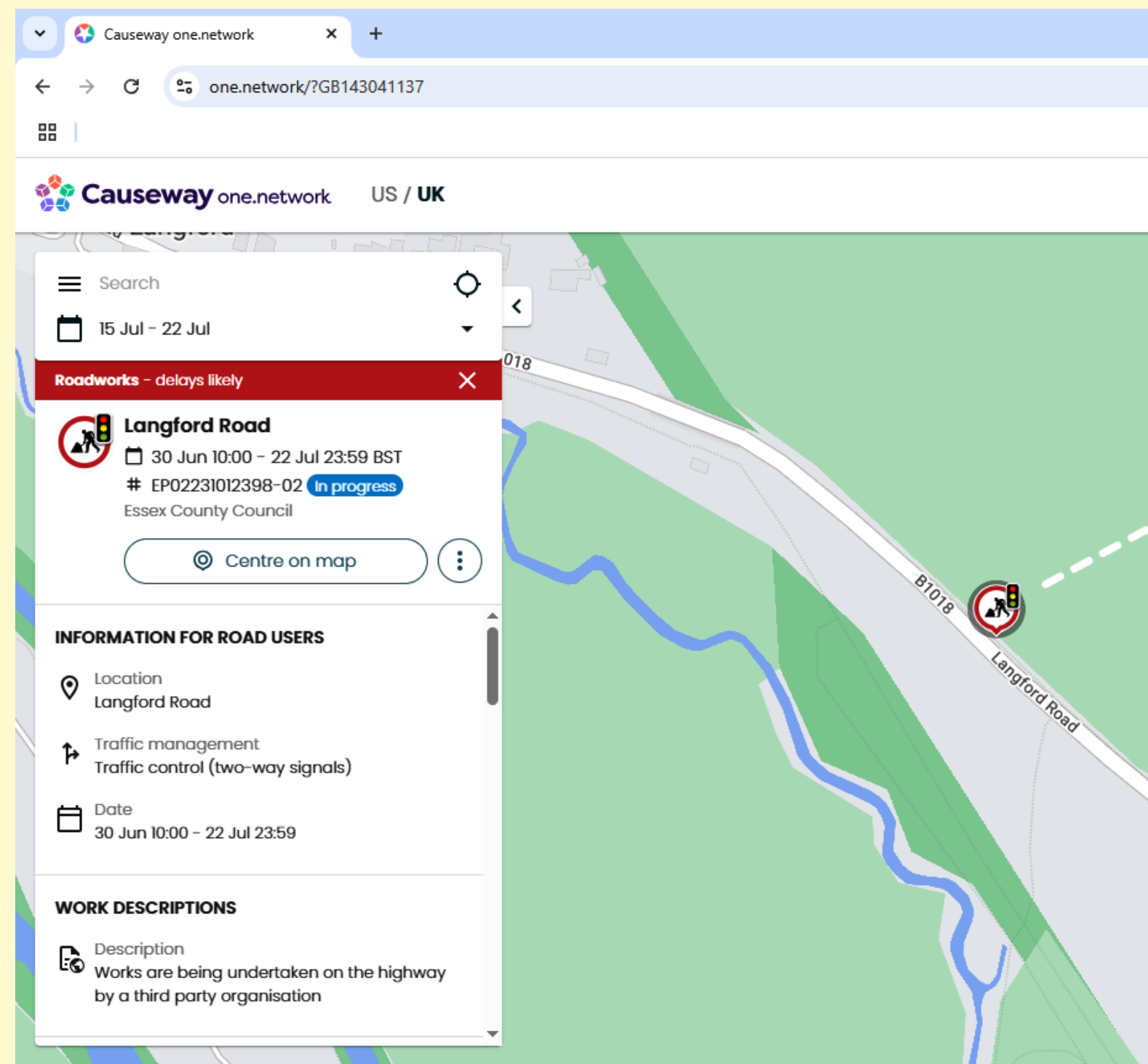
Since the end of June 2025, developers working on the new Langford Road Roundabout in Heybridge have installed temporary traffic lights to support preparations to connect the new roundabout.

This will be followed by a full road closure of a section of Langford Road from 23 July and this continues through to the end of August. During this period, extensive earthworks will take place to realign Langford Road with the new roundabout layout.

The new route between Langford Road and Broad Street Green via the relief road (Jubilee Way) is anticipated to be open by the end of September 2025, helping to ease congestion in Heybridge and Maldon, making journeys smoother and more efficient for all road users.

We will continue to post updates about these developer works, with details also available on [One.Network](#).

Local residents and businesses are advised to allow extra time when travelling in the area while these important infrastructure upgrades are underway.



