



West Mersea Town Council



West Mersea
Town Council

Annual
Town
Meeting



**PLEASE COME ALONG
AND FIND OUT WHAT
IS HAPPENING IN
THE COMMUNITY**

You're Invited

THURSDAY 25th April 2024

**Royal British Legion
39 Barfield Rd, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8QX**

Doors open at 6pm, meeting commences at 7pm.

IF you cannot attend, but would like your comments raised please contact:
karen.kuderovitch@westmerseatowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01206 – 382128

*Approximately two weeks before the meeting residents will receive an invitation
in the form of a postcard with the agenda on the reverse.*

Please keep this and bring along to the meeting.

Bringing you key information from your Town Council



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Newsletter

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Your Town Councillors and Town Clerk



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Please note that the e-mail addresses for staff and councillors have changed to .gov.uk (as above).



Mayor's Update



It has been disappointing recently to see several reports/letters in the local press being somewhat negative about the council. Whilst this is actually nothing new for the council, and we all learn to be thick-skinned, it can be frustrating and can affect morale. Negative comments are not in abundance but so often the good work is overlooked. I'd like to remind everyone that all the WMTC councillors give their time freely. Councillors are doing what they do as they want to do their best for their community.

This last year, or nine months to be precise, has been very challenging for the council. All things considered, including not having a full council until September, and a change of Clerk, we have actually achieved quite a lot, for which I'd like to thank all councillors and staff for their efforts.

To give an idea of how productive the council has been, here are some works that have been carried out.

Some achievements over last six months:

- New benches on beach near Monkey steps – these have been very positively received, with comments/feedback saying they look great.
- Dragon's teeth removed from off Monkey beach – this was not a straightforward fix, due to certain permissions being required, but was finally done.
- Resurfacing of Glebe car park – this been awaited for a long time and it's great that it has now been done. A huge improvement.
- Compacta Bins – these are proving very successful, despite doubts and a few critics. They are being well used, and as very popular with children, we asked the school to run a competition for the children to come up with phrases. Nine winners were chosen for the nine bins now operating, and these will be programmed shortly with these phrases.



- Newsletter – this quarterly newsletter is proving popular with residents.
- Regular updates in local press – we continue to publish regular updates of council business in the local press, to keep residents as informed as possible.
- Road linings – various areas where lines were needed, or to be refreshed, have now been completed and we will continue to monitor these
- Restoration works on War Memorial – this took place before the Remembrance Service in November and looked lovely for this important occasion
- Work started on the Coastguard compound on Coast Road (previously known locally as the Granny’s Playground). Work should soon be completed.

To bring things right up to date:

An Action Plan has been developed, which will help residents see what is in our current workload, and plans for this next year. This has been published on our website and is also in this newsletter.

Planning has now started on D-Day 80 Commemorations. We are linking up with the school to involve them in the Beacon Lighting event on Thursday 6th June in the evening on the Esplanade Car Park. More details to follow soon.

Finally, our thanks go to Sam Jarvis for his time served on the Council and for the great contribution that he made. We will miss his enthusiasm and involvement in our community and wish him well.



**For all Town Council News
and information
please see our website
<https://www.westmersea.org>**





Town Clerk's Report



The Town Council has been extremely busy working on a number of key projects, together with the everyday business. The resignation of Sam Jarvis was significant for the Town Council. Councillors make every effort to attend meetings, juggling their home and work life commitments. Some Councillors who may not be able to attend meetings, are still very actively involved in Town Council business, working behind the scenes and involved in the various Committees.

We now have the following Committees/Working Groups actively meeting:

Community Assets & Facilities, Environment & Community Services, Planning & Highways, Personnel & MISA Working Group & D-Day 80 Working Group. This should improve the speed of decisions being made and reduce the content for the full council meetings, allowing the Committees to make recommendations to full council for approval. Each Committee has its own terms of reference which can be found on our web site.

