

Welcome to the update from Essex Community Foundation

Two new faces have joined the team

Lisa Green (left) joins us as our new Grants and Programmes Administrator. She comes from a strong administrative background, having previously worked at a number of organisations including Action for Children and the Royal British Legion. She will be supporting the Grants team in processing applications and managing the distribution of grants.



Kate Cornish (right) comes from a top London PR consultancy and joins us as Marketing and Communications Assistant. She will be working on all aspects of the Foundation's PR, marketing and events helping to increase the profile of ECF and publicise our work across the County.

For more details of the team, click [here](#).

High Sheriff invites applications

The High Sheriff of Essex, Lorna Rolfe, is inviting voluntary organisations that are contributing to community safety in Essex, Southend and Thurrock, to apply for grants of up to £1,000 from the High Sheriffs' Fund.

Projects which have received grants previously include garden maintenance schemes for elderly residents to reduce the incidence of burglary, anti-social behaviour reduction initiatives, women's refuge organisations and neighbourhood watch schemes.

The deadline for applications is 1 December. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).



Legacies hit all time high

Over 37,000 wills written in 2015 included a legacy donation, making it the highest number of charitable estates ever recorded, according to new research. (Read the full article [here](#)).

ECF offers a way of ensuring your legacy supports the community or cause(s) you nominate.

If you would like to discuss how ECF can help, please call Steve



Mackenzie 01245 355947 or [visit our website](#).

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Essex Community Foundation will be held at Stock Brook Manor Hotel on Wednesday 30 November 2016. After the formalities, there will be a panel discussion to explore the future of philanthropy in post Brexit Britain and Essex Community Foundation's role within this.

If you would like more information about the AGM or would like to attend please contact Jo Murphy on 01245 355947.



Giving Trends report

ECF was pleased to be included in a recent Giving Trends annual report which identifies and tracks Foundation giving in the UK.

This research shines a light on the significant contribution of UK charitable foundations to civil society and provides crucial intelligence on the underlying trends in philanthropy and grantmaking in the UK.

The report included reference to UK Community Foundations and ECF was delighted to be one of three Foundations to be listed in relation to the value of our endowment.

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



Healthy injection of funds from Provide

Grant funding totalling almost £90,000 has been given by the Provide Foundation to projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of people in Essex.

The funds were presented at a special awards ceremony and the money was shared between 20 voluntary and community organisations.

To read more about the event and to view the photos, click [here](#).



Can you help?

We are inviting people living in the Dengie area to join a small local panel to help us ensure that grants from the Middlewick Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund supports charitable schemes in the area.

There will be two meetings a year to discuss projects. If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact Jill Curd, on 01245 356108 or jill@essexcf.org.uk.



Sound Financial Planning top up their fund

Sound Financial Planning continue to raise money for their named charitable fund, which was established with ECF in 2015.

The latest event that staff were involved with was a Nuclear Mud Race where they tackled 6ft walls, muddy ditches and spinning monkey bars. Their efforts raised an impressive £1,015.



Paul Spires, Director of Sound Financial Planning, said:

"The staff are committed to supporting our charitable fund with ECF. I'm delighted that they keep finding innovative ways to raise money and provide long term support for local voluntary organisations in Essex".

For information on how to set up a fund in the name of your company or family, click [here](#).

Funds inviting applications

ECF is always seeking applications from local voluntary and community organisations which are looking for funding to continue or support their work.

Organisations can apply at any time, but some of our funds have specific criteria and deadlines so please regularly check our website for [funds which are inviting applications](#).



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More Information

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