



Mersea Island Society

Mersea Island Society Newsletter



Mersea Island Society is back after the summer hiatus with local updates, community news and upcoming events for Autumn. Mersea Island Society was founded in 1961 and seeks to preserve the island's unique identity whilst helping to shape it's future.

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Local Plan – make sure have your say

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West Mersea Town council urge every resident to make their voices count regarding COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION. This is the final opportunity before the Planning Inspectorate considers proposals for 300 new houses in West Mersea. The site of these houses will be on the east side of Dawes Lane and wrap around the back of the houses on East Road up to the allotments.

THE CLOSING DATE IS 13TH OCTOBER AT 4PM. THESE HOUSES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 200+ HOUSES ALLOCATED IN THE PRESENT LOCAL PLAN.

According to the planners at Colchester, West Mersea is a LARGE settlement and therefore suitable for further growth.

Obviously this fails to take into account our unique island location and tidal flooding, environmental concerns affecting the Blackwater specifically with regard to waste water treatment issues, the lack of medical facilities despite previous promises, limited public transport and the further impact on our already strained infrastructure.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ADVICE AND WAYS TO MAKE YOUR FEELINGS KNOWN.



Information and Advice

- Submit via the city council's consultation portal at <https://colchester.oc2.uk/>
- By Post: Local Plan Team, Planning Dept. Colchester City Council, Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, CO3 3WG.
- An alternative paper response form is available at West Mersea Library or the Town Council office. It is also available to download on the Town's website along with more information about the proposals - please click [here](#). The form was also published in the latest edition of The Courier.

What is it all about?

Where to find information on the local plan

West Mersea Town Council Local Plan information - click [here](#)

Cllr Martin Parson's FB post of 27th August on Mersea Locals gives a good precis of the information - click [HERE](#)

Colchester Council's website [Colchester Council - Plan](#)

TOP TIP: use ChatGPT - ask it to read the plan and summarise the key points for you, then ask it to help you object/support.



Life Rings on the beach

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The tragedy on the beach at West Mersea this summer, highlighted the need for life rings all along the beach. This is something that MIS has been passionate about for some time.

Committee member, Steve Vince, raised money from local residents before the summer season to put life rings along the beach in front of the esplanade with Mersea Island Society making a donation. It was extremely unfortunate that the area where the family drowned was not covered. Since the tragedy more life rings have appeared all along the beach

Following the tragedy, Mr Vince put up warning signs in advance of the bank holiday but these were taken down by Colchester Council as they had not authorised them. It should be noted that the council have not replaced them with 'authorised' ones.

[For more information on water safety click here](#)

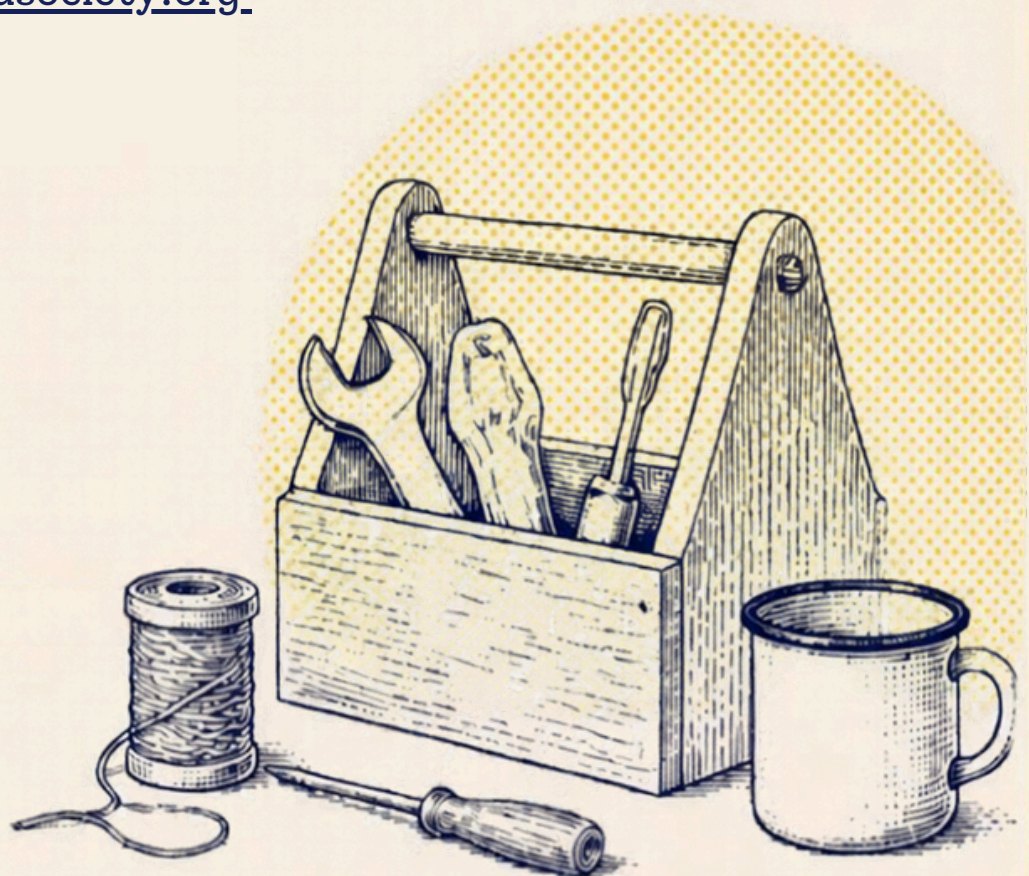


Mersea's own Repair Shop

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Committee member, Ian Crossley brought to our attention at our recent meeting the starting of a repair shop. The people involved are looking for premises to work from. If you have or know of anyone with an appropriate space, please get in touch via Mersea Island Society. Mersea Island Society are fully supportive of this new initiative. More details of how to get things repaired to follow.

info@merseaislandsociety.org



Upcoming Talks & Events

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7th October

**Thomas Bonds of FLOW Gym
Talk: How to age well**

4th November

**AGM followed by Phil Passfield Talk: Police
Dog Handling**

2nd December

**Christmas get together
Details to be sent via email to members.**



And Finally...

Mersea Island Society

Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual £5 supporters fee.

You can pay in the following ways:

Online at www.merseaislandsociety.org/support-us

By setting up a standing order - Sort Code: 309950/Account No: 24430562

By cash by giving to any committee member.

Mersea Island Society is run solely by volunteers who give their time without any remuneration. As a society rather than a charity we are not eligible for any grants etc. and therefore rely solely on our membership for funds.

Please consider giving more than your annual subscription and encourage all your friends and neighbours to join.

