

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC ESSEX

Supporting the Essex Record Office

Registered Charity No. 235270

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 4 July 2026

at Roman Circus Visitor Centre, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex CO2 7GZ

- 11.00am Arrival, sign-in and coffee.
- 11.30am Annual General Meeting.
- 12.30pm Lunch.
- 1.30pm After lunch there will be:
- 1) A presentation by Howard Brooks, Colchester Archaeological Trust, on Colchester's Roman Circus and site visit.
 - 2) Claire Driver, Colchester Recalled, will give an introduction to the work of Colchester's oral history society, Colchester Recalled.
 - 3) Francesca Lombardi, University of Essex/ERO MA placement student will give a short talk on her research project at ERO.
- 3.00pm Light refreshments (tea/coffee and cake).
- 4.00pm Depart.

Members are welcome to bring a guest. There is no charge for attendance at the AGM, however there is a charge for lunch and the afternoon tea (please see below).

Directions to the Roman Circus Visitor Centre are printed on the reverse of this notice.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Roman Circus Visitor Centre, where the AGM will be held, is situated on the ground floor of Roman Circus House. There is a disabled toilet alongside other toilets on the ground floor. The Colchester Roman Circus is an archaeological site and care needs to be taken.

The cost of lunch and afternoon tea is £12.50. Please book in advance. Bookings must be advised by **Thursday 25th June** at the latest to confirm with the venue's caterers. Please remember to advise about any dietary requirements or allergies when booking.

Friends of Historic Essex 73rd Annual General Meeting – Colchester Roman Circus, Saturday 4 July 2026

Name(s).....

I would like **Lunch and Afternoon tea**
to book: (£12.50 per person)

Please book by Thursday 25th June.

Payment can be made by direct bank transfer to the following account:

Sort code 08-90-04 Account: 50002443 Account Name: Friends of Historic Essex Reg. CH-235270

If paying by bank transfer please also:

- (1) add reference 'AGM'.
- (2) e-mail the Chairman jibutler@btinternet.com to advise that you have done so. This is essential, so we can keep track of numbers booking.

Please also advise any special dietary requirements and any food or drink allergies at the time of booking.

Payment can also be made by cheque (payable to "The Friends of Historic Essex"). Please send with this booking slip to the Chairman, Jennifer Butler, 81 Rutland Ave, Southend-on-Sea SS1 2XL

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The address for Colchester Roman Circus is:

Roman Circus Visitor Centre

Roman Circus Walk

Colchester

CO2 7GZ

Tel: 01206 501785

Limited parking is available at the Centre, including disabled parking.

To reach the Centre by car, you need to approach from the Butt Road car park and drive the full length of Roman Circus Walk where you will find yourself at the end of the drive in the Circus Centre.

Nearby public car parks are within 5 – 7 minutes walk at Butt Road and Napier Road Pay and Display (£4.70 all day).

Access for pedestrians and cycles is from Circular Road North and Roman Circus Walk.

The nearest railway station is Colchester Town (St Botolph's), which is 0.6 miles away.

First Essex operates an hourly bus service from Chelmsford Bus Station to Osborne Street, Colchester (371 bus) on a Saturday. The bus leaves Chelmsford at 30 minutes past the hour and returns from Colchester on the hour.