



## Welcome to the January update from Essex Community Foundation

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### Message from the Chief Executive

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On behalf of the trustees and team at ECF I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

We are halfway through our financial year and it's proving to be as busy as ever. We have already awarded grants totalling nearly £1 million and have established new endowed funds with a combined value of over £2 million.

Throughout 2017 we look forward to introducing more people to the Foundation and continuing our work with donors, strategic partners and the voluntary sector to help make a lasting difference in local communities.



### Chrysalis Fund

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ECF is delighted to be managing a new £1.5 million charitable fund.

The fund, established by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, will support voluntary and community organisations that are tackling mental health issues and those that are supporting families in areas of need.

If you would like to find out more about how to establish a charitable fund with ECF, click [here](#).



### Surviving Winter Appeal

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As the first snow falls in Essex and extreme winter weather puts many local people in difficult circumstances, please spare a thought for the elderly and vulnerable who may need some extra help at this time of year.

There is still time to donate to our Surviving Winter Appeal and spread a little warmth. [Read more](#).



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## Phone-in funding surgery: Basildon and Brentwood

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Are you a community or voluntary organisation in Basildon or Brentwood that needs funding?

If so, call us on Wednesday 18 January from 10am to 12noon to talk about your organisation's work and how ECF may be able to help you. [Read more.](#)



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## Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund

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Braintree Area Foodbank and Witham Town Luncheon Club are among five voluntary organisations which will receive grants totalling nearly £95,000.

These vital grants will help to improve the health, well-being and life chances of local people. [Read more.](#)



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## Turning criminal's cash into community assets

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A pioneering scheme which turns the proceeds of crime into a positive benefit for the community has been given an extra £75,000 match-funding boost by Essex Police. [Read more.](#)

To discuss how your donation could benefit from match-funding, please call Jo Murphy on 01245 355947.



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## Grants flow into local community

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A charity working with ethnic minority women and their families is among the latest voluntary organisations to receive a grant from the Essex & Suffolk Water Community Fund. [Read more.](#)



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## Funds inviting applications

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ECF accepts applications all year round however there are some funds which have specific deadlines. Please regularly check our website to find out which funds are inviting applications or call our grants team on 01245 356018. [Read more.](#)



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## More information

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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](mailto:jo@essexcf.org.uk).

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