

# Culture and events

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Enhancing the city's arts offer, the Cultural Events Team create outstanding spectacles, unique festivals, unexpected arts and accessible entertainment - such as:

- CITYdiversions Festival of international outdoor arts featuring performances by some of the best artists from the UK and across the globe
- The 3foot People Festival is the UK's largest outdoor event for pre-school children with 13,000 babies, toddlers and their carers gathering to enjoy a huge range of engaging shows and creative activities designed specifically for them
- The Fling Festival of Live Music, Cabaret & Curiosity is a fantastic mix of cultural performance and creative participation for adults only

Businesses regularly get involved in many of these festivals with promotions, sponsorship and hospitality packages. For more details email [events@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:events@chelmsford.gov.uk)

Chelmsford is also host for numerous other events - including those with an international profile. For example, the V Festival is one of the UK's largest music festivals attracting approximately 180,000 people and is a massive operation to deliver safely and successfully.

There's also a wide range of other concerts, fairs and entertainment events at Hylands Park and many other festivals and community events held in Chelmsford. This innovative and diverse programme of cultural events help to ensure the city is a vibrant place to live, work and visit.

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Theatrical masks



The city centre benefits from a wide range of exciting arts, culture and entertainment for its residents and visitors of all ages. The city offers varied entertainment facilities, including three theatres and two cinemas and an exciting music scene and comedy circuit at the many pubs, clubs and bars. Chelmsford has a Purple Flag award - the "Gold Standard" for town and city centres at night.

Chelmsford City Theatres are situated in the heart of the West End and offer a varied programme of events throughout the year.

The Civic Theatre seats 505 people and offers shows ranging from live music, ballet and classical drama to stand-up comedy and pantomime.

The intimate Cramphorn Theatre, with seating for 177, plays host to smaller scale productions and The Chelmsford Picture House, a state-of-the-art digital film projection cinema which screens an innovative mix of art-house, world and mainstream film screenings.

The Old Court Theatre has seating for approximately 100 people. This is a small amateur theatre company which produces up to ten productions per season.

## Useful websites

### **Cramphorn and Civic Theatres:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres)

### **Chelmsford City Council Events:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/events](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/events)

### **Old Court Theatre:**

[www.chelmsfordtheatreworkshop.wordpress.com](http://www.chelmsfordtheatreworkshop.wordpress.com)

### **Chelmsford City Council Hylands:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylands](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylands)

# The Chelmsford economy



## Overview

Chelmsford has a large and prosperous economy, which is balanced across a variety of sectors and job types.

The business base is the biggest in Essex; according to Experian, there are 11,870 businesses in the area. The city has the highest business start-up rate in the Heart of Essex.

The scientific, professional and technical sector is high-value, with links to Higher Education institutions. High-profile manufacturing businesses such as e2v and BAE Systems build on the legacy of

Marconi and new high tech businesses, such as Visteon, continue to strengthen the local economy. Service industries are key: the Essex Local Economic Assessment identified a notable cluster of businesses and employment in the financial services sector within Chelmsford.

A significant proportion of the total business base - 13.6% consists of business administration and support services and information and communication. The city is well placed as a business administration and support centre, cheaper than central London.

# The Chelmsford economy



New Hall School, Boreham

- 12,000 businesses
- 170,300 resident population
- 100,300 economically active
- Low unemployment, 1.3%
- Diverse and balanced economy supporting 85,500 jobs
- Over 50% of the workforce in high skilled and professional roles
- Over 45% of population from affluent ACORN groups
- Local economy contributes £3.4 billion to UK economy
- 18,000 jobs growth potential by 2031
- Within top 20 local authority areas for skills, qualifications, knowledge workers and workforce growth
- Within top 20 local authority areas as an overall business location



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Chelmsford High Street Market

## Population

Chelmsford, the administrative centre of Essex, is a thriving and prosperous place. Compared to Census 2001 data Chelmsford's population has increased by 7.2% and is projected to increase rapidly.

### Age profile

Each age group has experienced an increase since the 2001 Census. The city has 137,000 people who are over 16.

#### Resident population of Chelmsford 170,300

Male	83,900
Female	86,400

Source: ONS mid-year population estimates 2013

0-15 Years	31,300	+3.2% increase
16-64 Years	109,000	+5.1% increase
65+ years	28,000	+21.9% increase

Source: Census 2011

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## Labour supply

Chelmsford City is situated in the Heart of Essex. It is an affluent area, with high standards of education and a stable local workforce. It is a major technological and commercial centre, and has as an important administrative, legal and civic role with the law courts, police headquarters, County and City Councils. It has excellent regional, national and international transport links.

