



# ECFRS News



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## Improving Shoeburyness Fire Station

Residents and businesses in Shoeburyness and its surrounding areas will have a new, modern fire station and community building thanks to investment from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex.

The fire station, in Shoebury High Street, will be fully developed into a state-of-the-art facility for our firefighters and the local community, including the current building and extending into the former police station.

Work started on the new building on Tuesday, 3 May and will last around 12 months. The fire appliance will be based under a mile away at the TreeFella in Wakering Road and crews will operate from there until the station is ready.

[Learn more](#)

## #ThinkSprinkler



This week is National Sprinkler Week! Did you know that sprinklers are the most effective way to make sure that fires are suppressed or even extinguished before the fire service can arrive? Sprinklers save lives and reduce injuries. They also protect firefighters who attend incidents and reduce the amount of fire damage to the affected property and surrounding environment.

Mike Sparrow, Fire Engineer within our Protection team, said: "Suppression systems have been proven to save lives and protect

properties. It's like having a firefighter in every room 24/7. Sprinkler Week is the perfect opportunity to educate and everyone about the benefits of sprinklers.”

ECFRS recently contributed towards the cost of sprinklers being installed on a Charity Lightship, moored off of Tollesbury.

[Learn more](#)



## Pushing for equality progress at emergency services IDAHOBIT event

Essex's emergency services came together this week to push for LGBTQ+ equality progress as part of an IDAHOBIT event.

IDAHOBIT stands for the 'International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia' which is a globally celebrated each year on 17 May.

This date was selected to mark the decision to remove homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1990. Since this time, the movement has gained momentum globally and is observed in many businesses and sectors.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Essex Police and the East of England Ambulance Service are holding a joint conference at the fire service headquarters at Kelvedon Park. It will be attended by around 80 people in person as well as being online for 150 virtual delegates.

[Learn more](#)

## And lastly, have you visited the Essex Fire Museum?

Essex Fire Museum will celebrate its 15th anniversary this June. It is one of a small number of fire museums in the country and is accredited by the Arts Council.

The museum is supported by a team of volunteers who give tours, carry out research, write articles and maintain more than 6,000 exhibits.

You can find out more about Essex Fire Museum at: [www.facebook.com/EssexFireMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/EssexFireMuseum)

The next open day at the museum is on Sunday 29 May. Please email [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) to book a visit.

A vintage fire engine built nearly 100 years ago has recently been added to Essex Fire Museum's collection.

The 1930 Albion Merryweather, which has had a colourful history and is believed to be one of the last remaining in existence, has been loaned by a local family.

Find out more [here](#).



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