

Warm Spaces Braintree District



Essex County Council
Libraries

ESSEX LIBRARY SERVICE

Libraries are free for everyone, and while libraries across the county open year-round for residents, we recognise the need to respond to the rise in living costs by providing warm and inviting spaces, hot drinks, activities, and the opportunity to connect with others. 'Warm Welcomes' commits to supporting residents over the winter, particularly those affected by the cost-of-living crisis and rise in energy prices.



To find out what is available in each Library call **0345 603 7628** or email Information.Enquiry@essex.gov.uk

Braintree Frontline is a free website with up-to-date information on local community support and wellbeing services across the district. The public and professionals can refer directly to many services via Frontline, quickly and easily. Go to www.braintreefrontline.org.uk

Please note, the information in this document is correct as of October 2025



THE WELL: COFFEE SHOP AND DROP-IN CENTRE

The Well is our town centre coffee shop and drop in centre providing brilliant coffee, good food and most of all it's a great place to meet people or to simply relax and just 'be' in a warm space.



Penhaligon Court
Guithavon Street
Witham
CM8 1BJ

Wednesday - Saturday (10am - 2pm)

pastoralcare@bethelwitham.org

01376 520705



THE WITHAM COMMUNITY HUB

Our Warm Space will run from October to the end of March and, as the name suggests, it's a place where you can come in and sit down for a while and grab a hot drink (our teas and coffees start at just £1.00!). The Warm Space is a great place to meet new people but also you can just sit and watch the world go by. Either way, you're very welcome. While you are with us, you can enjoy a free bowl of soup with a roll.



Witham Community Hub, The
Grove Shopping Centre
Witham
CM8 2YT

Monday to Friday - 9am - 5pm

info@withamhub.co.uk

01376 617998



HEDINGHAM HOTSPOT

Hedingham Hotspot was set up last year and continues to run every week on Thursdays from 1000-1400. It started as a safe, warm space for members of the community to come to during the winter months; in part, as a response to the energy and cost of living crises but has become a year-round venue for members of the public to meet regularly.



Hedingham Baptist Church
177 Swan Street
Sible Hedingham
CO9 3PX

Thursdays from 10am - 2pm

contact@hedinghambaptist.org

07549 114720



MEET UP MONDAYS

Meet Up Mondays provides a weekly opportunity for people who find themselves on their own more than they would like, to meet up, make new friends and chat over a free cuppa, without feeling labelled as lonely.



The Coffee House in the
Gardens
43 Bocking End
Braintree
CM7 9AE

Mondays 10.00 - 11.30

meetupmondays@ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk

Rural Coffee Caravan Office:
01284 663 472



THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF HALSTEAD

Come and join us for Toastie Tuesdays at Halstead URC, fresh soup, toasted sandwiches, tea, coffee & cake are provided free of charge. We are a friendly group and we would love to see you.



The United Reformed Church
of Halstead
161 Kings Road
Halstead
CO9 1HJ

Tuesday 11am - 2.30pm

secretary@urcofhalstead.org.uk

01787 477875



HATFIELD PEVEREL VILLAGE HALL

The EMC Club is an informal, any-person's club that meets once a week on Wednesdays, 1-3pm in the Lounge at the Village Hall. Entrance is £4, which includes tea, coffee and refreshments. Activities at the club will evolve over time and will be based on what our members want to do. The club is aimed mainly at the over 50's, but don't be put off if you are younger and just fancy a natter a coffee and a bite to eat in the warm, friendly environment of the Village Hall.



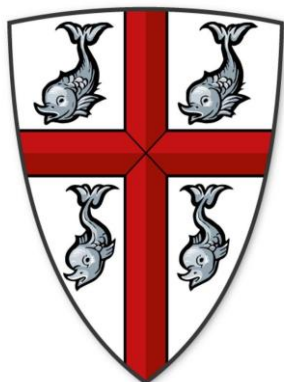
Hatfield Peverel Village Hall,
Maldon Road
Hatfield Peverel
CM3 2HP

EMC
Wednesday 1pm - 3pm

Coffee Lounge
Monday - Saturday 9am -
5pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm

Bookings@HatPevVhall.org

0300 102 0473



BOCKING ST MARYS: FRIENDLY FRIDAY CAFÉ - WARM SPACE

Everyone is welcome to pop into our Warm Space, but more appropriately our Community Space. The Friendly Friday Cafe runs each Friday through term time from 12-2.30pm. Drop in anytime, there is no need to book. There will be a free lunch, refreshments and cakes served during that time. A chance to meet others and to be out of the house. Our Hall is somewhere warm and friendly, a space run by the church for the whole community.



