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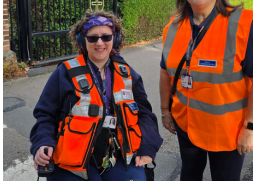
Cascade Net



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- We hold a monthly net which will be on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8pm via FM + via ZelloWork on the channel MB9HAU
- **Next Cascade Net is Wed 2nd December @ 8PM with G0IJN John or M0NAS Neil**
- Reminders will be sent via WhatsApp/SMS in advance of the Net

2026-2027 Events Diary



Chelmsford Garden Community

- Santa Fun Run - Sunday 6th December
- CGCC Winter Fun Run - Sun 3rd Jan
- Hadleigh 10k - Sunday 28th February
- Colchester Half Marathon - Sun 14th Mar
- CTIM - Fri 26th March
- CGCC Easter Fun Run - (TBA)
- Walk for Life - Sun 9th May (TBA)
- Pier to Pier - Sun 16th May (TBA)
- Brightlingsea Carnival - Sat 19th June (TBA)
- Community Fun Day - (TBA)
- Clacton Carnival - Sat 7th August (TBA)
- Clacton Airshow - Thurs 26th/Fri 28th August
- CGCC Autumn Fun Run - (TBA)

Engineering

- Members of the Engineering Team, visited our Chelmsford installation, to temporarily swap out the equipment, due to a fault - with the Repeater from MB9HAR - replacement equipment is being sourced
- A programme of Engineering tasks, across the Winter period is being planned

Trustee Update





- The Trustees of the CIO, last met on Thursday 1st October via Microsoft Teams
- Following the announcement and formalisation of the new logo & branding for Essex RAYNET - feedback has been very positive, with the expansion of this across our clothing in the proceeding months
- Donations of over £1100 have been received in the last month (Sept-October) - which simply wouldn't of been possible without the support of members at events - we really do mean that!
- We'll be purchasing a new valance & canopy for the Net Control Gazebo, with the updated Essex RAYNET branding
- Purchase of a Icom UHF Dual Mode Repeater - we have now returned a Repeater loaned to us in 2024 and wish to thank Essex Radio Hire / Icom UK
- Work is continuing on the various policies for the CIO, with the workload handled by the six trustees
- Next meeting of the Trustees will be on Thursday 5th November - if you have any questions/feedback, please send this to trustees@essexraynet.co.uk

Area Meetings

Microsoft Teams

- North Area are currently in the process of organising a In-Person get together, between now and mid December
- Central Area recently held a virtual online meeting of its members, to discuss recent events, training opportunities and goals for 2027

Training



- Training is a vital part of our operational readiness, as such a virtual platform is important for delivering effective training, combined with hands on experience
- We have opted to use the Moodle platform to achieve this, as it has many of the features we require and is a very comprehensive educational tool
- We are currently in the process of setting up the backend and certificates, ready for the training modules to be written/added
- Once operational, we will have the facility to deliver online training modules ad-hoc and at regularly set intervals, to ensure skills are maintained to a high standard
- Moodle will also allow us to grade and matrix the level of current training, where we need to improve/focus
- Certificates will be issued on successful completion of a module, with the ability for QR Code authentication
- Delivery is planned within next 3-4 months, due to production time of training materials

CGCC Autumn Fun Run







- We assisted Chelmsford Garden Community Council, with the 3-5-10km Fun Run at New Hall School, on Sunday 6th September - providing safety radio communications
- Over 200 participants across the 3 courses, raising money for the Chelmsford Lions Club
- We were also interviewed with the Chelmsford Lions Club, by Chelmsford Community Radio, on who we are - what we do - how we do it and how we support communities & charities across Essex!

CCR 104.4 FM
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EGM Results

- An EGM was held remotely via Microsoft Teams, on Monday 21st Sept
- All three proposals were duly ratified by a consenus of votes, sufficent to exceed the qouram requirement

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Farleigh Hospice - Cycle for Life

- We helped support Farleigh Hospice, with the finale, Cycle for Life event on Sunday 20th September in Chelmsford
- We deployed a team of 14 operators, across the 20-50-100km routes, providing Safety Radio Communications - APRS vehicle/sweep tracking and a dedicated PMR Radio Network for the Medical & Essex 4x4 Response
- Coverage across both systems was very good, with route-wide coverage
- Farleigh Hospice raised over £20,000, with 472 riders taking part on the day - which is a fitting tribute to an event which has raised many thousands of pounds during its tenure - we shall miss it!