### Economically active

Chelmsford (numbers)	Chelmsford (%)	East (%)	Great Britain (%)
100,300	82.5	80.4	77.5

Source: ONS annual population survey Oct 2013 / Sept 2014

### Economically inactive

Chelmsford (numbers)	Chelmsford (%)	East (%)	Great Britain (%)
20,200	17.5	19.6	22.5

Source: ONS annual population survey Oct 2013 / Sept 2014

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## Businesses, jobs and earnings

Chelmsford has nearly 12,000 businesses and also has a high-number of new business start-ups - 1,330 in 2014 (Source: Banksearch Information Consultancy Ltd). Chelmsford has the highest number of businesses of any district in Essex.

### Number of businesses 2013

<b>VAT / PAYE</b>	<b>8,290</b>
<b>Total businesses</b>	<b>11,870</b>
Source: VAT/PAYE registered ONS/BRES: Business Register and Employment Survey. Total Businesses: Experian PH Megafile	

### Number of jobs

Chelmsford also is a centre of growth and has the highest number of jobs of any district (or unitary) in Essex at 85,500 jobs (Source: BRES 2013). Over 60% of Chelmsford's working population work in Chelmsford.

### Earnings by residence and earnings by workplace

Chelmsford residents earnings by 'residence' and 'workplace' are displayed in the table below.

	<b>Chelmsford (pounds)</b>	<b>East (pounds)</b>	<b>Great Britain (pounds)</b>
<b>Earnings by residence</b>	£584.20	£539.10	£520.80
<b>Earnings by workplace</b>	£479.10	£505.80	£520.20
Source: ONS 2014 (Full-Time All Workers Gross Weekly Pay)			

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## Employment by occupation

Chelmsford has a high level of residents employed as Managers and Professionals as well as in Administrative and Skilled occupations

SOC 2010 major group	Chelmsford (numbers)	Chelmsford (%)	Occupation
1-3	45,000	47.8	Managers & Professionals
4-5	21,100	22.4	Administrative, Secretarial & Skilled Trades
6-7	17,500	18.6	Caring, Leisure & Sales
8-9	10,500	11.2	Process & Elementary
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey Oct 2013 - Sept 2014

## Unemployment: JSA claimants 2014

Chelmsford has a low rate of unemployment when compared to the Eastern Region and Great Britain with 1,372 unemployed people claiming JSA.

Chelmsford	East	Great Britain
<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

Source: ONS November 2014

## Qualifications and workforce

Chelmsford has a well-qualified workforce with a high proportion of its workforce holding NVQ4 level (degree and above).

Qualification	Chelmsford %
NVQ4 and above	30.4
3	55.4
2	80.0
1	89.2
Other	4.4
No qualification	6.4

Source: ONS APS January 2013 - December 2013

### Useful websites

**Chelmsford City Council**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/business](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/business)

**Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics**

[www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)

**South East Local Enterprise Partnership**

[www.southeastlep.com](http://www.southeastlep.com)

**Office for National Statistics**

[www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

Chelmsford has been rated 13 out of 325 local authority areas in the Local Futures Place Profile (2013) in terms of skills, qualification, knowledge workers, labour market, scale of economically active workforce and workforce growth.



# Education and schools



Writtle College

The excellent reputation of the city's schools, academies and further education providers means children and young people are given the best opportunities to achieve well.

## Early years

From the start, Chelmsford children are well looked after with a range of pre-schools and clubs, from specialist theatre classes to day care. Twelve of the city's early years settings have been granted 'Outstanding' status by Ofsted and 51 have been recognised as 'Good'. 86% of Chelmsford's early years settings are Good or Outstanding compared to 83% nationally and 82% in Essex.

## Schools

There are currently 71 schools within the city: 51 Local Authority maintained (2 nurseries, 49 primary schools, 1 secondary school and 1 special school) and 20 Academies (9 primary schools, 9 secondary schools, and 2 special schools). These achieve excellent levels of qualification- in 2013, 80% of pupils achieved five or more grades A\*-C in GCSE's – and several establishments are nationally renowned. King Edward VI Grammar School and Chelmsford County High School for Girls achieved 'Outstanding' in their last Ofsted reports and often feature at the top of national league tables.

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## Further education

Chelmsford and Writtle Colleges, offering courses from I.T. and engineering to agricultural and horticultural management, provide for thousands of students and offer popular apprenticeship schemes. Other adult learning centres offer a variety of courses.

Anglia Ruskin, recently named UK Entrepreneurial University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards, 2014, is a modern, global university. As one of the largest universities in the East of England, the Chelmsford campus is home to over 6,000 students and offers academic excellence, having been recognised by the UK's Higher Education funding bodies, as generating "world-leading" research in 12 areas. Both the prestigious Postgraduate Medical Institute and the Veterans and Families Institute are situated in Chelmsford. The university helps over 2,000 businesses grow and innovate, whilst partnering with various organisations to deliver a range of educational and commercial projects. The MedBIC (Anglia Ruskin Business Innovation Centre for Medical and Advanced Engineering), is a key entrepreneurial hub for Essex, that supports businesses to speed commercial ideas to market.

