



Welcome to the August update from Essex Community Foundation

ECF welcomes new Patron

ECF is delighted to welcome Jennifer Tolhurst, the Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, as its new Patron.

Jennifer, who has been a Vice President of ECF since 2006, takes over from Lord Petre who has been the Foundation's Patron for the past 18 years.

Lord Petre now becomes ECF's President taking the role from our Founder, Ian Marks, CBE DL.



Ian said, "Community Foundations are all about the constantly changing needs of people and local communities. My wife Angela and I founded ECF in 1996 and we are extremely pleased at its growth and success. We are delighted that Jennifer and Lord Petre have accepted these roles and are confident that they will both be active ambassadors for ECF and the voluntary sector in Essex."

An evening of excellence

ECF was pleased to host an exclusive reception for around 80 invited guests at P & A Wood, the official Rolls-Royce and Bentley heritage dealer in Great Easton.

Guests were introduced to the work of ECF and Jason Bartella, one of our Fundholders explained why the Fund established in his family name had become such an important part of his life.



If you would like to discuss how ECF can help you with your charitable wishes, whatever your level of giving or area of interest, please call Jo Macaulay or Steven Mackenzie on 01245 355947. For more information, click [here](#).

Comic Relief launches new funding initiative

Comic Relief has launched a new grants programme working with Community Foundations across the Country.

The Core Strength - Local Communities initiative offers grants of between **£1,000** and **£10,000** to voluntary and community groups to help with the cost of running their organisation. This includes items such as rent and staff training.

To make an application, click [here](#) or call 01245 356018 to speak with a member of the grants team.



High Sheriff of Essex

The High Sheriff of Essex, Simon Hall, has been extremely busy in his first six months visiting projects and activities across the County.

He recently attended a graduation event organised by the Wilderness Foundation for their Turnaround programme which uses outdoor based educational activities and experiences to help disadvantaged and vulnerable young people to make positive changes in their lives.



The Turnaround project received a grant of £1,000 at the High Sheriffs' Awards held in March. Following his visit, Simon said, "It was great to see the transformation achieved with the young people since I last met them – well done to all."

To keep up to date with Simon's activities follow him on Twitter: [@Essex_HS](#).

Essex Dog Day - Join in the fun on 27 August!

Essex Dog Day takes place this Bank Holiday Sunday, **27 August from 10am** in the grounds of Crix in Hatfield Peverel.

This is one of the county's largest events where there will be ring shows, demonstrations, competitions, crafts and lots of food.

All monies raised from the event will support local charities through the Crix Charitable Fund, which is managed by ECF. To find out more about the Dog Day, click [here](#).



Help your local community

Do you live in the areas of Bradwell or Tillingham and would you like to make a difference in your local community?

If so, we are seeking volunteers to **join a panel of local people** to consider grant applications from voluntary organisations to the Bradwell Wind Farm Community Fund.

The panel meets twice a year at St Cedd's School in Bradwell. To find out more, click [here](#).



Phone-In Funding Surgery: Thurrock - 27 September

Are you a voluntary or community organisation working in Thurrock? If so, please call us about your funding needs.

We will be holding a dedicated Phone-In Funding Surgery on **Wednesday 27 September between 10am to 12 noon** for the Thurrock area. ECF grant officers will be on hand to talk about your work and discuss funding options.

Please call us anytime or, on the day, on 01245 356018.

For more information, click [here](#).



Last chance to apply for August funding

There is still time for voluntary and community organisations working in Braintree and Tendring to apply for funding.

The **Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund** provides organisations with the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £40,000 to support projects which help to either improve health and wellbeing, increase the aspirations and opportunities available to young people or develop skills through training. To apply, click [here](#).



The **Earls Hall Farm Community Benefit Fund** supports projects which benefit the communities of St Osyth Ward, Bockings Elm Ward and parts of Little Clacton. To apply, click [here](#).

The deadline date for applications to be received for both of these funds is **31 August**.

More information

If you would like more information about any of the stories featured in this update or about Essex Community Foundation, please contact Kate Cornish on 01245 355947 or email kate@essexcf.org.uk.

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