Free & Low Cost Physical Activity in Thurrock

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Low Cost
(£5 and under)

Developed & updated by





Children & Young People's Activities 1/3







Essex ActivAte

exciting holiday
programmes during school
holidays to support
children's physical health
and wellbeing through a
range of engaging
activities.

Clubs are free to eligible school aged children between 4 – 16 years

https://www.activeessex.org/child ren-young-people/essex-activate/

Multiple locations

Arts Outburst

Funded spaces available in their Dance sessions for ages 6-9, 10-13 and 14+ with our industry pro Miss Claudia in their Make Some Noise programme.

Thameside Complex, 2nd Floor, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX

https://www.artsoutburst.co.uk/p roject/make-some-noise/

Grays

JTD Arts

Fully inclusive youth club Wednesdays 5-6pm

Free sports and fun activities for 14-19 years: darts, bush craft, dance, indoor football, pool, games

& food provided!

The Community House -Seabrooke Rise, New Rd, Grays RM17 6DR

https://www.facebook.com/Jtdofp erformingarts/

Grays



Thurrock Libraries

All Libraries offer this class weekly for children and their parents to join them in singing and dancing together for rhyme time!

It is a chance to meet other parents and enjoy sharing nursery rhymes with your child.

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/whats-on-at-your-library/rhyme-time

Children & Young People's Activities 2/3



Children's Dance, Drama and Singing classes

Wednesday Babies 18 months-3 years 5:00-5:30pm Mixed styles

Sparkle & shine ages 5-11 years 5:00pm-5:45pm SEND dance class

Junior street Ages 7-11 years 5:00pm-6:15pm

Senior street ages 12-16 years 6.15pm-7:00pm

Saturday Minis ages 3-6 years 9.30am-11.15am acrobatics and musical theatre

> Ages 7-16 years 9:30am-10:15am

Junior & Senior ages 7-16 years 10:30am-12:30pm Musical theatre,

Street, tap, ballet, singing, drama,

Juniors and seniors acro

tap, ballet and singing

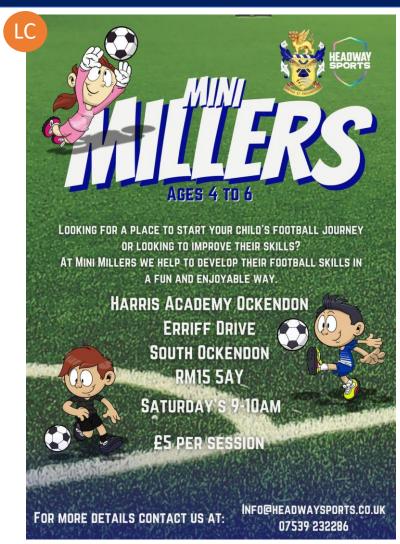
For more information and to book please contact: jtdofperformingarts@hotmail.co.uk

Grays



For more information please visit: https://riverview.org.uk/

Purfleet

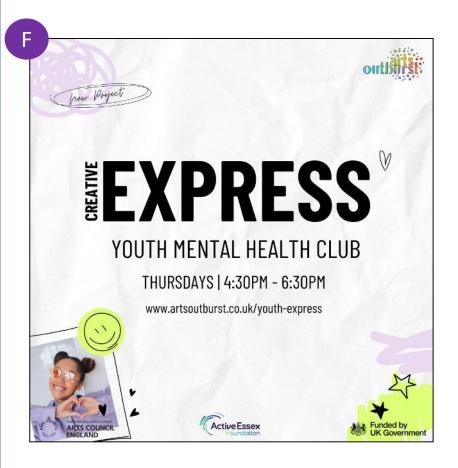


For more information and to book please contact: 07539 232286

South Ockendon

Children & Young People's Activities 3/3







Essex Youth Map

There are over 7000 groups/activities in Essex, with over 290,000 places for young people to join in! Find out about youth groups / activities near you.

Use the Essex youth map by searching Thurrock to find a group/activity near you!

https://ecvys.org.uk/youthgroups/

Multiple locations

For more information please visit: https://www.artsoutburst.co.uk/

Community Activities 1/2







Sugarloaf RDA

Volunteering opportunity on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturday mornings 9.15-12.30

Sugarloaf riding for the Disabled meet at Liitle Fields Farm, Stifford Clays Road Orsett RM16 3ND.

Their volunteers help children and adults with physical and/or learning difficulties to ride for therapy, achievement and run.

Whatever your skills, you have necessary. Age 12+

http://www.sugarloafrda.org/

Orsett



Community Gardens

There are many Community Gardens, Allotments & Sensory Gardens you can visit & get involved with in Thurrock.

