

# July Newsletter



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## All quiet?

During this period of lockdown the various teams have been beavering away in the background to exploit this downtime for the organisation. This newsletter is to bring you up-to-speed on what been going on.

## Engineering

1. In preparation for Saltmarsh Ultra there will be testing of our temporary outstation at East Hall farm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you can call in and give signal reports look out for more details on Friday morning.
2. Work is underway to replace our remote repeater switching units to give better control. We plan to introduce a new remote repeater at County Hall to give better coverage to the centre of the county.



3. We have been donated a trailer mast by the family of an SK. It needs some work to bring it back to serviceability and we are looking for volunteers to form a working part to help. Look at for invitations from the Engineering Officer.

4. Driven by the need for encryption capabilities from our User Services we have invested in some DMR UHF handhelds and a base station to use with our new dual-mode UHF repeater.

If you'd like to help out with the trailer then get in touch with Jason, 2EOXTA, at [jason.moore@raynet-uk.net](mailto:jason.moore@raynet-uk.net)

## Training

1. A training session was held last week for those relatively new to Essex RAYNET, covering the basics of what we do and the scope of our capabilities.
2. The next session will be focusing in more detail on the events and incidents that members could be asked to attend, and what you should do when on station.
3. There are more events in the planning stage to cover: (i) what to take with you when deployed, (ii) introduction to DMR, (iii) call-out process and key roles, (iv) and message handling and the use of Pro Words.

If you'd like to know more then contact Jenny, MOJKN, at [jenny.wilson@raynet-uk.net](mailto:jenny.wilson@raynet-uk.net)

## Events

Most of our planned events for 2020 have been postponed until 2021 but there are still a few on the calendar for this year.

## Events

The next one is the Maldon Bubble Rush on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, but the big one will be Saltmarsh Ultra on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We are likely to need most of our members to cover the 50 mile course for the 20 hours duration of the event. Invitations will soon be coming out to ask if you will be available for a shift on the day. This is a provisional request to aid the planning, so you're not committing yourself, yet!

## Communications

Recently we were contacted by Tendring District Council to potentially help them with their beach patrol system – and we went on Alert. The good news is they have found a work-around and we were not formally called out.

However, it did highlight that we need to improve our internal comms when needing to reach all with potential call-outs and important information.

I am therefore proposing we use our WhatsApp Essex RAYNET group to bring to your attention an important email via the Essex RAYNET Reflector.

If requested, please 'Acknowledge' the email so we know its reached you. If asked if you are available with a Yes/No/Maybe please respond even it's a No. Thanks.