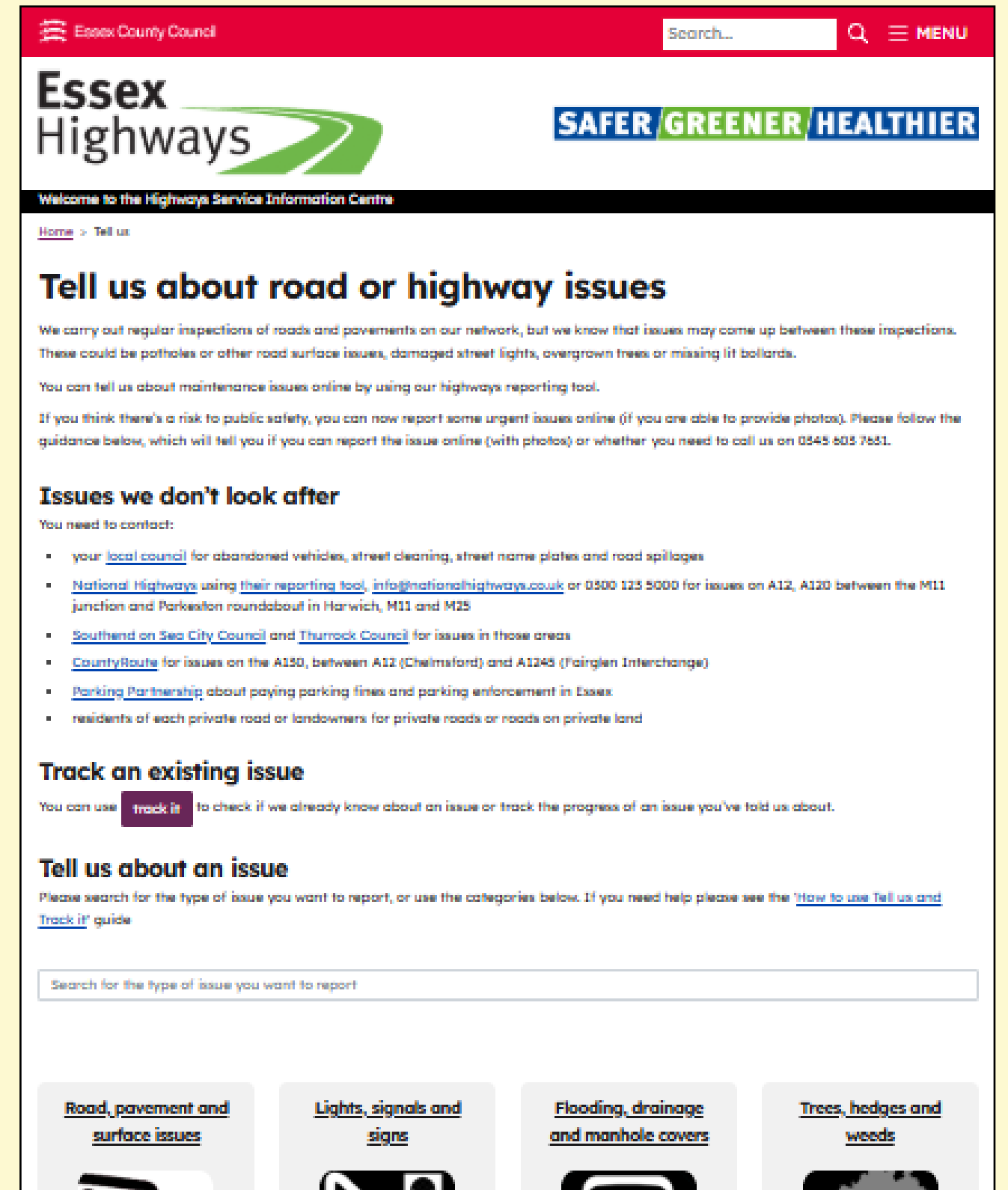
EASIER THAN EVER TO REPORT HIGHWAYS DEFECTS IN ESSEX

Residents and road users have more options when reporting road defects following a major update by Essex Highways. The update comes as users will no longer be able to raise issues via third-party sites, such as Fix My Street, from 1 January 2025 due to the lack of detail they provide inspectors.

The **‘Tell Us’ webpage** by Essex Highways has been tailored to capture all necessary information. This now includes different types of emergencies and if issues have worsened over time. The **‘Track It’ webpage** lets users see the progress of reports, from inspection to repair, and whether similar issues have already been raised.

Issues logged through third-party platforms are often duplicates of reports already received via Tell Us, or unrelated to the roads managed by Essex Highways. By moving exclusively to Tell Us, Essex Highways can ensure the 50,000 reports received annually are managed in one place, resulting in a faster and more transparent process.

Councillor Tom Cunningham, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport at Essex County Council, said: “We are committed to streamlined and efficient services throughout the council to provide value for residents, and our highways are no exception. By using Tell Us, residents can be confident their concerns are handled directly and that they will receive updates along the way.”



USEFUL CONTACTS

Whatever the weather, you never know when the unexpected might occur. Should there be instances of fallen trees, power outages, flooding etc, help and support can be found below:

IN AN EMERGENCY

If you think there's a risk to public safety, do not report it online, please call us immediately on 0345 603 7631 or if you have hearing problems you can use our text phone service on 0345 758 5592.

FALLEN TREES

To report a fallen tree that is obstructing a highway please contact Essex Highways:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/trees-hedges-and-weeds>

To report a fallen tree on a highway that is a risk to public safety call: 0345 603 7631

POWER CUTS

In the event of a power cut in your area, report to UK Power Networks by calling 0800 31 63 105 or simply 105. You can also report and check power cuts in your area at ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut

FLOODING

You can keep an eye on flood warnings here;

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/>

Essex County Council is the local flooding authority:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/floods-emergency-planning>