A high proportion of the working-age population is educated to degree-level. With a range of adult and further education courses available in addition to exceptional schools, Chelmsford offers its residents opportunities for lifelong learning and its businesses the skilled staff they need to succeed.

## Useful websites

### Ofsted:

[www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

### Department of Education Performance Tables:

[www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/)

### Anglia Ruskin University:

[www.anglia.ac.uk](http://www.anglia.ac.uk)

### Chelmsford College:

[www.chelmsford.ac.uk](http://www.chelmsford.ac.uk)

### Writtle College:

[www.writtle.ac.uk](http://www.writtle.ac.uk)

### Essex County Council Schools:

[www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools)

### Chelmsford County High School for Girls:

[www.cchs.co.uk](http://www.cchs.co.uk)

### King Edward VI Grammar School:

[www.kegs.org.uk](http://www.kegs.org.uk)

### New Hall School:

[www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)

### Essex County Council - Early Years and Childcare:

[www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare)

# Education and schools

## Chelmsford's performance data

Chelmsford has high levels of educational attainment when compared to National and Essex performance table figures.

For up to date performance tables please visit the Department of Education Performance Tables website.

Please note that the A level results are performance tables points scores.

## Chelmsford schools GCSE performance compared to Essex and England trend 2010-2013

School	Percentage 5+ GCSE A*- C grades including English and Maths			
	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Essex</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>55%</b>
King Edward VI Grammar, Chelmsford	100%	100%	98%	100%
Chelmsford County High, Chelmsford	100%	100%	100%	100%
St John Payne Catholic School, Chelmsford	70%	63%	69%	63%
Moulsham High School, Chelmsford	66%	62%	59%	58%
The Boswells, Chelmsford	64%	60%	62%	68%
The Sandon, Sandon	62%	56%	66%	67%
William De Ferrers, South Woodham Ferrers	58%	56%	63%	69%
Chelmer Valley High, Broomfield	50%	63%	64%	64%
Great Baddow High, Great Baddow	50%	62%	65%	58%
Hylands, Chelmsford	40%	50%	37%	43%

Source: 2013 DFE performance tables

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## Chelmsford schools A level performance compared to Essex and England, trend 2010 to 2013

School	Average points per student			
	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Essex</b>	<b>835.7</b>	<b>793.1</b>	<b>771.5</b>	<b>765.3</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>782.4</b>	<b>736.2</b>	<b>728.3</b>	<b>726.6</b>
King Edward VI Grammar, Chelmsford	1262.6	1285.8	1269.8	1307.5
Chelmsford County High, Chelmsford	1137.4	1178.9	1150.7	1158.2
St John Payne Catholic School, Chelmsford	970.7	928.8	967.3	966.9
Moulsham High School, Chelmsford	907.9	898	890.3	830.3
The Boswells, Chelmsford	905.2	863.1	911.3	902.8
Great Baddow High, Great Baddow	858.7	845.2	860.1	851.6
Chelmer Valley High, Broomfield	779.7	817.1	886.3	829.6
The Sandon, Sandon	714.3	647.3	751.8	783
William De Ferrers, South Woodham Ferrers	708.2	680.9	690.8	710.9
Hylands, Chelmsford	701	529.2	630	668.4

School	Average points per A level exam entry			
	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Essex</b>	<b>209.8</b>	<b>209.7</b>	<b>212.7</b>	<b>210.6</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>211.3</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>213.1</b>	<b>211.1</b>
King Edward VI Grammar, Chelmsford	250.3	254.9	252.3	256.4
Chelmsford County High, Chelmsford	244.3	255.7	243	247.8
St John Payne Catholic School, Chelmsford	212.7	214.4	220	220
Moulsham High School, Chelmsford	206.2	206.7	213.6	204.1
The Boswells, Chelmsford	212.8	208.5	213.5	210.4
Great Baddow High, Great Baddow	203.2	211	216.1	215.3
Chelmer Valley High, Broomfield	194.5	207.9	212.9	205.9
The Sandon, Sandon	207.2	195.7	204.4	201.1
William De Ferrers, South Woodham Ferrers	210.3	212.2	210.5	212.6
Hylands, Chelmsford	201.7	177.1	193.2	179.3

Source: 2013 DFE performance tables

# Healthcare

Broomfield Hospital



## Healthcare provision

Chelmsford has first class healthcare provision, ranging from the major and expanding Broomfield Hospital to a range of modern private and NHS healthcare providers.

Chelmsford is a key healthcare centre for Essex. The Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust employs 5,000 staff and

provides services from five sites, including the main site, Broomfield Hospital, located in Chelmsford. Broomfield Hospital has been recently redeveloped into an impressive, modern facility as part of a £148 million private finance initiative. Artwork from students makes the hospital environment a visually appealing place.



