



News from Essex Community Foundation

Spring Reception at Ingatestone Hall

Lord Petre, President of ECF, welcomed around 90 invited guests to Ingatestone Hall for our Spring reception. **Social isolation and loneliness** was the issue highlighted at this year's event.

Guests heard inspirational talks, introduced by ECF Vice president, Bishop Stephen Cottrell, from two local charities, Men's Shed, based in Maldon, and a befriending service run by Castle Point Association for Voluntary Services.



Both organisations are tackling isolation and loneliness, but in different ways and have received grant funding from ECF. To watch the talks, [click here](#).

Exciting opportunity to join the ECF team

We are recruiting for a full time Grants Officer.

Responsibilities include advising potential grant applicants from the voluntary and community sector, assessing and evaluating funding applications and preparing reports.

For the full job description and details on how to apply, [click here](#).



Harwich Haven Authority supports grass-root initiatives

Harwich Haven Authority have launched a new community fund to benefit voluntary organisations in the Tendring District. They will also be working with Suffolk Community Foundation.

Grants will be awarded annually to support educational, environmental, maritime and community initiatives.

To read the full story, [click here](#).



Charities boosted by Provide Foundation

14 charities are celebrating after receiving a healthy funding boost from the Provide Foundation.

Among those to receive grants is Dementia Adventure which received the **top award of £20,000** to support their work helping people living with dementia, and their carers.

To read the full story, [click here](#).



Essex welcomes new High Sheriff

Bryan Burrough, who lives in Ulting near Maldon, has become the **838th High Sheriff of Essex**.

As he travels around Essex he will be promoting the High Sheriffs' Fund which supports voluntary organisations delivering initiatives which tackle community safety.

"Follow" Bryan throughout his year on Twitter: [@Essex_HS](#).

To find out more about his plans, [click here](#).



Charities benefit from County Council funds

Grants totalling £75,080 were presented from the **Essex Millennium Fund** and the **Essex County Council's Chairman's Fund**.

22 charities and voluntary organisations benefited from the funding boost.

To read more, including a full list of grants awarded, [click here](#).



Put your walking boots on for the Essex Rural Fund

The Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) are hosting a **charity walk and lunch** to raise money for the **Essex Rural Fund**.

The walk will take place this Saturday (28 April), leaving from Cressing Temple and going to Littley Green via Fairstead and Terling. You are invited to take part, with family and friends, and dogs are also very welcome.

For more information, including the meeting point, please call David Boyle on 01245 233435 or [e-mail David](mailto:David@rcce.org.uk).



Mersea Homes builds support for local charities

Two charities providing vital support to young people living in Colchester and Tendring have been awarded grants from the **Mersea Homes Charitable Fund**.

Colchester and Tendring Youth Enquiry Service and Lads Need Dads, based in Clacton, have received grants totalling £5,296 which will help them to provide a range of support for young people.

To read the full story, [click here](#).



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More information

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