

Welcome to the July update from Essex Community Foundation

New Lord-Lieutenant appointed

We are delighted that ECF Vice President, Jennifer Tolhurst, has been appointed as the new Lord-Lieutenant of Essex with effect from 4 August.

The Lord-Lieutenant is the British Monarch's personal representative in the county. Jennifer will succeed Lord Petre, who has undertaken the role in Essex since 1999.

Jennifer lives in Danbury and is a former High Sheriff of Essex. To read more, click [here](#).



Colne Community Builders Fund - apply now!

People living in Colchester and Tendring, who have learning disabilities, mental ill-health or autism are to receive extra support to help them communicate more effectively, thanks to a grant of £2,000 awarded to Bright Lives from the Colne Community Builders Fund.

Applications are now being accepted for the next round of grants from the Fund from charities and community organisations in areas where Colne Housing operates - **Babergh, Braintree, Chelmsford, Colchester, Maldon, Tendring and Uttlesford.**



To read more and to apply, click [here](#). **The deadline date is 11 August.**

Donation thanks

We are extremely grateful to Handelsbanken and other local professional organisations for a donation to ECF of £1,575.

The monies were raised thanks to a bowling rally organised by Handelsbanken but which, unfortunately, did not take place. Many of the organisations involved agreed to donate their entry fees to local charities despite the event not going ahead.

Mark Earlam, Chelmsford Branch Manager, said, "We were so disappointed that the bowling alley was set to close and prevented us from going ahead with our charity event. However, huge thanks to the local professional community who honoured their commitment, enabling us to make this donation to ECF, an organisation which is very close to our hearts."



Canvey Island awash with community spirit

A group of volunteers, many of whom have lived on Canvey Island for more than 50 years, formed Canvey Bay Watch in 2014 to restore the seafront to its former glory.

In their latest efforts, a disabled access path has been installed which allows wheelchair and disability buggy users to get down to beach level.

These improvements were made possible by a £2,500 grant from Essex County Council's Millennium Fund. To read more, click [here](#).



Phone-In Funding Surgery: Wednesday 16 August

Our next Phone-In Funding Surgery is on **16 August** and is aimed at voluntary and community groups which are working to improve information, advice and guidance in health and social care.

The grants team will be available **between 10 am and 12 noon** to discuss your work and talk through a potential application.

To participate, please call 01245 356018 on the day.



Grants available in Braintree District

Grants of up to £40,000 are available from the Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund.

Previously supported organisations include the Braintree Area Foodbank providing food and essential items to people in need and the Witham Town Luncheon Club, which supports elderly people in the community.

The deadline date for expressions of interest to this Fund is 31 August. To read the criteria and apply, click [here](#).



Day centre opens new garden

A grant of £17,463 will enable people with severe physical disabilities to plant and harvest their own vegetables in a specially adapted garden.

The grant was awarded to Ferriers Barn in Bures from three funds managed by ECF, the Mi Community Fund, Sport Relief Community Cash and the Diana Tinson Fund.

The new green space, which includes a sensory sandpit, is accessible to all of the centre's members by means of wide paths for wheelchair users and raised flower beds.

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



Essex Dog Day: Sunday 27 August 2017

Essex Dog Day is one of the county's largest events and this year will be held on **27 August from 10am** in the grounds of Crix in Hatfield Peverel.

The wide range of activities and entertainment makes this a great day out for all the family. There will also be classes and demonstrations throughout the day.

If you would like to volunteer at the Essex Dog Day, contact the team by E-mail: enquiries@essexdogday.com. There are lots of opportunities to get involved.



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

Send us your photos!

We are always looking for ways to promote the voluntary and community groups we support. If your organisation has recently received a grant from ECF we would love to see photographs of your work or activities.

Send a photo of your group, team or project in action to kate@essexcf.org.uk. Ideally your photo needs to be attached as a JPEG and at least 1MB in size.



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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