St Mary's Church Hall
Church Street
Bocking
CM7 5JY

The Friday Cafe from the first Friday (3rd) of October. Each Friday until mid-December from 12-2.30 pm, then restarting early in the New Year 2026

stmaryschurch@stmaryschurchbocking.onmicrosoft.com

01376 553092



FIRST STOP CENTRE - EDUCATION CLASSES

We provide a range of services to the community - including a range of confidence courses, employability, IT, budgeting and crafting. We can help with CV building /Job search help/Confidence classes/ IT and Maths Skills. We aim to meet the needs of all members of the

community both in-house and through referrals to other appropriate local organizations.



29 Bocking End
Braintree
CM7 3DP

Weekdays (excluding Wednesdays)
10:30am - 1:30pm
Some services available outside of these hours

contact@firststopcentre.onmicrosoft.com

01376 346535



ST PAULS CHURCH - BRAINTREE

Coffee Morning - Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits. Beverages are free, though you are welcome to make a small donation. We are a friendly group, come and get warm over a nice cuppa and a chat. Lunch Club - Tuesday - every fortnight - 12pm - 1.30pm - £6 - Come and join us!



St Paul's Church, Hay Lane
South
Braintree
CM7 3DY

Coffee Morning
Tuesday - 10.30am – 12pm
Lunch Club
Every fortnight on a Tuesday
- 12pm - 1.30pm

revrichardwchand@gmail.com
01376 322279



THE BRAINTREE COMMUNITY HUB

Our new Braintree Community Hub offers a warm space, where you can come in and sit for a while and grab a hot drink (our teas and coffees start at just £1.00!). A great place to meet new people but also you can just sit and watch the world go by. While you are with us, you can enjoy a free bowl of soup with a roll. We also host other community events - Knit & Natter, Community Supermarket, Trims on Thursday, and Bereavement Cafe.



67 High Street
Braintree
CM7 1JX

Monday - Saturday 10am -
2pm

braintreecommunityhub@outlook.com

01376 437716



DEMENTIA CAFE - BRAINTREE

Come along to our friendly cafe for people living with dementia and their families. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available. A Dementia Adviser from the Alzheimer's Society will be on hand to listen, provide support and information. We also provide a one to one clinic with the Alzheimer's Society if required.



Braintree Town Hall, Market
PI
Braintree
CM7 3YG

First Thursday of the month
10am - 12 noon.

essex@alzheimers.org.uk

03331503456



GREAT YELDHAM READING ROOM

Come and get warm and join us for tea, coffee, soup & rolls. We are a friendly group and you would be most welcome. Refreshments are free.



1900 High Street,
Great Yeldham
Halstead
CO9 4ER

Monday - 10am - 12 noon

philipraw@btinternet.com

01787 237 049



SALVATION ARMY BRAINTREE - WARM SPACE

The Salvation Army is offering a warm space to drop in and make friends. Everyone is invited to come and have a warm drink and a chat. The coffee morning is open every Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. No booking necessary. If you are lonely or need some companionship please join us for tea, coffee, bacon roll, sausage rolls and light refreshments for a nominal price. A warm welcome awaits you.



26-28 Rayne Road
Braintree
CM7 2QH

Wednesday - 9am - 11.30 am

braintree@salvationarmy.org.uk

01376 346 487



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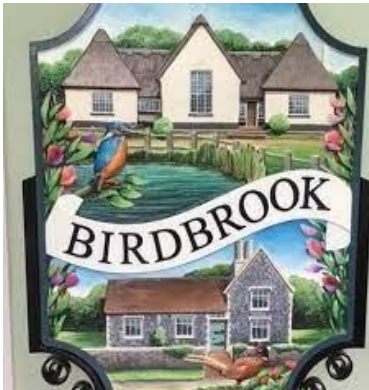
A warm welcome awaits residents who may be lonely or wanting to make new friends or may be new to the area. Our warm space offers companionship and conversation. Everyone is invited for a warm drink plus pastries and cakes every Thursday from 10.00am til 12.30pm. Refreshments will be free of charge.



Cressing Parish Council,
St Barnabas, Claud Ince Ave.
Cressing
CM77 8HG

Thursday 10.00am -12.30pm

07933 306927 / 01376 329288



BIRDBROOK COMMUNITY HOUSE

Come and get warm and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits. We are a friendly group and you would be most welcome. Refreshments are free. Open Fridays 10-12pm Birdbrook Community House, The St, Birdbrook



Birdbrook Community House,
The St, Birdbrook
Halstead
CO9 4BN

Friday - 10am - 12 noon

Steve.filbey@gmail.com

01440 785283



BRAINTREE BAPTIST CHURCH: CRAFTY CAFE

The Crafty Café team continue to look forward to meeting new people who are into crafts each week and building community together! Entry is free and refreshments are available to buy from the cafe, so come along with your craft materials or just join us for a chat.