# Healthcare

## Life expectancy

Local public sector organisations in Chelmsford work hard to ensure that residents can enjoy life-long health and vitality. Statistics show that the health of residents is better than the England average, with life expectancy high for both males and females at 80.7 years and 84.3 years respectively. Chelmsford Health Profiles show that over the past 10 years, early death rates from cancer, heart disease and stroke remain consistently lower than the England average. Chelmsford has a deprivation value of 1.9% compared to an England average of 20.4% and further health profile statistics can be downloaded from the Chelmsford City Council website.

There are a number of programmes in Chelmsford which work to keep the residents of Chelmsford in good health. The 'Live Life' Scheme runs at three of the Council's leisure centres and provides a personalised exercise programme for those being referred by their GP, at a reduced price with the aim of preventing or reducing the onset of illness.

Chelmsford City Council runs a free swimming scheme at two of its leisure centres for residents over 60.

In partnership with Provide, the Council also coordinates 'Heart and Sole', a health walks scheme accredited by Walking for Health and led by volunteer walk leaders.

## Innovation

There are three private hospitals in Chelmsford and new healthcare facilities are being developed as part of the major new development to the north-east of the city centre.

### Useful websites

#### **NHS 111 (For Health Advice):**

[www.nhs.uk/111](http://www.nhs.uk/111)

#### **NHS Choices (Find your nearest GP Practice & Health Services):**

[www.nhs.uk/servicedirectorios](http://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectorios)

#### **Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust:**

[www.meht.nhs.uk](http://www.meht.nhs.uk)

#### **Chelmsford City Council Heart and Sole Health Walks:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/heartandsole](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/heartandsole)

#### **Chelmsford City Council Healthcare Provision and Chelmsford Health Profile download:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/healthcare-provision](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/healthcare-provision)

#### **Public Health England Health Profiles**

[www.healthprofiles.info](http://www.healthprofiles.info)

# Housing



Chancellor Park, Chelmsford

## Housing

Chelmsford offers a fine blend of housing. Whether you are buying or renting, seeking urban chic or rural tranquility, there is sure to be something to suit your taste and budget. Chelmsford has a range of community facilities, alongside green spaces, and excellent transport links.

## Range

Prices for first-time properties, family accommodation and luxury homes are competitive and considerably lower than London, Cambridge and many other counties in the south of England, offering you real choice.

# Housing

## Developments

As a fast growing city, there are exciting developments in and around the centre, with a number of new high quality schemes recently completed and many more under construction. Over a thousand homes are underway within walking distance of the rail station. An exciting development with apartments overlooking the Essex County Cricket Ground is adding to the unique mix in Chelmsford.

## Choice

Away from the busy city centre, Chelmsford is surrounded by a number of beautiful rural villages, a pleasant commute.

On the edge of Chelmsford, a major development is bringing forward 4,000 new homes, a new rail station, new schools and community facilities offering further choice to the Chelmsford house-seeker.

## Average house prices in Chelmsford

Flat	Terraced	Semi-detached	Detached
£170,646	£234,917	£286,870	£457,884

Source: [www.rightmove.co.uk](http://www.rightmove.co.uk) & <http://zoopla.co.uk> December 2014

## Average rental prices in Chelmsford

Studio (per month)	1 Bedroom (per month)	2 Bedroom (per month)	3 Bedroom (per month)	4 Bedroom (per month)	5 Bedroom (per month)
£650.00	£661.00	£886.00	£1,077.00	£1,698.00	£1,850.00

Source: [www.rightmove.co.uk](http://www.rightmove.co.uk) & <http://zoopla.co.uk> December 2014

# Leisure facilities and sport

Ice Rink, Riverside Ice and Leisure, Chelmsford



## Leisure and sport

Chelmsford has great facilities available. With a vibrant leisure offer, quality parks and cultural facilities and beautiful countryside - there's always something to do. Chelmsford is a popular tourist destination with an estimated tourism value of £277,603,000 per year. Chelmsford was very proud to be the only place in Essex chosen to host an Olympic Torch Relay evening celebration.

## Sports facilities and leisure centres

Chelmsford has excellent sporting facilities, with a wide range of publicly run and private leisure centres and fitness clubs, over 100 hectares of outdoor sports pitches and 11 private golf clubs. Danbury has an outdoor education and activity centre 'Essex Outdoors' offering a number of popular outdoor pursuit courses. Chelmsford boasts four Council-run Sports Centres: Riverside Ice & Leisure Centre, South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre, Chelmsford Sport and Athletics Centre, and Dovedale Sports

# Leisure facilities and sport

Centre. Chelmsford has the only ice rink in Essex at Riverside Ice & Leisure Centre - a first class sports facility that attracts 800,000 visits annually. Chelmsford Sport & Athletics Centre is a major sporting venue for both the local community and top athletes in the Eastern Region, and is the home of Chelmsford City Football Club. It has a floodlit artificial pitch (3G) and a new state of the art gym.

