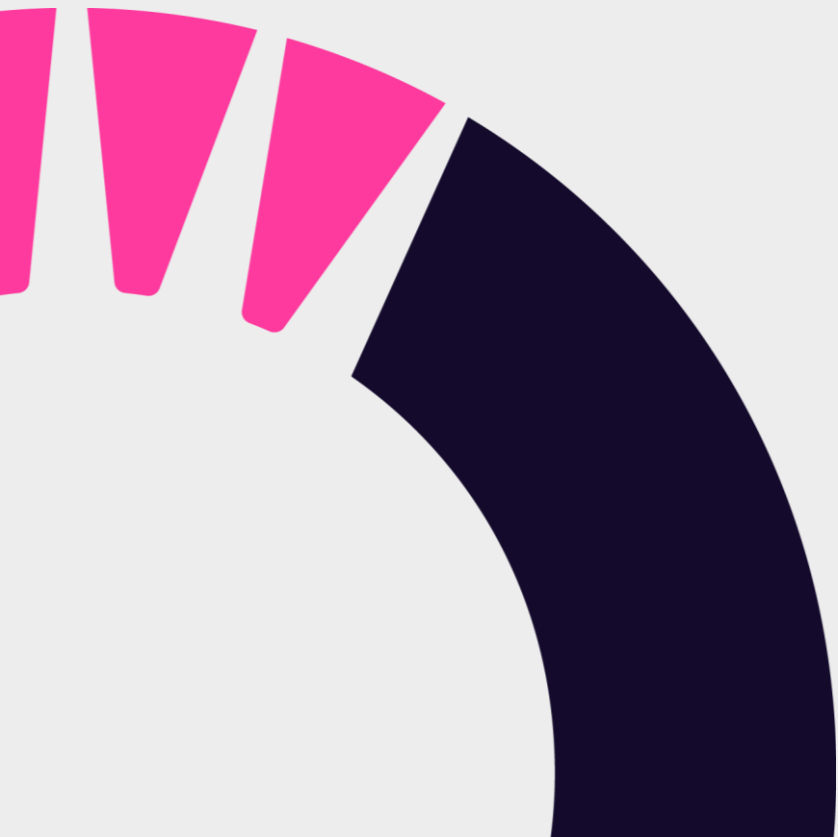




Building a Lasting Legacy in Essex

Social Value Metric Report



This report sets out the social value delivered by Octavius for Essex County Council covering the project duration to 28 February 2026.

£6,663,996*

Local Social Value Delivered

Metric	Target	Achieved	Social Value
ECC1 V12c - No. of LOCAL people (FTE) hired or retained on contract for one year or the whole duration of the contract, whichever is shorter	5	2	£64,480.00
ECC1c V12c - The full time annual equivalent (FTE) number of people employed on the contract by the supply chain as a result of your procurement requirements. Employees included should be residing in the local area and with an employment contract duration of at least one year, unless the overall duration of the contract is less (in which case it is at least the overall duration of the contract). Please refer to the definition of 'local area' provided for the specific contract.	9.15	6	£193,440.00
ECC8 V12c - No. of hours dedicated to supporting unemployed people into work by providing career mentoring, including mock interviews, CV advice, and careers guidance - Aged Over 24.	41	20	£2,111.60
ECC11 V12c - Total amount (£) spent in LOCAL supply chain through the contract.	3,597,991.91	4,161,886.79	£3,454,366.04
ECC12 V12c - Total amount (£) spent through contract with LOCAL micro and small enterprises within your supply chain.	3,597,991.91	3,524,908.95	£2,925,674.43
ECC30 V12c - Number of voluntary hours donated to support VCSEs (excludes expert business advice).	10	44	£744.92
ECC16 V12c - No. of hours dedicated to support young people into work (e.g. CV advice, mock interviews, careers guidance) - (under 24 y.o.)	45	42.5	£4,487.15
ECC19 V12c - No. of staff hours spent on local school and college visits supporting pupils e.g. delivering career talks, curriculum support, literacy support, safety talks (including preparation time)	25	34.5	£584.09
ECC32 V12c - In-kind contributions to local community projects (materials)	200	600	£600.00
ECC33 V12c - No hours volunteering time provided to support local community projects	36	89	£1,506.77

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ECC40 V12c - Equipment or resources donated to VCSEs (£ equivalent value)	1,000	2,407.08	£2,407.08
ECC10 V12c - No. of weeks of apprenticeships (Level 2,3, or 4) provided on the contract (completed or supported by the organisation)	1	63	£13,594.77

Summary

The project has delivered targeted social value activities aligned with the Essex County Council TOMs framework, focusing on employability, education, and environmental sustainability.

Mock interviews at Trinity School and Colchester Institute helped students build confidence, improve communication skills, and gain practical experience of recruitment processes. Careers in industry talks at Colchester Institute increased awareness of career pathways in construction and engineering, supporting informed progression into work.

Engagement was extended through careers fairs at Thurstable School and Anglia Ruskin University, enabling direct interaction with students and promoting industry opportunities.

Environmental value was delivered through volunteering with Essex Wildlife Trust and The Conservation Volunteers, contributing to biodiversity and local green space improvements. Further impact was achieved through the Climate Action Ambassadors scheme at Colchester Zoo, raising awareness of climate change and encouraging sustainable behaviours.

20 weeks of T-Level placement are underway for one of Colchester Institute's Construction; Design, Surveying and Planning students.

Overall, these activities have improved employability skills, increased career awareness, strengthened community links, and supported environmental sustainability.

*captured on Thrive, measured using the Essex County Council TOMs framework



Breakdown



Project	A1331 Link Road Phase 1
Total Social Value (including Economic Benefit)	£6,663,996*
Social and Local Economic Benefit	24% project value



Social Value in Action Together in Essex



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