Braintree Baptist Church,
Blyth's Meadow, Swan Side
Braintree
CM7 3DA

Mondays - 10am - 2.00pm.

admin@braintreebaptistchurch.com

01376 342650



ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH - BOCKING

We run 'Tea at two' on the first Wednesday of every month - 2pm - 3pm. Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits. Beverages are free, though you are welcome to make a small donation. We are a friendly group, come and get warm over a nice cuppa and a chat.



St Peter's Road
Bocking
Braintree
CM7 9AR

The first Wednesday of
every month 2pm - 3pm

fr.richard@stpeters-bocking.net

01376 322279



FEERING COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM

Feering Community Living Room is run by volunteers to create a warm and inviting space for residents to come along and meet friends old and new and have a chat over a tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome to visit.



Feering Community Centre,
Coggeshall Road
CO5 9QB

Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm

Kelvedon & Feering Cricket
Club, Rye Mill Lane
Feering
CO5 9SB

Mondays 2pm - 4pm

clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk
01376 572882



COLNE VALLEY PCN - DEMENTIA DROP IN

Come along to our friendly hub for people living with dementia and their carers. Free refreshments are available and support services are on hand to listen, provide support and information. Some of the Support agencies that attend throughout the year are: Adult social care, Alheimers society, Essex wellbeing service community agents, Dementia UK, Barclays Bank, Essex Dementia Care, Crossroads, Home Instead, Hearing Help Essex. Playlist for life.



Queens Hall
Chipping Hill
Halstead
CO9 2BY

First Friday of each month -
10am-12 Noon

michelle.vagg1@nhs.net



WHITE COLNE VILLAGE HALL- WARM SPACE

The warm space in White Colne will be open every Monday until Easter . We will offer free light breakfasts, chef made soup, cakes, hot drinks and snacks. We have hot desks for home workers .We are a very social convivial space and everyone is welcome.



White Colne Village Hall
Bures Road
White Colne
CO6 2QA

Every Monday until Easter
9am to 3pm

whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk/villagehall

07521 312778



KELVEDON URC WARM SPACE

Place of Welcome - Tuesdays - 10am - 12 noon - free tea, coffee and biscuits. Come along and meet people for a friendly chat. Warm Welcome Space - Tuesday - 12 noon - 1.30pm - Please join us for soup and a roll, plus a pudding every week. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.



89 High Street
Kelvedon
CO5 9AE

secretary@kelvedonurc.org.uk

01621 819437



RAYNE SOUP AND SANDWICHES LUNCH CLUB

We want to be at the heart of the community in Rayne village. We host meals in the Old School Room where everyone is welcome. Soup and Sandwiches takes place on 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays in the month and Lunch Club takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month.



The Old School Room
Shelford Road
Rayne
CM77 6BT

Cooked Lunch - Please
telephone to book

revromankuk@gmail.com

07522443622



THE LOUNGE - WELLBEING & WARM SPACE

Our community warm space is open every Tuesday afternoon. We have puzzles, games, craft, free hot drinks etc. You can bring your own hobby too or just sit and chat. If you are in need of some warmth, some company or just some time out for your own wellbeing, do please join us. We'd love to see you.



Bures Baptist Church
High Street
Bures
CO8 5JG

Tuesdays 2 - 4

enquiries@buresbaptistchurch.org



RIDGEWELL COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Volunteer-led support for rural villages between Braintree, Halstead, Sudbury & Haverhill.

Befriending, outings, monthly meals & transport.

Support through disability, divorce & bereavement.

Coffee mornings: Wednesdays 10am–12pm @ Ridgewell Community Chapel.

Within this, we run a Wednesday Group for learning disabilities & mental health – crafts, gardening, meals out & more



Ridgewell Community Chapel
Chapel Green
Ridgewell
CO9 4RS

info@chapelcommunitycare.org.uk

07396746674

Coffee morning - Every
Wednesday 10am-12pm



RIDGEWELL POP-UP CAFÉ

All are welcome to come along to our Pop-up café where you can get tea, coffee, savouries and cakes along with a generous helping of friendliness.

Last Friday of the month in the Ridgewell Village Hall.



Ridgewell Village Hall
Drury Lane
Ridgewell
CO9 4SL

Last Friday of the Month

2:30pm – 4:30pm