The Town Council has now published their Action Plan (see further on in this newsletter). This plan will be constantly reviewed and updated and the budgets can be moved by Council resolution. There are many exciting projects on there so much to be done!

The Town Council have allocated £2,000 in the budget for additional flowers and our gardener is hard at work planning some lovely displays. The Town Council office has had fencing erected adjacent to Footpath 20 for more security and now creates more space for Council to utilise, and this received many positive comments from residents.

The tired looking information boards on Coast Road have been approved to be replaced, so look out for those coming soon. Coastguards Compound works are coming along, we have five residents indicating a wish to sponsor new benches, so we plan to install the same ones as on Monkey Beach. We will also work on a historic information board to be installed, together with a new large litter bin.

Annual Town Meeting – Thursday 25th April 2024 – British Legion Hall – doors open 6.15pm. We are busy planning this to make it a bigger and more engaging event. We



are securing key speakers and a variety of stands and a postcard invitation will be delivered a couple of weeks beforehand, so please look out for the invitation cards and save to bring along to the meeting.

Our web site is currently under review and we hope when the new design has been finalised, residents will hopefully find information easier and quicker to access.

Large print – if you or anyone you know would like a larger size newsletter for ease of reading then please contact me and I will arrange a copy to be dropped off.

Finally my thanks to Councillors and Staff for their commitment to ensuring we do the best we can for our residents at all times.

Our next issue will be in the form of a June Annual Report.

Welcome to our new Parish Councillor!

NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Colchester City Council

Election of a Parish Councillor to West Mersea Town Council

Thursday 21 March 2024

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the person whose name appears below was duly elected Parish Councillor for West Mersea Town Council.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
WEBSTER Teresa Dawn	(address in Colchester)	Independent

Dated Friday 23 February 2024

Pam Donnelly
Returning Officer

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public wishing to address the Council have the opportunity to do so during the Public Forum. However, also in accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public may be excluded whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Members of the public and press are warmly welcomed to attend.

A person may speak no longer than 3 minutes and the total time allocated to the public session, as per Standing Orders is 15 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. Please refer to Standing Orders Section 3 and the Meeting Protocol Policy.

If you wish to raise something with the Town Council and cannot attend then please contact the Town Clerk in advance.

DATE	MEETING/TIME	LOCATION
7 th March	Full Council 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
11 th April	Full Council 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
25 th April	Annual Town Meeting – 5.30PM MEETING STARTS 7PM What is the purpose of the Annual Town Meeting? The purpose of the meeting is so that the Town Council and other local organisations can explain what they have been doing over the last year. It also enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish The Annual Town Meeting is a meeting of the electorate taking place between 1 March and 1 June.	39 Barfield Rd, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8QX Doors open 5.30pm for refreshments and browsing of stalls
16 th May	Annual Council Meeting – 7PM The Annual Meeting of the Town Council is a full council meeting held in May where the election of the Chairman is the first business	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
13 th June	Full Council – 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
11 th July	Full Council – 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
8 th August	Full Council – 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
12 th September	Full Council – 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
10 th October	Full Council – 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
14 th November	Full Council – 7PM	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD
12 th December	Full Council	Town Council Chamber, Melrose Road, West Mersea. CO58JD

Please view the Council website for agendas and minutes of previous meetings.
All Council Committee meetings are listed on the website.

Website: www.westmersea.org



SAVE THE DATE!

Location: Victoria Esplanade Car Park,
CO5 8XB

Thursday 6th June 2024

Beacon Lighting at 9.15pm



FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW





The action plan was approved by full Council at the 8th February 2024 meeting.

West Mersea Town Council strives to work on behalf of the residents to ensure that West Mersea is a well maintained and attractive place to live. The Town Council welcomes comments and suggestions for new projects. This action plan covers a three-year period, owing to the size and complexity of the projects that the Town Council are planning to undertake. The plan also includes the ongoing general maintenance work that the Town Council is obliged to undertake as well as less financially demanding projects which are enhancing to the local environment. The plan is reviewed on an annual basis alongside the budget and updated when applicable.

