

December Newsletter



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Admin

1. As mentioned last month, our Essex Manual has been revised and updated to include a Deputy County Controller (Section 1), our remote repeaters now operating in Cascade mode (Section 2), a revised call-out process with new RvPs for each Area (Section 3 and Annex), and new contact details for the management team (Section 5). They are all stored on Dropbox and on MS Teams

2. To help us keep sane in this period of ongoing Lockdown variants, I'd like your help to put on some interesting, amusing, or educational presentations either to your Area team or to the whole of the membership. So if you've got an interest that you'd like to share with the rest of us; it doesn't have to be radio related – but can be, then please get in touch with your Area Controller. I think this is important for us to keep in contact via these sorts of events.

3. Can I ask again for any members who would be interested in taking on the role of Deputy County Controller. If you'd like to know a little more then please get in touch with Steve.

Engineering

1. Progress continues with 24 out of 34 members now migrated to our new ZelloWork App.

We will use this as a 'back channel' for events and incidents. If you've missed this, then please get in touch with Jason, 2EOXTA, for more information.

2. The whole of the management team has adopted the use of MS Teams for video calling (as it is free) and the storage of key information. Once confirmed that this is a viable system for us to use, we will be asking all members to do the same. If you'd like to get ahead of the game and give it a go, then download the MS Teams App for your device(s) and sign in with your raynet-uk email.

3. A brief reminder that we've not got any imminent events lined up, but we are on call for any comms emergency. Here's some of our VHF and UHF professional radios having their monthly top-up.



4. Our APRS beacons have been fully refurbished and replacement modules added for full power use.

They are due back from the US in January.

Essex EPO

The Essex county emergency planning team have a number of major issues to consider over the next few months.

There is a long range forecast for a colder winter, and they have asked us if we can prepare contingency plans to support the Essex Rover Rescue team. This is now underway and more information will be published once we have got provisional plans.

Membership

I'd like to warmly welcome Jonathan, M0MYZ, to the organisation. Jonathan joins the Central Area

Training

1. A training session is being planned for January to brief all on our revised call-out process. Please look out for a Doodle Poll; I would ask for a prompt reply so we can quickly set a date that's the best for all.

2. Essex RAYNET specific Risk Assessment documents will be ready by early January, and a set of briefing sessions are being planned. It is really important that we appreciate the Health and Safety risks and mitigations when attending Essex RAYNET activities and where the responsibilities lie for ensuring we are operating in a safe environment