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## COMMUNITY GROUPS INVITED TO PLANT TREES

Voluntary and community groups in Essex are invited to be part of a countywide initiative to plant 250,000 trees, shrubs and hedgerows to improve the ecology of Essex and beauty of the countryside.

Local grantmaking trust, Essex Community Foundation, is one of several partners delivering this project for Essex County Council and the grant making Foundation has funding available for 25,000 trees, shrubs and hedgerow plants. This offer is being made to voluntary and community groups who want to enhance their local communities.

Caroline Taylor, Programmes Director at Essex Community Foundation said "This is a wonderful opportunity for local groups to improve their communities, perhaps by creating new woodland and park areas and providing new habitats for wildlife which can be enjoyed by people of all ages in the future. "

The Foundation is encouraging voluntary and community groups to apply for funding in time for the autumn planting. As well as the necessary funding, full planting guidelines and support is available.

For information about the types of trees, shrubs and hedgerows available, an application form and planting guidelines, call the Foundation's grants team on 01245 356018 or visit [www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk)

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### Notes to Editors:

Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has seen more than 2500 Essex based charities and community groups receive over £11million in grants. 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](http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk)

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