



The Thames Chase Quiz

Answer Sheet - All about Essex

12th June

1. A seaxe is a type of sword which evolved from the Anglo-Saxon short sword. It was in common usage from the 6th to the 13th centuries in England.
2. The Essex coastline is 350 miles long but is only the second longest of any English county.
3. Chelmsford is the birthplace of radio.
4. Southend Pier appears in the end credits of Minder.
5. Chelmsford has been the county town of Essex since the 13th century. Colchester is England's oldest recorded town.
6. Colchester Zoo was first opened in 1963 as Stanway Hall Zoo Park. It has since expanded from 25 acres to over 50 acres and attracts over 500,000 visitors a year.
7. The burial site of a 7th century Saxon prince was excavated. No human remains were found but jewellery, weapons and domestic artefacts were recovered and the contents of the tomb are on display at the Museum of London.
8. Princess Caroline of Brunswick, who was married to the Prince Regent, visited Southend on Sea around 1803, creating popularity amongst a fashionable society.
9. Grayson Perry created A House for Essex.
10. Saffron Walden

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