

HIGH SHERIFFS' AWARDS 2009

BASILDON

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| Bar 'N' Bus Trust | £1,000 | To run a mobile youth club service for young people in South Essex. |
| Basildon Women's Aid | £600 | To buy a digital camera and printer. |
| Trinity Mind Body and Soul | £1,000 | To produce materials to help deliver Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education in primary schools in the Basildon and Billericay areas. |

BRAINTREE

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| Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency | £600 | To operate a garden maintenance scheme for elderly or disabled residents. |
| Kings Community Church Braintree | £600 | To provide a monthly coffee evening for young people in Braintree town centre to help reduce nuisance crime and anti-social behaviour. |
| First Stop Centre | £1,000 | To set up and run a series of anxiety groups for disadvantaged people from the Braintree area. |
| PARC (Essex) | £1,000 | Recognising their support and training of volunteers helping children with disabilities and their families. |

BRENTWOOD

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| Brentwood Crossroads Caring for Carers | £1,000 | To provide transport for young carers enabling them to join in activities. |
| CHILDCARE (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) | £1000 | Towards the cost of providing independent social workers to help pupils where behaviour and attendance is an issue. |

CHELMSFORD/MALDON

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| Chelmsford CHESS | £1,000 | To support the provision of emergency overnight accommodation for homeless people in Chelmsford. |
| The Wilderness Foundation UK | £1,000 | To fund education and activity days for vulnerable young people from mid-essex with a history of exclusion and youth offending. |
| The Melbourne Project | £1000 | To purchase equipment for the Project, which seeks to improve social welfare on the Melbourne Estate in Chelmsford. |
| Moulsham Youth Club Project | £800 | To support the activities of the Moulsham Youth Club Project. |
| Essex Association of Boys' Clubs | £800 | To help run the Colchester & Tendring Street Football project, aimed at reducing local youth crime. |
| 2SMART roadshow (Essex Police) | £1,000 | Towards running the roadshow for young people, covering issues about knives, bullying, alcohol and drugs. |

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COLCHESTER

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| All Faces Community Group | £1,000 | To run a series of workshops providing diversionary activities for young people from the St Anne's estate in Colchester. |
| Beacon House Ministries | £1,000 | To carry out electrical work in the kitchen at the centre which helps homeless people in Colchester. |
| Essex Association of Boys' Clubs | £800 | To help run the Colchester & Tendring Street Football project, aimed at reducing local youth crime. |
| Open Road Visions | £1,000 | To support the costs of the St John Ambulance Officers on the Colchester SOS Bus. |

EPPING/ HARLOW

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| Children's Safety Education Foundation | £1000 | To support the Crucial Crew safety education project for primary school children in Epping Forest District. |
| Voluntary Action Epping Forest | £600 | To buy a lawn mower and gardening tools for the Mow & Grow garden maintenance service which helps vulnerable residents. |
| Ignite | £500 | To buy a table tennis table for young people attending the after school clubs at a youth facility in Loughton. |

ROCHFORD/CASTLEPOINT/SOUTHEND

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| CHILDCARE (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) | £1000 | Towards the cost of providing independent social workers to help pupils where behaviour and attendance is an issue. |
| The PACT Network | £500 | To provide training to help reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour in Rochford and Castle Point. |

TENDRING

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| Teen Talk (Harwich) | £1,000 | To establish an "IT Room" for young people from Harwich and Clacton who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. |
| NACRO | £1,000 | To deliver exercise and self-defence classes for young people from disadvantaged areas of Clacton. |

THURROCK

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| Gateway Connect After School Club | £1,000 | To establish and run an after school club in Purfleet. |
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UTTLESFORD

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| Support 4 Sight, Uttlesford | £500 | To recruit and train new volunteers and support the home visiting service. |
| Jikes Youth Centre | £500 | Towards the cost of a pool table for use by members of the youth club in Newport. |

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INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED FOR RECOGNITION

BASILDON

Anna Santoro - has been nominated by Charlie Lewington-Bracey for her commitment to Basildon based Trinity Mind Body & Soul which supports families and young people in the community through youth work and helping them to develop their IT skills and increase their self-esteem.

