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New £50k fund for community projects in Braintree

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Greenfields Community Housing has a new annual £50,000 fund available for community projects in the Braintree District. Essex Community Foundation (ECF), a local grantmaking trust, is managing the fund on their behalf.

This exciting new fund will support voluntary and community groups in the Braintree District. Groups can apply for grants to support their projects; which could be anything from new play equipment, to improving wildlife areas or renovating community halls. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Karen O'Connor, Community Investment Manager at Greenfields, said: "We have launched this fund to support local groups and charities and give them the opportunity to carry out projects that they may not otherwise have been able to afford. Groups can apply to ECF for grants to make their project happen. It is something that could benefit lots of people in the District and help to bring communities together."

Applications to the Greenfields Community Fund will be presented to the Greenfields' grant panel by ECF for consideration. The closing date for the first round of applications is 9 September 2008.

To apply for a grant or to find out more, contact the ECF's Grants Team on 01245 356018 or visit www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk.

You can also find out more about the Community Fund on Greenfields' website www.greenfieldsch.org.uk or contact Karen O'Connor, Community Investment Manager at Greenfields on 01376 567317 or email Karen.o'connor@greenfieldsch.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 nearly 3,000 Essex based charities and community groups receive over £11.2million 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

Greenfields Community Housing

- Greenfields took over Braintree District Council's homes in Nov 07, following a tenant and leaseholder vote for transfer in Dec 06
- Greenfields has approx 8,100 tenanted homes and 435 leasehold properties
- Greenfields Community Fund is an annual grant fund that aims to support charities and not for profit groups throughout the Braintree District.

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