## Sports clubs

Chelmsford is home to Essex County Cricket Club and Chelmsford City FC and there is a large network of sports and recreation clubs operating within the city. At Essex County Cricket Club frequent matches, some floodlit, are played during the cricket season. Close to the city centre, the club is also within walking distance of the bus and rail stations, making it an excellent place to visit for sports fans. The Chelmsford Chieftains Ice Hockey Team play at Riverside.

## Community Sport

### Community Sports Activities

Chelmsford City Council Community Sport and Wellbeing Team deliver a variety of

activities for people of all ages and abilities. From children's sports courses and holiday play schemes to large scale mass participation events like the Sport Relief Mile. Other examples include the delivery of sports courses for adults to get back into a sport of their choice, a programme of supervised recreational cycle rides for adults and families and a series of health walks targeting older people to become more active.

A successful application to Sport England has recently allowed the team to start a new project focussing on encouraging women and girls to be more active and try new sports. This 3 year project will run until June 2017. More details can be found at [www.womentime.co.uk](http://www.womentime.co.uk)

### Useful websites

#### **Chelmsford City Council Facilities:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/sports](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/sports)

#### **Essex County Cricket Club:**

[www.essexcricket.org.uk](http://www.essexcricket.org.uk)

#### **Chelmsford City Football Club:**

[www.chelmsfordcityfc.com](http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com)

#### **Chelmsford Chieftains Ice Hockey:**

[www.chelmsfordchieftains.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordchieftains.co.uk)



# Parks and open spaces

Hylands Park, Writtle, Chelmsford



Chelmsford enjoys a very high quality environment with 700 hectares of recreational space, including eleven Green Flag accredited parks, complemented by an extensive network of green corridors, gardens and nature reserves. Chelmsford has three rivers and a range of habitats and high levels of biodiversity. Chelmsford City Council Parks Services provide parks, sports venues, play facilities, open spaces and allotments for community use to enhance the local environment and residents' quality of life. We offer a wide variety of parks and gardens with beautiful planting schemes for you to enjoy. Many parks are situated within walking distance of

the city and bus routes. We offer a broad programme of activities for volunteers and there are always opportunities to get involved and support us.

Chelmsford has Green Heritage Awards at Hylands, Oaklands and Admirals (encompassing Tower Gardens and West Park) Parks.

Chelmsford City Council continues to invest in its parks and sports facilities. The city council recently invested in a 3G artificial grass pitch at Melbourne Park - the latest technology for sports pitches.

# Parks and open spaces



Saltcoats Park and Compass Gardens, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford

- Chelmsford City Council manages 700 hectares (1,707 acres) of parks and green spaces, sports and playing fields and allotments
- 90%+ of residents use parks and green spaces – with over 1.2m people recorded using the main parks each year, in addition to over 1.6m visiting Hylands Park
- 70+ community events take place each year in parks and on green spaces
- 6,800 sports fixtures played on city sports pitches each year
- 900 allotment plots on 26 sites, totalling 24 hectares
- Over 6,000 parkland trees
- 1,000 herbaceous plants and 52,000 bedding plants produced each year, used in seasonal displays throughout the city
- Programme of activities for volunteers involving 2,300 workday equivalents each year with an equivalent value of over £120,000
- A network of over 100 well equipped play areas of which 17 play areas have accessible equipment for disabled visitors
- Essex County Council manages eight Country Parks across Essex, including Danbury Country Park in Chelmsford
- RHS Garden, Hyde Hall - one of only four RHS gardens in the country
- Marsh Farm Country Park, South Woodham Ferrers

## Useful websites

### Chelmsford City Council:

Parks and Green Spaces  
[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parks](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parks)

### Essex County Council:

Country Parks  
[www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Pages/Country-Parks.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Pages/Country-Parks.aspx)

### Essex County Council:

Visit Parks website  
[www.visitparks.co.uk](http://www.visitparks.co.uk)

### Marsh Farm Country Park:

[www.marshfarmcountrypark.co.uk](http://www.marshfarmcountrypark.co.uk)

# Places to visit

Chelmsford Museum,  
Moulsham Street,  
Chelmsford



Both residents and visitors can enjoy the many visitor attractions which Chelmsford has to offer, both within the city and in the more tranquil surrounding area.



## **Chelmsford Museums**

Situated in the Green Flag-winning Oaklands Park, the Museum's most popular features are a Victorian kitchen, a large brown bear and a living beehive. The history of the Essex Regiment, formed in 1741, is immortalised here in the Essex Regiment Museum's host of artefacts and archives. Recently, a new extension packed with interactive activities has been built. The Chelmsford Museum provides visitors with the opportunity to learn about Chelmsford's

industrial heritage, focusing on the work of Crompton and Marconi. Open all Year Monday to Saturday and Bank Holidays (excluding Good Friday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day) 10am-5pm. During school term times, the Museums are not open on Fridays. Sunday Museum opening hours are 1pm to 4pm. Admission is free.

