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- Essex RAYNET now has Instagram!
- Why not give us a follow @essexraynetuk
- We have received a very generous donation of £100, from the Clacton Carnival Association, which was collected by **M7WZ0 David Mulder**, at a recent Awards Ceremony - Thank you for nominating us!
- If you would like Essex RAYNET to give a presentation at your local Radio Club, email chairman@essexraynet.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS



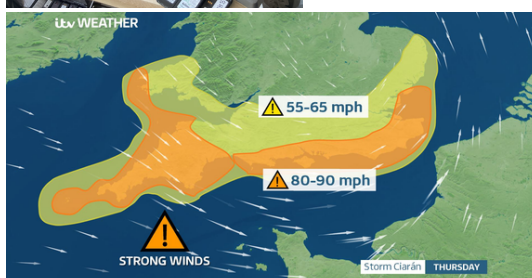
- Santa Fun Run - Sun 3rd December
- Winter Training Evening - TBC Jan-Mar
- Canvey Radio Rally - Sun 4th February
- Colchester Half Marathon - Sun 17th March
- Churches Together In Maldon - Fri 29th Mar

STORM CIARAN



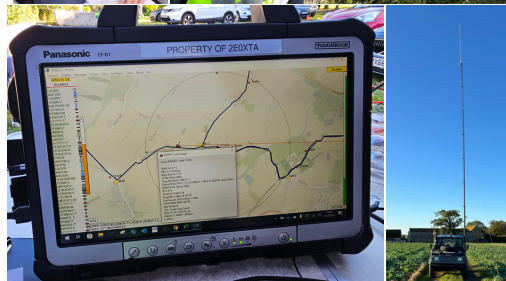
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- Essex RAYNET, along with many other Groups along the Coast between Wales & Norfolk, went onto Standby, ready for Storm Ciaran, which was due to hit Essex on Wednesday Evening.
- High Winds in excess of 80mph and significant Rainfall, were forecast to cause widespread disruption, as it swept across the UK
- We were asked by local authorities in Essex, to enter a 'Alert' then 'Standby' phase of readiness, in preparation for a 'Callout' - which allowed us to test out our processes and ensure our 'Go-Bags' were ready
- Engineering & Logistical Plans for Deployment were pre-written, ready to go should they be needed by our Base & Incident Officers
- Thank you to all those who responded with their availability and preparation for Callout

CHELMSFORD MARATHON

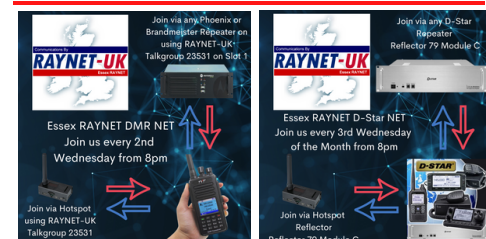


- We supported the Haven's Hospice, Chelmsford Marathon, on Sunday 15th Oct, by providing Radio Safety Comms for Nice Works & EMATS Medical Services, alongside Essex 4x4 Response
- This challenging RF Route was covered using 2x Crossband Repeaters, along with RF APRS via our Digipeater and using an Icom LTE link with Essex 4x4 Response.
- We once again trialed Electronic Logging & APRS RF, which worked very well.
- We have received a generous donation of £450 from Nice Works - Thank you!
- Thank you to all who assisted with this event - 2E0XTA, 2E0MYZ, 2E0NNZ, 2E0PSN, M0GIG, M0IXY, M7LCF, M0LZI, G8YPK, G8UDD, M7SNR, M0LOM/M3YST, M0NAS, M6EBU, G7DBM, M7NAS, G0UIB, G8ITB - also to all at Essex 4x4 Response

TRAINING

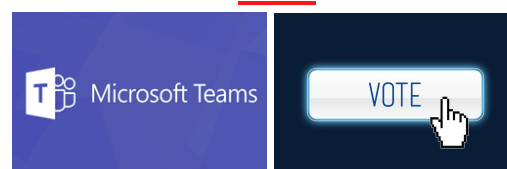
- Refresher Training for Deployments, Go Bags etc are part of a Winter Training Package, open to all - details from G8UDD to follow soon via email/WhatsApp
- SarSYS Training also in the pipeline following feedback from the Membership
- Suggestions for topics at the Winter Training Day welcomed - please email training@essexraynet.co.uk

WEEKLY & CASCADE NETS



- Week 1 - Cascade RF Nets @ 8PM
- Week 2 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531
- Week 3 - D-Star Net @ 8PM on Reflector 79 Module C
- Week 4 - Icom LTE Net @ 8PM on Essex RAYNET Talkgroup
- Week 5 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531

EGM



- We have called an EGM which will take place on Tuesday 21st November, at 1930 on MS Teams, to propose some much needed changes to our Constitution, in preparation for a review of the Membership Fee over the next 4 months
- Please make every effort to join in and help cast your vote on the Proposal
- If you have any questions/queries, please contact your Area Controller Team.



- Volunteers for the Santa Fun Run on Sunday 3rd December welcomed - email ian.duxbury@raynet-uk.net to sign up!

ENGINEERING



- We recently installed a temporary Icom Crossband Repeater at our Chelmsford Installation, while the existing Unit is sent away for servicing - we also took the opportunity to tweak the temporary APRS Digipeater while on-site
- 2E0KFG Chris has setup a XLX Reflector for Multi-Mode Digital Nets, further details to follow. Visit xlx275.uk.to
- The Aveley Repeater Site will soon be improved, following a shorter Coax Run and move to a Motorola Repeater

73 2E0XTA - County Controller