



Local Area Guide

for health and Social Care International Recruits



*A guide
to Essex's
charming
towns.*

**Brentwood
and Billericay**



About this guide

This guide is intended to provide an overview of the local area to include guidance on travel distances, potential areas in which to live, tips for finding accommodation and contact details for local letting agents. Should you require any further assistance please speak to your employer who will be able to provide you further information.

Nestled in the heart of Essex, **Brentwood and Billericay** are towns rich in history and character. Brentwood, a blend of vibrant urban life and serene green spaces, is known for its picturesque landscapes and cultural heritage. Billericay, with its charming high street, boasts historical significance dating back to Roman times.



About Brentwood and Billericay

- Brentwood and Billericay are captivating towns in Essex, known for their blend of historical charm and contemporary growth.
- Brentwood, renowned for its lush green spaces and vibrant cultural scene, is situated about 20 miles (32km) northeast of Central London.
- Billericay is a traditional market town, around 25 miles (40km) east of London, known for its high street lined with historic buildings.
- The towns offer a serene suburban retreat with convenient access to the dynamic life of London.

Getting around

By bus

- Local bus services operated by First Essex buses, connecting to nearby areas including Brentwood, Basildon, Chelmsford and Romford. Visit firstbus.co.uk/essex for more information.

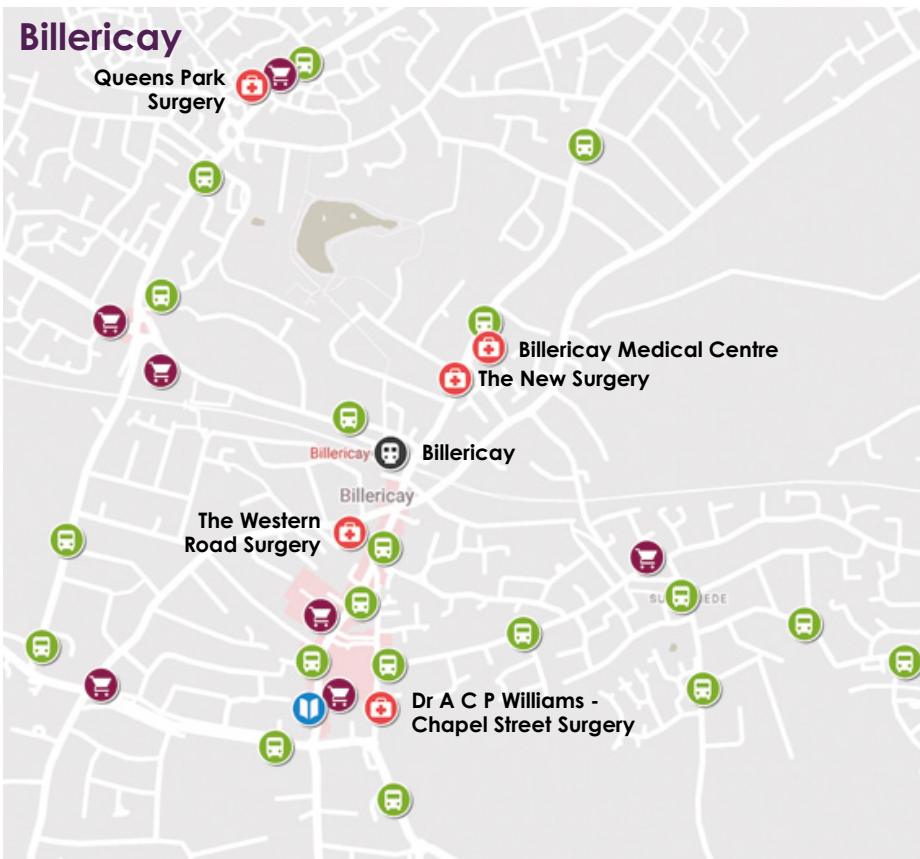
By rail

- Direct services to London Liverpool Street (approx. 30-40 minutes). Visit greateranglia.co.uk for schedules.

Brentwood



Billericay



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Finding accommodation

When renting property, UK law says that landlords must check that you are who you say you are and that you are allowed to live in the UK. More information on proving your right to rent property can be found at [gov.uk/prove-right-to-rent](https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-rent)

Useful tips

When considering a new home, it's crucial to think about your preferred location. Deciding on an area simplifies the search. Consider proximity to your workplace and essential amenities like shops, gyms, supermarkets, churches, childcare facilities, schools, and parks. Research public transport availability, including the frequency, cost, and travel times of bus services, as well as the location of train and bus stations. Remember, rural areas often have less public transport than major cities or towns. Communities 1st has developed a Top Tip Guide for finding Accommodation in the UK.

Be aware that some landlords offer "all inclusive" rent, which might cover some of these costs. It's important to understand exactly what is included in the rent before committing to a property.

Before moving into a rental property, you will typically need to pay the first month's rent in advance, a tenancy deposit, and possibly a holding deposit if you're renting through a letting agent. For advice on paying bills visit: [moneyhelper.org.uk/en/homes/renting](https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/homes/renting)

Rental cost guide (£/pcm)

Number of bedrooms

Studio	£600
1 Bed	£1,000
2 Bed	£1,300
3 Bed	£1,700

Local letting/estate agents

Balgores Property Group
Hilbery Chaplin
Keith Ashton Estate Agents
Quirks Estate Agents
Tyler Estates

Agent portals

homestay.com
onthemarket.com
rightmove.co.uk
zoopla.co.uk

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Local NHS services and facilities

GP Practices: Numerous practices in Brentwood and Billericay. To find a local GP, visit [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)

Walk-in Centres and Minor Injury Units: For non-emergency care, there are various centres in and around Brentwood and Billericay.

Brentwood Community Hospital: Located in Brentwood, providing outpatient and diagnostic services. Approximately five minutes from Brentwood town centre.

Basildon University Hospital: Near Billericay, about 15 minutes' drive, offering a range of acute medical services.

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust covers Basildon and Brentwood Community Hospitals.

Useful contacts

NHS	111 or in an emergency 999
Essex Police	101 or in an emergency 999
Brentwood Borough Council	01277 312500
Basildon Borough Council	01268 533333
Essex Council	0345 743 0430
Citizens Advice Essex	0808 278 7877

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Communities 1st is committed to offering rounded pastoral support for international health and social care recruits transitioning to life in the UK. Our comprehensive service, delivered through a combination of dedicated staff and enthusiastic volunteer buddies, focuses on individualised 1:1 support and a range of group activities, ensuring a smooth integration into the UK lifestyle.

Don't miss the opportunity to benefit from our well-structured and holistic programmes. Reach out to us today to find out how we can collaborate to create a positive and seamless transition for your recruits.

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