## **Chelmsford Cathedral**

This light, colourful 15th-century cathedral is the second smallest in the country, but home to the second largest diocese. It is also home to some interesting artwork. Educational visits and guided tours by appointment. Open daily. Admission free. Disabled access.



# Places to visit

Banquet Room Hylands House, Writtle, Chelmsford



## Hylands House & Estate

The House and Estate, built in 1730 and remodelled by famous landscape gardener and architect Humphry Repton in 1797, suffered severe damage following the death of the last private owner in 1963. After extensive restoration of the House by the City Council, the stunning Grade II\* listed property and its 232 hectares of beautiful landscaped parkland are now open to the public. 2014 saw the launch of the new Grand Pavilion a grand yet contemporary new structure able to accommodate up to 300 guests a superb addition to the venues available at Hylands

to hire. The Stables Visitor Centre features a gift shop, a café, artists' studios and stabling for heavy horses. Group visits and guided tours available: admission to the Park free. For opening hours, please see the Hylands page of the Chelmsford City Council website.

## Central Park, Bell Meadow & Sky Blue Pasture

These 14 hectares of city-centre parkland are an ideal space whether you want to relax in the sun or get active, with children's play areas, riverside walks, AdiZone/tennis court and skateboard ramps.

# Places to visit

## Marsh Farm Country Park

Children visiting this animal adventure park can get close to all kinds of farm animals and play safely in the adventure play areas. For the adults, the country park offers the opportunity of excellent coastal walks and superb views of the River Crouch. With indoor and outdoor play areas, a gift shop, a corner shop and a tearoom, Marsh Farm Country Park makes for a fun day out, whether you come on a normal day or one of its regular special events. Please note Marsh Farm Country Park is owned by Essex County Council, whilst Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park is owned by the Partyman Company.

## Paper Mill Lock

Open daily from 10am throughout the year, the popular tea room and leisurely cruises along the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation present the perfect way to explore the area's attractive waterways. Paper Mill Lock is a fantastic starting point for a host of canalside and country walks, with free parking available.



## RHS Garden, Hyde Hall

The 146 hectare Hyde Hall Estate hosts an inspirational garden, with everything from woodland areas and lily ponds to a dry garden and plants native to Australia and New Zealand. The entire garden – one of only four RHS Gardens in the country – is maintained to high RHS horticultural standards, and the library, shop and plant centre provide all you need to bring your inspiration home. Open all year from 10am: closing time varies from 6pm mid-summer to 4pm mid-winter.

## Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre & Nature Reserve

A Site of Special Scientific Interest, the 40 hectare woodland reserve is home to many rare bird species, which you can watch from hides. Follow the self-guided trail through the reserve, enjoy the panoramic views across the 352 hectare reservoir, then relax with light refreshments in the Visitor Centre.



# Places to visit



Tropical Wings Zoo , South Woodham Ferrers

## **Tropical Wings Zoo**

At Tropical Wings, one of the largest butterfly houses in the country, you can see an exotic range of butterflies, reptiles, fish, birds and mammals from around the world. For little wildlife enthusiasts, there are interactive animal encounters, a toddler play area, a children's assault course and the fun of Tractorland: all set in acres of attractive gardens.

### **Useful websites**

#### **VisitChelmsford:**

[www.visitchelmsford.co.uk](http://www.visitchelmsford.co.uk)

#### **Essex Tourist Information:**

[www.visitessex.com](http://www.visitessex.com)

#### **Chelmsford Cathedral:**

[www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](http://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

### **Chelmsford City Council Museums:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums)

### **Chelmsford City Council Hylands:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylands](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylands)

### **Chelmsford City Council Parks:**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parks](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parks)

### **Marsh Farm Country Park:**

[www.marshfarmcountrypark.co.uk](http://www.marshfarmcountrypark.co.uk)

### **Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park:**

[www.marshfarm.co.uk](http://www.marshfarm.co.uk)

### **Paper Mill Lock:**

[www.papermilllock.co.uk](http://www.papermilllock.co.uk)

### **RHS Hyde Hall Gardens:**

[www.rhs.co.uk](http://www.rhs.co.uk)

### **Essex Wildlife Trust Hanningfield**

### **Reservoir Visitor Centre:**

[www.essexwt.org.uk](http://www.essexwt.org.uk)

### **Tropical Wings Zoo:**

[www.tropicalwings.co.uk](http://www.tropicalwings.co.uk)

# Public services



Council Chamber, Chelmsford City Council

## Councils

### Chelmsford City Council

Contact the City Council for enquiries about local services such as refuse and recycling, licensing, business rates, parks, theatres, leisure facilities, planning applications, trees and conservation, council tax, housing, benefits, parking, business accommodation and City Council - run events.

**Website:** [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)  
**Contact:** 01245 606606  
**Opening hours:**  
8.45am-4.45pm, Monday to Friday

### Essex County Council

Contact the County Council for Essex-wide services such as highways, adult learning, the Essex Record Office, schools, births and ceremonies, health and social care and libraries.

