

## News from Essex Community Foundation

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### Tributes paid to Ian Marks, ECF's Founder

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We are deeply saddened to share the news that our Founder, Ian Marks CBE DL, has died.

Ian was a man of vision and determination who changed the landscape of local charitable giving by establishing ECF in 1996. He was our first chairman and after retiring from the Board in 2003 he became our President.

We will miss Ian's interest in our work, his thoughtful guidance and his wonderful sense of humour, but his memory will live on through our work here at ECF.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Ian's wife Angela and their family at this very sad time.

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



### Changing lives one friendship at a time

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A successful befriending scheme that matches **people who feel lonely and isolated**, with a volunteer companion, is receiving a funding boost of £60,000.

Awarded from The Henry Smith Charity and administered by ECF, the grant will enable Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services to continue running the scheme for at least the next two years.

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



### Southend Phone-In Funding Surgery: 14 February

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There is funding available for community organisations and local charities in Southend-on-Sea.

If you are based, or carry out charitable work, in this area, we would like to hear from you.

**ECF grant officers will be on hand from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday 14 February to discuss your work and funding requirements.**

You do not need to be a new applicant to take advantage of this opportunity. To take part, please call us on the day on 01245 356018.

Click [here](#) for more information.



### Tackling food poverty in Clacton

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Clacton-on-Sea FoodCycle, which uses surplus food to provide healthy meals for vulnerable people, is one of the latest charities to receive a funding boost from **Colne Community Builders**.

FoodCycle serves meals to guests who are elderly, have a low income or are without a home and facing mental health issues. Sitting down for a meal with others helps them to feel involved in their community.



If you would like to apply for the next round of funding from Colne Community Builders, please **call us now** on 01245 356018.

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

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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 Kate Cornish on 01245 355947 or email [kate@essexcf.org.uk](mailto:kate@essexcf.org.uk).

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