

November Newsletter



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Admin

1. Our Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 26th October passed the proposal to add the role of Deputy Chairman/County Controller to the Constitution. The next step is to appoint someone to this post and support the County Controller. If anyone would like to be considered then please get in touch with Steve, G8UDD, to find out more information and/or express an interest.
2. As part of the refresh of the Essex RAYNET Manual, the Rendezvous Points (RvPs) for deployment within each Area have been refreshed. These will soon be published, and all will be asked to note.
3. New Risk Assessments have been produced to cover all of our most popular aspects. Once signed off, briefing sessions will be organised for all.
3. We will soon be enhancing our personal information policies to align with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
4. A quick piece of planning work from Neil, MONAS, and Graham, G8PYD, created an emergency comms plan for Kelvedon Park HQ. This was in response to a question from the Essex County Emergency Planning team.

Engineering

1. A very successful Net session was held using ZelloWork this month, with 15 members attending. This is the professional version and proved to be very stable. I would encourage all to set themselves up with this free Application and see the email from Jason, 2E0XTA, sent on the 7th November
2. Arrangements have been completed for our APRS units so that they can be dispatched to the US for a complete overhaul and upgrading this month.



3. Good progress continues with our trailer mast with most of the fabrication completed. A big thank you to Ian, MOLZI, and Vince, G8YPK, for their continued efforts. Another coat of paint and it should be ready for a work party to start the assembly process.



4. As part of regular testing our Clark Mast has been erected to test out that its seals and locking nuts are OK. This confirmed that it is fit-for-purpose.
5. Moving forward with an additional remote repeater in the North Area has been put on hold until the Lockdown has been relaxed.

Events

1. Farleigh Hospice have confirmed that the Santa Fun Run, planned for early December, has been cancelled

Training

1. Training this month has focussed on the preparation of material for briefing out on the Risk Assessments mentioned above.