**Website:** [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)  
**Contact:** 08457 430430  
**Opening hours:**  
8.30am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday

# Public services

## Key services

### Chelmsford Centre Supporting Voluntary Action

Chelmsford is a thriving community and the Centre offers help, guidance and volunteers to voluntary organisations, community groups and charities. The Centre can connect you with hundreds of charities, voluntary and community groups and offers a wide selection of volunteering opportunities and activities in the local area.

**Website:** [www.chelmsfordcvs.org.uk](http://www.chelmsfordcvs.org.uk)  
**Contact:** 01245 351888

### Essex Police

Essex Police work with partners to reduce crime and deliver the best possible service to the people of Essex.

**Website:** [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)  
**Emergency telephone:** 999  
**Non-emergency:** 101  
**Chelmsford Police Station:** 01245 491491

### Fire Service

There is a fire station in Rainsford Lane, Chelmsford, which is manned constantly.

**Website:** [www.essex-fire.gov.uk](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk)  
**Emergency contact:** 999  
**Non-emergency**  
**Station 34 (Chelmsford):**  
**01376 576500**

### Jobcentre Plus

Whether you're looking for a job, want to apply for unemployment benefits, need help with your CV and applications, or you're an employer who wants to find the right staff, Chelmsford Jobcentre can help.

**Website:**  
[www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus](http://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus)  
[www.gov.uk/jobsearch](http://www.gov.uk/jobsearch)  
**Contact:** 0345 605 5255  
**Opening hours:**  
**8am-6pm, Monday to Friday**

# Public services



## Chelmsford Library

Libraries offer a wide range of services.

**Website:** [www.essex.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.essex.gov.uk/libraries)

**Contact:** Renewals and Library Enquiries -  
0845 603 7628

**Opening hours:**

9am-6.30pm, Monday to Friday

9am-5.30pm, Saturday

1pm-4pm, Sunday

## Broomfield Hospital

This is the main Mid Essex hospital site, housing state-of-the-art Accident & Emergency facilities and a new maternity unit, wards and day care. The hospital provides a broad range of NHS services and is accessible by regular buses from the city centre and from surrounding areas.

**Website:** [www.meht.nhs.uk](http://www.meht.nhs.uk)

**Contact:**

Main switchboard - 01245 362000



# Public services



Opening of the new  
Citizens Advice Bureau,  
25th May 2012

## Late-night Pharmacy services

To locate Late-night pharmacies in Chelmsford please use the Find Pharmacy services search function on the NHS Choices website.

**Website:** [www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Pharmacy/LocationSearch/10](http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Pharmacy/LocationSearch/10)

## Citizens Advice Bureau

Chelmsford Citizens Advice Bureau is on hand to offer you advice on a range of issues, from benefits, tax and debt to work and housing, from relationships and healthcare to consumer rights and legal issues.

**Website:** [www.chelmsfordcab.org](http://www.chelmsfordcab.org)

**Contact: Advice line**

(to speak with an advisor) – 08449 938667

**Administrator line**

(to speak with an administrator) –  
08449 938664

**Opening hours:**

Drop in Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday, 9am-4.30pm;

Tuesday, 9am-12.30pm

or Saturday 9am-12noon

Closed on the first Saturday of each month

# Public services



Chelmer Valley Park and Ride, Little Waltham

## Transport Services

### Park & Ride

Chelmsford's two Park & Ride services, in Sandon and Chelmer Valley, are run by First Group.

**Website:**

[www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads-Getting-Around/Bus/Park-and-Ride.aspx](http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads-Getting-Around/Bus/Park-and-Ride.aspx)

**Contact:** 0845 603 7631

Timetables are available at the web address above

### Bus services

The First Group runs the majority of bus services in Chelmsford. For timetables, service updates, or to contact the company, please visit the website.

**Website:** [www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/essex](http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/essex)

### Train services

Chelmsford's well-connected train station is run by Abellio Greater Anglia.

**Website:** [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk)

**Contact:**

**Customer Relations Team – 0845 600 7245 (choose option 8)**

**Customer Relations Opening hours:  
Please check Abellio Greater Anglia website**

# Public services

## Business support services

### Essex Libraries Business Information Service

Offers a wide range of information for start-ups and established businesses, whether on markets and competitors, products, British Standards or customers. Also offers tailored business start-up packs.

**Website:** [www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/libraries/information/Pages/Business-information.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/libraries/information/Pages/Business-information.aspx)  
**Contact:** 01245 492535 or [Business.Information@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Business.Information@essex.gov.uk)

### Visit Essex for Business

An official organisation working in partnership with the private and public sectors to provide Essex businesses with information about local accommodation, venues for events or meetings, suppliers and team-building activities.