Items on this action plan are in the budget, but note that these are subject to change, pending Town Council approval.

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	PLANNED OUTCOME	PLANNED COMPLETION	BUDGET/COST	UPDATE
LAND, BUILDINGS & LEASES						
Land at Coast Road	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Investment for accessibility and to improve the aesthetics	Enhancement of the area	Ongoing	£7,500 budget allocation	
Glebe Pavilion Working Group MISA Reps for Town Council	Cllr. Powling, Cllr. Hart & Cllr. Gibbons	Design and management fees			£11,000 budget allocation	
Changing Places Lease	Town Council	Amendments in progress from Colchester City Council	Sign off	8 th February 2024	Unknown	
WMTC Office Building Lease	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Discussions in progress from Colchester City Council	Sign off	Unknown	Unknown	
WMTC Office	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	To remove hedging & fence, erect new fence	Better security/use of space	February 2024	£2,000 budget allocation	Completed 1 st Feb 24
WMTC Town Clerk's Office Allotment Lease	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Flood damage works To review current lease & make arrangements to discuss with the landowner	To reinstate office (insurance claim) Sign off	March 2024 March 2024	No cost Unknown	
Sanderling Reach – provision of additional housing (Including gifted homes)	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Awaiting planning application	Development of a trust/sign off	2024/25	Unknown	
Glebe 3	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Detailed plan published by Mersea Homes		Unknown	Unknown	
CEMETERIES						
Barfield Road	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Bio-diversity project	Enhancement of the area	Unknown	£2,500 budget allocation	
Firs Road	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Lime Trees maintenance New Hedge front Cemetery driveway resurfacing Grave turves	Enhancement of the area Enhancement of the area Essential maintenance	2025/26	£3,500 budget allocation £7,400 budget allocation £40,000 estimated cost £1,000 budget allocation	
Felby View		Continuation of driveway (teardrop)	Access Improvements		£9,000 budget allocation	



ACTION PLAN



OPEN SPACES						
Coastguard Compound	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Fence works, new benches, trees reduced, information board	Enhance the area for public enjoyment	February/March 2024	£8,000 budget allocation	
Survey & tree works	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Tree maintenance	Essential works	February/March 2024	£8,000 budget allocation	
Victoria Esplanade	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	2 Compactor Bins	Protecting the environment	February/March 2024	£8,000 budget allocation	
Boardwalk	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	To review current condition & make recommendations for remedial action. Consider staged project.	Enhance the area for public enjoyment	2024	£75,000 budget allocation	
Hedge Maintenance	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Schedule of works – tender document to be finalised – quotes to be sought (contracts finder)	Essential works	Winter 2024	£15,000 budget allocation	
Planting	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	To provide additional bulbs/flowers	Visual improvements	Ongoing	£2,000 budget allocation	
Information Boards, Coast Road	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Replacement of 3 boards & mounts	Visual improvements	March 2024	£3,500	
Water Bailiff/Zone Warden	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Work with respective organisations	Protecting the environment Enhance the area for public enjoyment	2024	£25,000	
MISA	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	To finalise MISA/Tennis lease	Sign-off	March 2024	Unknown	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT						
Councillor Surgeries	Environment Community Services Committee	Commence monthly surgeries on Saturday mornings 10am - midday	Improve community engagement	Commencing April 2024 & ongoing	£200 budget allocation	
Website/emails	Environment Community Services Committee	Move to a .gov website Add & remove pages Change to .gov email addresses	Improve community engagement	March 2024	£550 budget allocation	
Mersea Walks Leaflet	Environment Community Services Committee	Reprinting – obtain estimates/update local business	Improve community engagement	Summer 2024	Unknown	
Newsletter	Environment Community Services Committee	Publish 4 editions per year to every house	Improve community engagement	Ongoing	£5,000 budget allocation	
Annual Town Meeting	Town Council	Meeting open to all residents	Increase attendance	Meeting 24 th April 2024 Royal British Legion 7pm	Minimal cost	
Community Special Constables	Environment Community Services Committee	Continue to promote	Secure an officer	Ongoing	£1,000 budget allocation	
Grant scheme	Town Council	Receive applications for funding (in line with policy)	Support local organisations	Ongoing	On application	
PARKS/PLAY EQUIPMENT						
Wellhouse Park	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Essential maintenance/ review of the standards	Enhance the area/ essential maintenance	Spring 2024	£2,000 budget allocation	
West Mersea Park – School Gardens	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Review climbing frame, twin swing frame, seesaw (pending suppliers), roundabout & path replacement	Essential maintenance	Spring 2024	Unknown	





