



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society

Just Passed...?

Thank you for attending the CARS Foundation Course. Here is some handy information to help you on your journey into amateur radio...

How to get your Callsign:

You should be able to get your callsign and licence approximately six working days after passing your exam.

You need to register on the Ofcom website and use your five-digit Candidate Number to get your callsign. On the Ofcom website, registration, logon-access and a user guide is at:

www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/online-licensing-service/

Tip: Make sure you use a 'stable' email address for your login-id

Other Ofcom info for amateurs including notices, licence conditions, guidance and FAQs is at

www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/amateur-radio-info

Joining CARS:

The Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society holds regular meetings in Chelmsford (the first Tuesday of the month), is active at several field days throughout the year, and offers a monthly newsletter to members. If you would like to find out more, go to **www.g0mwt.org.uk**

Developing your skills:

CARS runs a series of club meetings, nets and operating events. Our Danbury location also has club tools, radios and antennas if you want to get practical – the perfect place to ask questions, meet others and try out something new – and we are a member of the RSGB Brickworks scheme too

Handy Amateur Radio Websites:

- **www.rsgb.org** - The Radio Society of Great Britain. Information on all aspects of amateur radio, plus free help and advice. Go here for the latest amateur radio band plans, news, EMF/EMC advice and details of local clubs.
- **www.qrz.com** – The online directory of amateur radio callsigns.
- **www.essexrepeatergroup.org.uk** - The Essex Repeater Group's website.
- **www.ukrepeater.net** - A list of all the active repeaters and gateways in the UK.
- **www.echolink.org** - Has help, software, status and lists of all active EchoLink usage.