

Welcome to the final update for 2016 from Essex Community Foundation

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The ECF team and trustees would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who has supported the Foundation this year.

We also thank the many voluntary and community organisations that are providing vital help, advocacy and care to so many people, not only during the festive period but throughout the year.

We look forward to working with you in 2017 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



ECF Members elect new trustees

At ECF's recent AGM, members elected two new trustees to the Board - Russell Edey and Thomas Nutt. To read more about Russell and Tom click [here](#).

Jason Bartella steps down from the Board after completing a full term of office. Jonathan Minter, ECF's Chairman paid tribute to Jason, thanking him for his significant contribution to the Foundation over the past eight years and for being a wonderful ambassador for our work. Jason will remain engaged with ECF as a vice president and through his family named fund.



Phone-In Funding Surgery: Harlow and Epping Forest

Voluntary and community organisations in Harlow and Epping Forest are invited to call us tomorrow (**Wednesday 14 December**) between 10am and 12 noon to talk about their work and funding needs.

Grant officer's Fran and Jill will be on hand to discuss your funding requirements and explain the application process. If you would like to participate, please call us on 01245 356018.

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



New Annual Reviews available

ECF's 20th Annual Review and Annual Report and Financial Statements are now available.

These reports detail the Foundation's activities and achievements during the year, list the grants awarded and highlight stories about our funds.

Both documents can be viewed on our website, [here](#).

If you would like to receive a copy of either document by post please e-mail [Kate Cornish](#).



ECF welcomes new team member

ECF is pleased to welcome Paul Hill as its new Head of Grants and Programmes.

Paul, who was previously Assistant Chief Fire Officer at Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, has been a champion of community-led services for many years. He has also volunteered for a number of charities to help improve the health, safety and welfare of Essex residents over the past 20 years.



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

Surviving Winter Appeal

During the winter months isolation and loneliness can increase, particularly if people are unable to get out of their homes.

If you would like to donate your Winter Fuel Payment or make a donation to ECF's Surviving Winter Appeal you can send a cheque to Essex Community Foundation, 121 New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0QT or donate online, [here](#).

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



Courtauld Trust transfers to ECF

The George Courtauld Educational Charity has been transferred to ECF's management, where it will continue to support young people under the age of 21 who live, or whose parents live, in Braintree District.

George's great-grandson, who is also called George, lives in Colne Engaine. He said, "I am delighted that the trustees have chosen to transfer my great-grandfather's trust into the safe hands of ECF so that his legacy can continue to benefit young people in Braintree."



To read more, click [here](#).

To find out more about transferring a charitable trust to ECF, click [here](#).

ECF features in Essex Life

We were pleased to be featured in the December issue of Essex Life.

The article highlights ECF's achievements over the past 20 years and looks to the future, to our plans of making an even greater impact in the county. Jason Bartella also explains how his family named charitable fund with ECF is having such a positive impact on his whole family.



Why not sit down with a cup of tea and have a read? Click [here](#).

Short-stay homeless shelter opens in Braintree

ECF team members Andrew Clarke and Kate Cornish attended the formal opening of [Hope House](#), which provides temporary accommodation for homeless single adults in Braintree.

A grant of £10,000 was awarded from the Diana Tinson Fund towards the cost of the property, which expects to welcome its first tenants before Christmas.

To find out how you can give to local charitable causes, whatever your level of giving or area of interest, click [here](#).



Funds inviting applications

ECF has a number of funds which are seeking applications and have deadline dates over the next couple of months.

Voluntary organisations can apply for grants at any time, but please check our website regularly for specific funds which are [inviting applications](#).



Christmas office closure

Please note that the ECF office will close on Thursday 22 December, opening again on Tuesday 3 January.

Voluntary or community organisations can still apply for funding by using the online application process during this time.

E-mails to grants@essexcf.org.uk will be responded to when the office re-opens.



More information

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

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