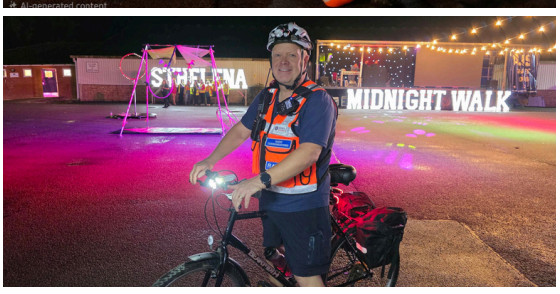




St Helena Hospice - Midnight Walk







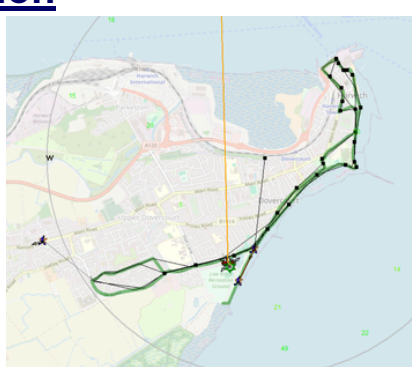


- We also helped support, the finale Midnight Walk, for St Helena Hospice, on Saturday 12th Sept
- We deployed a team of 8 operators, to provide Safety Radio Communications, across the route to Marshalls, as well as live APRS tracking of the Sweep
- The event saw over 200 partipants take to the streets of Colchester, helping to raise over £12,000
- The Midnight Walk has been run for 14 years (with virtual walks taking place between 2020-2023)
- We are sad to see this event reach its finale, however we look forward to supporting St Helena at a fresh event in the near future

St Helena Hospice - Harwich Half Marathon

- We helped support St Helena Hospice and Nice Work, with the Harwich Half & 10k Marathon, on Sunday 4th October
- We deployed a team of 7 operators, to provide Safety Radio Communications, to Traffic Management, Marshalls and Event organisers - with route-wide coverage on Digital Radio
- We also provided APRS tracking and mapping, for the Sweep, helping to provide situational awareness of the speed/progress of the runners across the 10k and Half Marathon
- A fantastic result, with 753 runners across both routes, helping to raise over £55,000 for St Helena Hospice
- Thank you to everyone who helped support this event - we couldn't of done it without you!

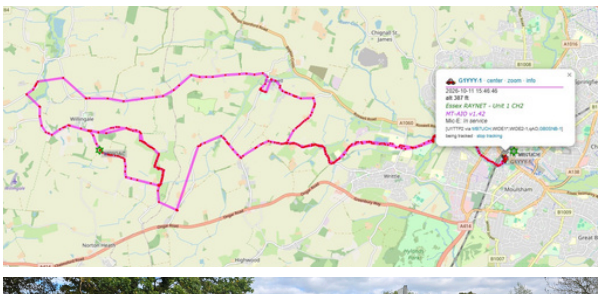




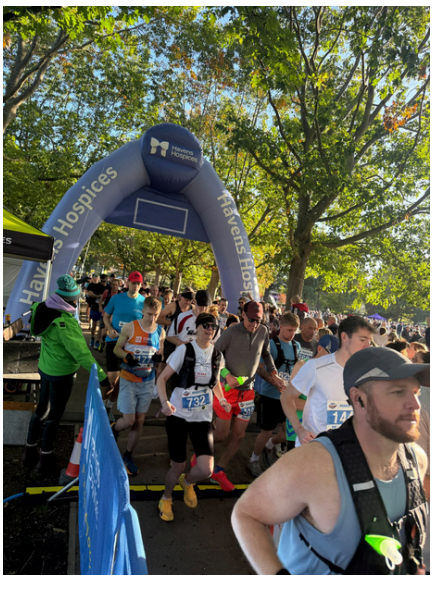




J's Hospice - Chelmsford Marathon







- We supported Nice Work, with the Chelmsford Marathon on Sunday 11th Oct,
- We deployed a team of 17 operators, including 2 from Kent RAYNET, to provide Safety Radio Communications, for Traffic Management, Marshalls and Event organisers - with route-wide coverage on Digital / Analogue Radio
- We also provided APRS tracking and mapping, for the Sweep
- A fantastic result, with 1800 runners across both the Half & Full Marathon, helping to raise over £30,000 for Little Havens / J's Hospice
- Thank you to all who helped!

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