Enjoy being within your community growing, enjoying the green spaces learning new skills and knowledge about outdoor education.

At the community gardens you can go along to enjoy the views and being within nature and also you can volunteer your time to help develop the grounds working together with other volunteers.

https://strongertogetherthurrock.org.uk /community-allotments-gardens/

Multiple locations



Men's Shed

Men's Sheds are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. Many Sheds get involved in community projects - restoring village features, helping maintain parks and green spaces, and building things for schools, libraries and individuals in need.

Activities in Sheds vary greatly, but you can usually find woodworking, metalworking, repairing and restoring, electronics, model buildings or even car building in a typical Shed.

https://menssheds.org.uk/find-ashed/

Multiple locations



Start Thurrock

15 February – 2 March 2025

Start Thurrock is excited to bring you Green Light two-week programme packed full of FREE creative experiences and tasters for everyone to enjoy.

Amongst the activities for Green Light are family theatre shows, creative writing, dance and movement, arts and crafts, film making, painting and visual art workshops, print workshops and much, much more!

There are sessions for children, teenagers, families and adults, plus intergenerational activities.

https://www.startthurrock.org/wh ats-on/green-light-2025/

Multiple locations

something to offer. No experience

Community Activities 2/2







Volunteer Essex

Volunteering can be a stepping stone to employment, a chance to make new friends or provide you the opportunity to try something new.

Also, it is a way you can get more active in your community!

https://thurrockcvs.org/volunt eer-thurrock/

Multiple locations





Outdoor Gyms

Spending time outdoors to exercise is beneficial for physical and mental health. Outdoor fitness equipment helps communities create outdoor gyms and workout areas in local parks. These outdoor fitness spaces allow people of all ages and abilities to exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

Find the locations of the outdoor gyms in Thurrock which are free to use 365 days a year!

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/playsites/outdoor-gyms

Dance classes





Arts Outburst

Zumba® on Thursdays 6:05pm - 6:50pm with Arts Outburst

This well-attended session is now FREE. Enjoy a lively mix of worldly rhythms in our studio.

Tune out the world and get lost in some 'you time' with us.

https://www.artsoutburst.co. uk/project/feelgood/

Grays



Vicky's Fitness

Zumba for £5

South Ockendon @ The Royal British Legion

- Monday's 6.30am
- Wednesday's 9.30am
- Thursday's 6.30pm

& in Aveley @ Aveley Band Hall

- Saturday's 9am

Vicky's classes are suitable for everyone, all ages and abilities are welcome to this fun class which is also a great way to meet new people, to get fit and have fun!

No contracts no booking scheme, just pay as you go for £5 a session, also with a loyalty scheme to achieve free classes

Just turn up or contact Vicky ahead if you have questions: 07753216009

Multiple locations



ROUTINES TO FEEL GOOD SING-ALONG MUSIC FROM ALL DECADES!

PAY AS YOU GO OR PURCHASE A CLASS PASS TODAY!

DAY	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY	6РМ	CHADWELL VILLAGE HALL £5
WEDNESDAY	9.30AM	CHADWELL WORKING MENS CLUB £5
THURSDAY	1.30PM & 6.45PM	NORTH STIFFORD VILLAGE HALL & CHADWELL WORKING MENS CLUB £5

For more information please visit: https://www.stepnsmile.co.uk/

Multiple locations



Regency Dance Academy

Zumba Fit Class

All abilities welcome

Class is split beginner to intermediate

Thursdays East Tilbury Village Hall 7:00 - 7.30pm

£3.50 per class

To book call: 07960755774

East Tilbury

Exercise classes





FITNESS CLASSES FOR 50+

SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS!

MONDAYS 10.30 - 12.00

FOLLOWED BY TEA & COFFEE

STARTS MON 25TH SEPTMEMBER

@ GRANS JEAN HALL NUTBERRY FIELDS 2PR, LONG LANE, GRAYS, RM16 2PJ

CONTACT: MARK ADAMS

EMAIL: markads01@icloud.com

MOBILE: 07711 817253

COST £5.00 PAYG

Family Activities



Brighter Futures
Healthy Families

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Brighter Futures

The Thurrock 0-19 Brighter
Futures Healthy Families
Service is an integrated
service encompassing Health
Visiting, School Health
(historically School Nursing),
targeted support and a range
of health interventions for
children, young people and
their families.

https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/serv ices-thurrock-brighter-futureshealthy-families/

Multiple locations



Forest School For All

Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and selfesteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

Parent and Toddler Group: Friday morning 9 – 11 a.m. at Grays Beach Park, Grays Essex First child:

£6.00 per session Additional Siblings: £5.00 per session*

https://www.forestschoolforall.co. uk/parent%20and%20toddler/

Grays



Family Hubs

8 Family Hubs in Thurrock which offer a wide range of free activities:

Information and advice for families, regular drop-in sessions and activities, family health services, parenting support including support for young people with SEND.

