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ESSEX CHARITIES REWARDED

Chairman of Essex County Council, Cllr Gerard McEwen has praised CHES and Women's Aid for their work supporting vulnerable people in Chelmsford

At an annual awards ceremony, CHES and Women's Aid were among 25 local charities in Essex which received cheques totalling £65,781, to help fund the work they do in their local community.

The event was held at the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford on 19 March.

Cllr McEwen commended the charities for their commitment and dedication to giving support to vulnerable people in our communities. He said "The objective of the Essex Millennium Fund is to improve the quality of life of local people now and for years to come". He added "I am delighted to have the honour of following in the footsteps of previous Chairmen in being able to give appropriate thanks and credit to the work of Essex charities and to hand out grant awards to this year's recipients".

The Millennium Fund, which was established in 2000 by Essex County Council to celebrate the Millennium, has to date distributed nearly £450,000 (£449,894) to 165 voluntary and community groups in Essex. The Fund supports work that is helping young people, carers, local communities and the environment. The annual grants programme is managed by Essex Community Foundation, a local grantmaking trust. Organisations are encouraged to apply for a grant and details can be obtained through www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or by phoning 01245 356018.

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Notes to Editors:

A FULL LIST OF GRANTS AWARDED IN DISTRICT ORDER IS AVAILABLE. Please contact Jo Murphy on 01245 355947 if you would like contact details for groups in your area.

Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has distributed nearly 2500 grants to Essex based charities and community groups totalling over £8 million. Funds are distributed on behalf of a wide range of donors who want their charitable giving to be accessible to local charities. www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

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