ACTION PLAN



West Mersea Park – Youth Field	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Skatepark	Improvements		£1,000 budget allocation	
West Mersea Park	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Ditch – clearance required	Essential maintenance	Spring 2024	Unknown	
West Mersea Park	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	New Inclusive play equipment, removal of items not fit for purpose	Offer better play facilities/promote health & well being	Spring 2024	£20,000 budget allocation	
West Mersea Park – Youth field	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	French drains	Improve drainage	Spring 2024	£6,000 budget allocation	
Glebe 1	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Lighting to car park (part of pavilion scheme)	Visual improvements	Unknown	£10,000 budget allocation	
Glebe 1	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Basketball court – new backboards and lines on surface	Essential maintenance	Spring 2024	£1,500 budget	
Bike Humps - Glebe 2	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Improvements	Essential maintenance	Spring 2024	£3,000 budget allocation	
TRAFFIC & CAR PARKS						
EV Charging points	Environment Community Services Committee	Provide 2 units (site to be agreed)	Environmental benefits	Spring 2024	£2,000 budget allocation	
Seaview car park	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Upgrade	Enhancement of the area – subject to ownership	Unknown	£5,500 budget allocation	
Village Green 241 North	Community Assets/ Facilities Committee	Clearing the boats & a project to revitalise as a space for the community. Consider a Public Space Protection Order	Enhancement of the area	Unknown	Unknown	
The Follies	Environment Community Services Committee	Develop a maintenance plan & improve accessibility	Essential maintenance	Unknown	£5,000 budget allocation	
White Lining	Environment Community Services Committee	Review problem areas	Painting	Ongoing	£8,000 budget allocation	
POLICIES & PROCEDURES						
All Councillors	Town Council	Arrange an in-house training session (EALC) to be attended by all Councillors	Ensure Councillors are trained	March 2024	£4,000 budget allocation	
Councillors & Staff	Personnel Committee	Offer of training	Ensure all receive the appropriate training	Ongoing		
COMMUNITY EVENTS						
Annual Town Meeting	Environment & Community Services Committee	Hold an Annual Town Meeting on 24 th April 2024		Annually		
D-Day 80	Working Party	Discuss ideas to mark the occasion	Advertise plans to residents to participate	6 th June 2024	£5,000 budget allocation	
Christmas 2024	Environment Community Services Committee	Discuss ideas for visual improvements	Enhanced display	Ongoing	£10,000	
Mayor's Civic Service	Environment Community Services Committee	Improve community engagement/thank you for service to the community	Invitations to be sent	27 th October 2024	£1,500	





Finance Report

Much has been achieved during this financial year, as shown in this newsletter and earlier editions, this despite many comings and goings of staff and councillors. At the same time there were unplanned and unexpected costs along with a shortfall of parking income. This said the Council expects to finish the financial year close to the budgeted forecast, subject to monies owed to the Council of around £40,000 arriving prior to the 31st March.