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/family-hubs

Multiple locations





JOIN A
COMMUNITY OF
FAMILIES
WORKING
TOWARDS A
HEALTHIER
FUTURE

- Popular subditional time # triake for individuals and families
- Weekly walking group for free and effective exercise to get the
- Family workshops to teach you how to get fit together and build healthie
- FREE introductory 1-1 lifestyle coaching session to support busy
- Individual/family wellbeing assessment to see where lifestyle improvem
- and changes can be made
- Virtual home exercise calls

Support groups

ONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT MORE

INFO@BEREVITALISE.CO.UK

For more information and to book please

Thurrock-wide

contact: 07923 918949

Health and Weight Loss Programmes







Health Referral

Impulse Leisure offer an extensive Health Referral programme to help prevent, maintain and cure illness, injury and mental health conditions throughout their sites

Belhus: Belhus Park, Aveley, South Ockendon RM15 4PX

Blackshots: Blackshots Ln, Grays RM16 2JU

Corringham: Springhouse Rd, Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope SS17 7NB

https://www.impulseleisure.co.uk/wellbeing/health-referral-schemes

Multiple locations





THLS

Thurrock Healthy Lifestyle Service offers an initial assessment of your health.

Depending on the results of the assessment, you can get free help to improve your health.

This includes supporting you to have a healthy weight and also with access to physical activity programmes.

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/publ ic-health/thurrock-healthylifestyle-service

Multiple locations





Weight Management

This free 12-week programme is designed to tackle inactivity, hypertension, and obesity in our community. It's available to anyone who lives in the Tilbury and Chadwell areas and wants to improve their health and wellbeing. Spaces are limited, so act fast—only the first 30 applicants will be able to join!

Includes: Platinum Membership Access, Hybrid Support Options, Weekly Check-Ins, Professional Guidance

https://impulseleisure.co.uk/weig ht-management-programme

Inclusive Activities 1/2



activity alliance

disability inclusion sport

Activity Alliance

Alliance Activity is a national

Waders

W.A.D.E.R.S.

Waders offers exercise in water for Adults with physical difficulties.

Corringham Pool Fridays 11.30-12.10pm / 12.20pm-1pm

Blackshots Teaching Pool Tuesdays 7.15-8.30pm / 8.30-9pm

£5 including pool entry

https://www.waders.org.uk/

Corringham & Gravs



Alternative Movement

With almost all of their clients living with disabilities their mission is to help educate, inspire and help those in the adaptive community reach their full potential.

Using Strength and conditioning we aim to work on your strength, conditioning and rehabilitation.

> **Treetops School Buxton Road** Gravs RM162WU

https://www.altmovement.co.uk/

Grays



Grangewaters Outdoor Education Centre

Grangewaters is a year-round outdoor education centre set in Thurrock's countryside. Covering more than 70 acres, we have natural woodland, open grassland, 2 lakes, activity areas and accommodation.

We try to make sure that all our activity areas are accessible. A range of specialist equipment is on hand, such as hoists and activity equipment designed for people with mobility issues. Accessible accommodation is available for residential visits.

Buckles Lane, South Ockendon

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/grangewaters -outdoor-education-centre/grangewaters

South Ockendon

charity that enables organisations to support disabled people to be, and stay, active for life. It is for everyone with lived experience of disability or

Useful guide for getting started being active:

health conditions.

https://www.activityalliance.o rg.uk/assets/000/000/149/25 18 BeingActiveReport A4 FI NAL%281%29 original.pdf?14 61165840

Inclusive Activities 2/2





CoDa Dance Company

Supporting people with neuro-disabilities and their families they're offering free interactive dance sessions within groups from October 2024 to January 2025.

These bespoke sessions are fun, relaxed and they use clever technology to get people moving. No experience is necessary and they'll come to you!

Steph:

admin@codadance.com

Multiple locations



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JTD ARTS LTD

Music man sessions
Held every Monday
10:00am-11.30am
11:30am-12:30pm
learn how to play the drums,
Tamborine, bells and guitars.
carers welcome, care homes
welcome, school sessions delivered
and individuals welcome.





fun dance, drama and singing classes Held every Friday 9.30am-2.30pm





Wats app 07856 869296

email: activejtd@hotmail.com

Low Impact Activities 1/2







Oomph Sessions

Low impact exercise class, open to all abilities and free for all, in 29 locations across Thurrock!

