



## Welcome to the May update from Essex Community Foundation

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### What more can you do?

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Over 130 invited guests attended our Spring reception at the historic Layer Marney Tower, helping us to celebrate the work of the Foundation and to discuss what more we can all do to help local communities.

This year's guest speakers were Fiona Ashworth, a solicitor with Colchester-based firm Thompson Smith and Puxon (TSP) and Sonia Shaljean, the Founder of Lads Need Dads. Fiona explained why she is pleased to work with ECF if her clients say they want to donate to charity and Sonia spoke about her innovative programme which helps young boys who do not have a positive male role model in their lives, to achieve their full potential.



For more information about how to give to charity in your lifetime or through your Will, click [here](#).

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### Essex County Council rewards local charities

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Grants totalling £62,365 were presented from the Essex Millennium Fund and the Chairman's Fund to 22 Essex-based charities and voluntary organisations at a ceremony held at the Essex Record Office.

Among those receiving grants in this latest round of funding, were projects which provide furniture to disadvantaged families, support for people who have an acquired brain injury, help for those with mental ill health and educational music workshops for children.

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



### The importance of dormant assets

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At the recent NCVO (National Council For Voluntary Organisations) annual conference, Sir Stuart Etherington implored the Government to use dormant assets to support the network of community foundations.

He said, "I would like to see these funds become the investments that could sustain local charities for decades to come". To read the full article, click [here](#).

If you hold dormant funds or unclaimed balances on behalf of a client, we can help you to find a positive and practical solution which will benefit the community. Click [here](#) to find out more.



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## Local families to receive support

Home-Start Essex has received £15,000 from the Chrysalis Fund towards their 'Moving on up Together' project. This is a weekly group for parents who are socially isolated and struggle with low self-esteem and mood.

A creche is provided which gives parents an opportunity for confidential group discussion. The sessions also take a holistic approach, with a focus on art therapy, relaxation techniques, healthy eating advice and exercise.

ECF currently manages 140 named funds, all with different criteria. We are always pleased to discuss an application in advance of submission. Please call us on 01245 356018 or to apply, click [here](#).



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## Gibberd Garden blossoms

The Grade II listed Gibberd Garden in the heart of Harlow Town has received a donation of £8,000 from the John and Wenna Marks Charitable Fund.

The gardens were the creation of Sir Frederick Gibberd, a Modernist architect and the master-planner of Harlow New Town.

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



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## A Fund in Memory

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A new named fund has been set up with ECF to support voluntary and community groups in Wivenhoe, Brightlingsea and surrounding areas which are providing help and activities for children and adults of all ages and abilities.

After a chance meeting on a train, Joy and Theodoros Tinneveld married and spent 48 happy years together. Sadly Theo died in 2014 and Joy has established the Tinneveld Family Fund to give support to local charities working in and around the area where she and Theo spent their lives together.

To find out how you can establish a named Fund with ECF, click [here](#).



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## Braintree: Phone-In Funding Surgery

On **Wednesday 7 June** we are holding a Phone-In Funding Surgery for community and voluntary organisations in **Braintree**.

If you need funding for a specific project or core costs, this Phone-In event gives you the opportunity to talk with one of our grants officers. They will discuss your funding needs and how to make an application if appropriate.

If you would like to participate, please call us on 7 June between 10am and 12 noon on 01245 356018.



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## Small Charity Week 19 - 24 June

Small Charity Week launches on **Monday 19 June**. This event celebrates and raises awareness of the essential work of the UK's small charity sector which makes an invaluable contribution to the lives of individuals, communities and causes across the UK and abroad.

Advice, events and information will be available throughout the week for charities or community organisations with an annual turnover under £1.5 million.

For more information, click [here](#) or view #SmallCharityWeek on Twitter.



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## 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](mailto:kate@essexcf.org.uk).

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