It is expected that reserves at the 31st March will be around £500,000. This is a substantial figure which merits some explanation. Of this £500,000 a sum of £116,500 will directly support the 2024/5 precept; £163,500 is held as a General Reserve which is the recommended reserve for all Parish / Town councils, based on a percentage of their income. This leaves £220,000 of which £70,000 is held towards future capital and maintenance projects; £60,000 towards future expansion of our cemeteries: £50,000 reserve to partially cover £115,000 of pre-paid burials and £40,000 for a potential additional member of our groundstaff team, as part of our succession planning. Without this level of reserves the Council would be unable to operate within recommended safe levels of cash reserves; neither would we be able to cover our liabilities or fund future projects in the medium to long term..

The Council has excellent financial control systems in place that easily meet all meet all recommended requirements for a parish council of our size; it also provides Councillors with the ability to see at any one time exactly where we are against the budget.

The budget has been agreed for 2024/5 which gives us a precept increase of around 5% in line with inflation. This will enable Councillors to continue a programme of works to maintain and improve local facilities and services. The budget and reserves support our Action Plan; these can both be viewed on the Council's website under "Finance" and "Action Plan".

Your Town Councillors are dedicated to sound financial management and are happy to welcome any ideas for the town, and to respond to any concerns that residents may have. These can be addressed at the forthcoming Councillor Surgeries or by contacting our Town Clerk or attending the public sessions of the full Council.

Cllr Bob Jenkins
Chair – Finance and Strategy Committee

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL - BUDGET FOR PRECEPT 24/25



West Mersea
Town Council

Committee/Account	Expenditure	Less Income	Nett Cost	Expend %
Toilets	£43,550.00	£7,000.00	£36,550.00	5.89%
AFE	£168,770.00	£52,200.00	£116,570.00	22.84%
S & R	£28,600.00	£6,150.00	£22,450.00	3.87%
Waterside	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Traffic & Transport	£18,100.00	£130,000.00	-£111,900.00	2.45%
Personnel (wages)	£248,226.00	£0.00	£248,226.00	33.59%
Bradwell	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00	0.02%
Cemetery	£42,475.00	£39,200.00	£3,275.00	5.75%
General Account	£186,775.00	£5,738.00	£181,037.00	25.27%
Mayor's Allowance	£2,370.00	£0.00	£2,370.00	0.32%
To Precept	£739,041.00	£240,288.00	£498,753.00	100.00%

Total Gross Expenditure to be incurred by Council

£739,041.00

Less Income received by Parish

£240,288.00

Less Grant Received from Borough

£9,441.00 £ 8941 CBC, £500 general grant

£489,312.00

Less Proposed Use of balance from last year held by Parish

£116,025.00 B/F items - see tab (BF items)

£373,287.00

Calculation of indicative Tax

Precept from above

£373,287.00

Divide by Tax Base (Band D properties)

3196.80

£116.77 N.B. Last years: £111.57 **4.66%** increase/decrease to a Band D taxpayer

Precept 2015/1 £223,777.00

Precept 2020/21

7.76%

Precept 2016/1 £182,429.00

-18.5% Precept 2021/22 -

0.0%

monthly increase/decrease

Precept 2017/1 £211,979.00

16.2% Precept 2022/23

3.79%

£0.43

monthly increase/decrease

Precept 2018/1 £253,472.00

19.6% Precept 2023/24

3.92%

£0.43

monthly increase/decrease

Precept 2019/2 £304,041.00

19.95% Precept 2024/25

4.66%

£0.43

monthly increase/decrease



2024

It's going to be Great!