Get active and make friends, reduce social isolation and improve mental, physical and emotional well-being regardless of age, gender or mobility.

Timetables for Stanford, Grays, Chadwell, South Ockendon & Purfleet on the link below

https://thurrockcvs.org/2024/11/29/improv e-your-mental-physical-and-emotionalwellbeing-with-oomph/

Multiple locations



U₃A

U3A' aim is to keep their bodies, brains and other faculties fully functional, through activities (both physical and mental) that involve others of a like mind.

Various movement sessions including: Aqua Aerobics, Boules/Petanque, Rambling, Strollers, Short Mat Bowls & Table Tennis

£20 annual membership

https://thurrock.u3asite.uk/groups/

Multiple locations



for everyone living with dementia

Happy Days

Happy Days Creative Group at Tyrrells Hall, 67 Dock Rd

For those with memory loss accompanied by their carer. Enjoy gentle dance, singing, art and other fun activities.

Every other Tuesday 4pm -6pm

Cost: £6.50 annual fee for venue/ membership. £1 for tea/ coffee

Contact: Claire after 4pm 07903 963601

Grays







FREE OF CHARGE – STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 13TH JANUARY 2025



impulseleisure.co.uk

Charity number: Thurrock Community Leisure 1080186



Low Impact Activities 2/2





Zumba® Gold

Fridays 11:30am – 12:30pm

The session is a low impact dance fitness session – suitable for everyone to take part in – even if you need a chair, the routines are totally adaptable to do seated so you can still enjoy the session.

Followed by the option of relaxing in a warm space with a tea.

An opportunity to get active and meet new people – all in a friendly space.

https://www.artsoutburst.co. uk/project/feelgood/

Grays



Hardie Park

Hardie Park Weekly Groups at Hardie Road, SS17 OPB

Such as SS17 Walkers, Adult Craft Club, Hardie Gardeners, Pétanque, Knit and Natter.

Contact Hardie Park for more information: 07732 086162 / info@friendsofhardiepark.co. uk

Or visit their website:

https://www.friendsofhardiepark.co.uk/weekly-clubs/

Stanford-le-Hope



Friday Men's Club

Relaxed group that play pool, table tennis, card games and get together for a chat.

If a carer attend's they must be male due to this being a men's group.

First Friday of the month 7.30pm – 9.30pm Cost: Free (no booking necessary)

Venue: St John's Grays North Hall, 8A Victoria Avenue

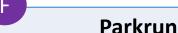
Contact: Kevin 01375 382417 / 07850 585763 / mrkspring@hotmail.com

Running & Walking Activities 1/4









Free 5km timed weekly walk, jog or running event.

Taking place every
Saturday Morning at 9am
over:

Pyramid Centre,
Heath Road,
Chadwell St Mary,
Essex,
RM16 4XH

https://www.parkrun.org.u k/thurrock/

Chadwell St Mary's

Thurrock Ramblers

We arrange walks most
Sundays as well as
Wednesday evenings
during the summer
months. Sunday walks are
typically from 8 to 10 miles
and include a pub stop
where possible.

https://www.ramblers.org. uk/go-walking/ramblersgroups/thurrock-group

Multiple locations



Thurrock Nomads

A very friendly running and walking group meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursday at 6pm at:

Thurrock Rugby Club,
Oakfield, Long Lane,
Grays,
Essex,
RM16 2QH

https://www.facebook.co m/thurrocknomads/

Grays



Essex Wildlife Trust

Various adults & children's activities to book onto, and opportunities to learn about their beautiful site!

Dates and times vary.

Thameside Nature
Discovery Park
Mucking Wharf Road,
Stanford-le-Hope,
SS17 ORN

https://www.essexwt.org. uk/events?location_term= 494

Stanford-le-Hope

Running & Walking Activities 2/4





Please contact us for further information and

enrolment by email at: info@nafhealth.org

Multiple locations



Big Local JOG GONERS **FREE** SATURDAY Complete beginners welcome Family friendly walking/orjogging Train for your first 3 km/5 km/10 kmElm Road Open Space RM17 6LB (only 2 REAL reasons you can't do this) 9--10 AM

To attend or volunteer visit: https://t100festival.co.uk/2024-year-round-walks/

Multiple locations

Contact Jim for more information or just turn up & attend, no booking required: jimworking@mail.com

Running & Walking Activities 3/4





Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

April 2024 – March 2025
Wellbeing Walks is a
national programme which
encourages people to
exercise for the benefit of
their health.