Kim Hamber – was nominated by Sgt Simon Mathias of Laindon Police for her voluntary work as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and her willingness to help make the local community a better place.

Tony Reed – has been nominated by Martin Solder from the Essex Association of Boys' Clubs to recognise his involvement with the Berry Boxing Club in Pitsea. Martin says "Tony has been involved with the Club for over 50 years. He is a leading light in promoting boxing as a vehicle for self-development and character building."

CHELMSFORD

Jayne Wrenn, Tony Frain & Anthony Bakermault – are all nominated by PCSO Sandra Strange for their contribution to the Moulsham Youth Club. She says "Without them the club would not function".

Stephen Quinn – is nominated by Graham Chandler, Assistant County Scout Commissioner, for his commitment and contribution as a volunteer to the Essex Experience event for young people.

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Peter Carrington, Adrian Coombs, Sarah Chambers and Debbie Farthing all nominated by Adam Fox of Open Road in Colchester. They all work as part of the partnership which runs the Colchester SOS Bus, providing a safe haven at night during Colchester town centre.

SOUTHEND

Norman Shields & Dennis Kerner – Nominated by Frank Gulley, Headteacher of Temple Sutton Primary School for their tireless work within the local community as key members of the Peartree Plus Residents Association. They check on pensioners, do odd jobs, transport them to appointments, tend gardens, campaign for better local facilities and liaise with local PCSO's on their behalf. Frank says "they live and breathe community safety and their work makes the area a better place."

TENDRING

Debbie Fosker & Mark Penfold – are both nominated by Diane Boyd, the Centre Manager at NACRO in Clacton which provides support and guidance to young people aged 10-17 who are in danger of becoming involved with the criminal justice system. She says "Debbie and Mark treat everyone as a special individual and give them a sense of purpose for the future".

UTTLESFORD

Peter Whitehead – nominated by Madeline Cassidy, the Director of Support4Sight. She says Peter has volunteered with them for four years. He visits visually impaired people in their homes helping them with odd jobs and security issues. He gives his time generously and responds to any task as soon as he is asked.

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VOLUNTEER CENTRE AWARD FINALISTS

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Basildon Pathfinders Blind & Partially Sighted – was nominated by Janet Chaney for the inclusive and supportive manner in which she is treated as a volunteer. She also says that she has made many friendships as a result of her duties and that her work provides daily motivation and enriches her life. Pathfinders was formed in 1990 and provides a social club twice a week for people who are blind or partially sighted.

BRAINTREE (OVERALL WINNER OF THE HS VOLUNTEER CENTRE AWARD)

PARC (Essex) – Nominated by Anne Kershaw for how PARC values and makes good use of their volunteers. She says she received full training and is encouraged to undertake any further training she feels would be valuable to her and the families that PARC supports. PARC was formed in 1997 and provides play and recreation facilities for children with disabilities and respite for their families and carers.

BRENTWOOD

Remus Horse Sanctuary - Nominated by Mrs Edmunds to recognise the caring attitude shown by the organisation, and their welcoming and inclusive approach to volunteers and general dedication. Remus was established in 1983 following the plight of horses on Rainham Marshes and also that of Remus, a horse which was stolen and then starved for four months. The Sanctuary cares for over 100 animals most of which are survivors of human cruelty.

COLCHESTER

CARA (Centre for Action on Rape & Abuse) – nominated by Paula Isgrove to acknowledge the ongoing support provided to volunteers and the overall professionalism of the organisation. She feels that it has been a privilege to work with the users of this service. CARA provides a telephone helpline, support and counselling service to women and girls subjected to sexual abuse.

EPPING

Ignite – Nominated by Sharon Milne to acknowledge the induction, training and feedback provided for volunteers at the Ignite Centre in Loughton. She says she is made to feel like a valued member of the team. Ignite is the youth centre attached to St Mary's Church in Loughton which runs projects for 11-16 year olds.

ROCHFORD

Peaceful Place – Nominated by Claire Hendry for the inclusive manner in which she has been welcomed as a volunteer. Peaceful Place was formed in 1996 to provide specialist care and support for people with early onset dementia and their families.