Age 5 - 8 years old
All stars Cricket, 8 weeks of fun



Kwik Cricket
Friday 14th June 2024



Quiz Night
Friday 10th May 2024

Age 8 +



Club Registration Night
9th April 2024

Junior Training starts
23rd April 2024

ADULTS

2 Adult Saturday League Teams
1 Friendly Saturday Team
Wednesday T20 League



Club Registration Night
9th April 2024

Ladies

Softball Cricket Festival



Sunday 14th July 2024

Other Events in 2024

- GOLF DAY - Friday 7th June 2024
- Rainmen Friendly - Sunday 7th July 2024
- Touring side friendly - Friday 5th July 2024
- Tollesbury Legends Friendly - August
- Junior Summer Camp - 12 to 14th August 2024
- Single Wicket Day - TBA

England Ladies v Pakistan Ladies

Club trip to Essex on
29th May 2024

£10 per ticket

2025 Cricket Adult cricket tour

- Book your place on tour now

Don't forget to download the new APP to book into all games and events

COUNCILLOR SURGERY ROTA 2024

As part of our commitment to improve community engagement, residents are welcome to come along and discuss council related subjects with Councillors.

TIME: 10AM – MIDDAY, TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER



DATE	TWO COUNCILLORS	
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL	Cllr Weaver	Cllr Jenkins
SATURDAY 4TH MAY	Cllr Weaver	Cllr Jenkins
SATURDAY 1ST JUNE	Cllr Hart	Cllr Jenkins
SATURDAY 6TH JULY	Cllr Hart	Cllr Gibbons

FURTHER DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

Tea & coffee will be available.



Would you like one of the above stickers to place on your car, in your house or shop window, notice board, or anywhere else the public can see it?

Our wonderful volunteers are doing a fantastic job, but there is still much to be done. We need to get the message over (that littering is unacceptable).

In the month of February alone we picked up over FORTY bags of litter.

We need your help, we cannot do this on our own.

Please go to our website: proudofmersea.com or Facebook Proud of Mersea Community Group and leave a request, and we will be in touch!

Thank you, Valerie Wareing

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



We would like to hear your views on the following:

- Coastguard's Compound – would residents be interested in a small community herb garden, full of various herbs for residents to enjoy?
- Do you have a local business and would like your details added to our web site?
- Bio-diversity – we are seeking advice to assist us continue our current efforts. If anyone has any local information available that may assist us in developing a plan also please contact the Town Clerk.

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For any questions on the Council's climate and environmental work, please visit the CCC sustainability webpage or email climate.change@colchester.gov.uk

Colchester City Council Climate Emergency



What can you do?

Download the new Carbon Cutting Essex app

Essex County Council has officially launched its new Carbon Cutting Essex App to coincide with International Day for Biological Diversity.

The launch comes exactly a year after the council launched its Climate Advice Packs for residents, schools and businesses to encourage the county to act on climate change.

The app is free to download and will enable residents across the county to track their carbon footprint and discover actions, big and small, which they can take to reduce it through their daily life.

From the daily commute, to recycling and home energy saving, the app provides hundreds of practical and cost-effective ideas on how to minimise our impact on the planet. Many of these suggestions will not only help to reduce the county's carbon footprint but can also help save residents money.

Through a range of fun activities, quizzes and videos, users of the app will be able to learn more about how they can reduce their carbon footprint. It will also motivate and reward positive actions by providing points and rewards when they mitigate their carbon footprint.

Residents will be able to use their points to enter prize draws or donate them to good causes.



You can find out more information about the Carbon Cutting Essex App on the Essex County Council website at www.essex.gov.uk/reducing-carbon-emissions and download the app for free on the App Store or Google Play.



Some of our recent completed works in photos



New fence at the Council Office in Melrose Road.



Street litter compactor bins installed in West Mersea:
7 in Victoria Esplanade;
1 in West Mersea Park;
2 in Coast Road.

Photo: Tim Pickard, Neighbourhood Warden South,
Street Care & Safety, Colchester City Council.



Refurbished fencing at Coastguard's Compound.



Litter bin installed in Feldy View Woodland Cemetery.



Live your other life

**Volunteer as a Community
Special Constable in
West Mersea**

Please report any issues to our Special Constable:
andy.bryant@essex.police.uk

*my
Other
life*

Make a real difference in your town by volunteering as a Community Special Constable and play a part in keeping your neighbourhood safe. Find out more at the link below:

www.essex.police.uk/communityspecials

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Protecting and serving Essex