Walking is suitable for people of all ages and abilities and Walks range from a leisurely 30 minutes suitable for complete beginners, to a brisker 90 minutes (4-5 miles) for more experienced walkers and are graded from easy to hard.

https://tinyurl.com/5cstdwbs

Multiple locations



Wild Challenge

Are you ready to take on a Wild Challenge? You can help wildlife, explore nature and enjoy lots of wild, fun activities.

Take part within your school or with your family!

Send results by 24 February 2025

https://www.rspb.org.uk/help ing-nature/what-you-cando/activities/wild-challenge

Multiple locations



MSA

Every Thursday MSA host free Nordic Walks 10:00-11:00am for 16yrs+

Tese take place at Venue:
Thames Chase Forest
Centre

Parking costs £2

https://muslimahsports.org.uk /msa-nordic-walks/

Upminster



SS17 Walkers

Every Tuesday, friendly walking group

Like their Facebook page to see regular updates for their weekly walks.

https://www.facebook.com/S S17Walkers

Stanford-le-Hope

Running & Walking Activities 4/4







Over 50's Men's Football Club

Address: Lakeside Sports Ground, A1306 Arterial Rd West Thurrock, Chafford Hundred, Grays RM16 6DN

Train on Monday and Friday Mornings between 10am and 11.30am.

First game is free then £5 per session plus £20 annual membership which includes insurance.

Contact Rod for more information: +44 (0)7854 897227

Grays



Mama Meet-Up Walk

Meeting Point: Creamstry
Dessert Shop, 6 Derwent
Parade, South Ockendon
RM15 5EE

They welcome women from all walks of life and stages of motherhood for this childfriendly walk followed by free light refreshments

Every Friday 10am-12pm, starting from 10th January, for 17 weeks

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mamameet-up-thurrock-tickets-1109222196449

Ockendon



Purfleet-on-Thames
Heritage Walk

Meeting Point: Purfleet Heritage and Military Centre, Magazine No5, Centurion Way, Purfleet-on-Thames, Essex, RM19 1ZZ

When: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. 1 p.m.

Price: Adults £5, under 16's £3

Includes: Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

Payment: Pre-booking only until March

Booking contact: paulhounsell64@outlook.com

Purfleet-on-Thames

Sport Specific Activities





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Grays Judo Club

Grays Judo Club provide a safe and inspiring environment where children and their families can achieve a healthier lifestyle by taking part in physical activity on a regular basis, whilst also learning new skills.

Wednesday Evenings 17:15 – 18:30pm Socketts Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

One Session: £5
A Month: £25

https://sites.google.com/view/graysjudoclub/home/judo-schedule

Grays



LC

Sea Cadets

At Thurrock we aim to give young people an experience that will help them grow into the person they want to be in a safe and friendly environment. Through various activities and adventures, we learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves.

Volunteering opportunities to get involved!

https://www.seacadets.org/thurrock/volunteerwith-us

Tilbury





LC

Thurrock Hockey Club

Forward Motion

ForwardMotion is an initiative to encourage people to think differently about the way they travel around South Essex instead of jumping in the car for every journey.

They provide signposting to services that make alternative travel options accessible by providing links to cycling maps, cycling safety information & also links to local clubs.

Please note – the Cycling Hub shop in Tilbury is now closed.

https://forwardmotionsouthessex.co.uk/services-near-me/thurrock/

Multiple locations

First training session is free (come and try hockey to see if you like the game and setup)

Any session attended after that is £3 per session and on a pay as you play basis

Hockey stick and equipment are available for the session

https://www.facebook.com/Thurr ockHockeyClub

Other support & ways to get active







FYA Thurrock Facebook

Follow our page for activities, events and news!

A wide range of physical activity opportunities across Thurrock so you can get out moving in the community in a way you enjoy!!

https://essexfrontline.org.uk/

Multiple locations



Activity Finder

Here you will find lots of clubs and activities listed on the Active Essex Activity Finder.

Also if you run a session you can add your activities to promote for free!

https://www.activeessex.org/ activity-finder/

Multiple locations



Frontline

Frontline is a community project.

It helps frontline workers and the public to quickly find details on local health and wellbeing services and to contact services through call back and referral options.

https://essexfrontline.org.uk/

Multiple locations



Thurrock Council

Help is available for Thurrock residents whose weight puts them at higher risk of illhealth.

Thurrock Council signpost to services & they also organize local programmes that can help with weight management.

These are for eligible adults aged 18 years-old or older. Schemes are both free or low costing.

https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/help-tohave-healthy-weight/where-to-get-help