**Website:** [www.visitessexforbusiness.com](http://www.visitessexforbusiness.com)  
**Contact:** 01245 437932 or [carol.jolly@essex.gov.uk](mailto:carol.jolly@essex.gov.uk)  
[natalie.halls@essex.gov.uk](mailto:natalie.halls@essex.gov.uk)  
**Opening hours:**  
8.30am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday

### Chelmsford Enterprise Service

A Chelmsford City Council service providing professional advice to entrepreneurs looking to start up a business in the city. One-to-one appointments are available: please telephone.

**Website:**  
[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/enterpriseservice](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/enterpriseservice)  
**Contact:** 01245 606568 or [economy@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:economy@chelmsford.gov.uk)  
**Opening hours:**  
8.45am-4.45pm, Monday to Friday

# Shopping



High Chelmer Shopping Centre

Blending the vibrancy of traditional market shopping with the vitality of a contemporary retail hub, Chelmsford leads the way for retail centres in Essex.

The city centre layout is pedestrianised with two large shopping malls and a traditional High Street. The centre offers broad pedestrian streets and squares with leading contemporary chain stores,

independent stores, and restaurants, giving shoppers space and choice. There is approximately 1.2 million square feet of retail floorspace in the city centre within 550 retail units and there are 4,543 parking spaces. The city also offers two Park and Ride facilities with spaces for 1,000 at the Chelmer Valley Site and 1,500 at the Sandon site.



# Shopping

Continental Market, Chelmsford High Street



Chelmsford also has a thriving market tradition offering regular stalls selling a variety of products in the market building. On Fridays and Saturdays the centre offers a specialist food market bringing unique foodstuffs to the High Street.

New developments such as John Lewis and Waitrose stores together with plans to extend the retail areas signal progress for Chelmsford City. Chelmsford is attracting many new restaurants including Jamie's Italian, Las Iguanas, Byron Burgers', and Bill's.

Beyond the city centre, there are numerous local shopping and neighbourhood centres

providing convenient facilities to meet day-to-day local shopping needs.

## Useful websites

### Chelmsford City Council car parks:

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/maps/car-parks](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/maps/car-parks)

### Essex County Council park and ride:

[www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/getting-around/bus/park-and-ride.aspx](http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/getting-around/bus/park-and-ride.aspx)

### High Chelmer:

[www.highchelmer.com](http://www.highchelmer.com)

### The Meadows Shopping Centre:

[www.themeadows.co.uk](http://www.themeadows.co.uk)

### Moulsham Street Traders Association:

[www.moulshamst.co.uk](http://www.moulshamst.co.uk)

# Superb location

Chelmsford is superbly situated, located in the heart of Essex. It is very green, with a high proportion of parks and open spaces, yet with the modern facilities of a 21st Century city. It has fast, frequent and direct accessibility to neighbouring London and the East of England, as well as excellent national and international links, thanks to its central location.

## Road

Chelmsford is well connected to the national road networks, meaning more than 20% of the UK's population can access Chelmsford within an hours drive.

Stansted Airport can be reached in 25 minutes via the A120 – which also links with the M11, connecting London and Cambridge and towards the North of England.

Chelmsford's two Park and Ride facilities with frequent connections offer a convenient service in to the city centre for commuters and shoppers.

An excellent bus network provides high frequency bus routes connecting urban and rural Chelmsford and surrounding areas. In addition to traditional buses, limited stop coaching links key towns and airports quickly and efficiently.

## Broadband

Overall 97% of homes and 60% of businesses in urban Chelmsford have access to Virgin Media or BT fibre services.



# Superb location

## Rail

Chelmsford rail station is the busiest in the East of England, accommodating up to 8 million passenger trips per year.

It is situated in the city centre – ideal for both inward and outward commuters.

Regular services connect Chelmsford with London Liverpool Street (with up to ten trains per hour), Ipswich and Norwich.

Investment in an improved station is being implemented by Greater Anglia providing increased capacity and passenger information. This is complemented by England's second only Cyclepoint and investment in the Public Realm. Looking ahead a new station will be opened in North Chelmsford.

### **Journey time by rail**

Chelmsford to London Liverpool Street

34 minutes

Chelmsford to Ipswich 40 minutes

Chelmsford to Norwich 84 minutes

## Air

Chelmsford is within 45 minutes of three London Airports, connecting the city internationally:

London Stansted Airport is the 4th busiest airport in the country, accommodating 17.8 million passengers per year, serving 30 countries and 150 destinations.

Three million passengers per year access London City Airport, which serves 43 destinations.

The newly expanded London Southend Airport serves 13 destinations.

### **Useful websites**

**Chelmsford City Council: Parking & Travel**

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking)

**Essex County Council: Travel & Highways**

[www.essex.gov.uk/business-partners/partners/Travel-andHighways/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.essex.gov.uk/business-partners/partners/Travel-andHighways/Pages/Default.aspx)

**National Rail Enquiries: Official source for UK train times and timetables**

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Traveline:** [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)