

## Activity and Achievements

# 2024



**Quarterly Essex Water Safety Forums**, with representatives from **20 partner organisations**

### Training

**Launch of Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) Waterside Responder Scheme** providing specialist training to hospitality and security staff in how to deploy a throwline to help prevent drownings.

**23 people have been trained by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) to date**

**25 Essex ActivAte club organisations trained by the RNLI**

enabling them to deliver water safety messages and advice as part of the Essex ActivAte programme (**42 individuals from 25 Essex ActivAte club organisations trained by the RNLI, 19 of which delivered water safety workshops to 725 children** across Basildon, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Maldon, Rochford, Basildon, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford as part of the Essex ActivAte summer programme).



### Events

**ECFRS staff** attended over 60 water safety events across Essex, engaging with over



**5,000 people to deliver water safety messaging**

**Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership** organised

**2 'seaside special' trains in the summer holidays** running from Colchester to Walton.



These were attended by 296 people (of which 162 were children). **ECFRS and RNLI engaged with 650 people across the two events.**



### Child Safety

**ECFRS delivered**

**4 water safety workshops to 190 children**



attending Essex ActivAte summer holiday clubs across Harlow, Rochford, and Tendring and supporting Southend Holiday Activity and Food clubs.

Water safety messaging and activities included in

**6,000 children's summer activity booklets**

handed out to Essex and Thurrock families as part of the **Essex ActivAte programme** and

**300 leaflets across Southend Holiday Activity and Food Clubs.**



Water safety messaging shared by Visit Essex, ECC, and c2c rail across social media channels.

### Research

Research activity undertaken looking at water-related hospital admissions, child swimming ability, school swimming provision and barriers to access, with **learning outcomes shared across Public Health and Safer Essex.**



**University of Essex students** undertook a research project focused on water safety.

**Their findings helped to inform the priorities and delivery plan of the forum.**

One of the students who took part has since started working at the Black Swimming Association.



Working together: