

Course details

Course title

History: Smuggling in Essex- the Romance and Reality

Course code

Q00013750

Course date

Start: 01/05/24

End: 22/05/24

Number of classes

4 sessions

Timetable

Wed 1st May, 19:30 to 21:30

Wed 8th May, 19:30 to 21:30

Wed 15th May, 19:30 to 21:30

Wed 22nd May, 19:30 to 21:30

Branch

Billericay Branch

Tutor

Claire Parker

Fee range

Free to £33.60

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Billericay Reading Rooms (Billericay)
73 High Street
Billericay
CM12 9AS

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

How do the popular representations of smuggling in novels, songs, poems, paintings and film match up to the reality of the trade on the Essex coast in the 18th century? We will look at some of the enduring romantic depictions alongside official records and reports to consider the reality of life for people up and down the Essex coast whether engaged in smuggling or the fight against it.

Course description

Each week we will look at how smuggling is represented in a range of different forms including novels, film and TV, songs, poetry and art and consider why smuggling and the fight against it has been a popular subject for these. We will explore the history of smuggling in Essex in the 18th century to find out about the goods being smuggled and why they were smuggled. We will find out who some of the smugglers were, including notorious figures and local gangs, as well as examining some of the tricks of their trade. We will think about the local coastline, creeks and backwaters to find out what made Essex well suited to smuggling and compare what happened here to smuggling activity in other coastal areas. We will also think about the impact of smuggling activity on local communities and attempts to control the trade and the particular challenges of this in Essex.

Expect slide presentations and group discussions along with suggested reading, listening and watch lists.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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