



news from MAY GURNEY

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May Gurney focus on helping people back into work through Essex charities

Essex charities that help people get back to work could receive a cash boost, thanks to May Gurney's charitable fund.

May Gurney, a national infrastructure support services company, which employs over 460 people in Essex, set up the May Gurney Foundation in 2009 to support community based charities and good causes which help young people and the long-term unemployed get back into work. The aim is to improve opportunities in terms of education, self help, health and wellbeing as well as supporting local environment issues.

The May Gurney Foundation runs for three years, with donations totalling £300,000 and will donate £15,000 to charities in Essex before November 2010.

The company, which works in partnership with Essex County Council to maintain the county's roads and pathways, is calling for charities to come forward and apply for funding through Essex Community Foundation before 31 August 2010. Grants are for up to £5,000 per approved charity with the first awards due to be made in October 2010.

"Following the success of our first year, we're delighted to be extending our support to other counties through the Community Foundation network." said Janine Daynes, Chair, MG Foundation at May Gurney.

"We have committed £100,000 per year to charities in areas where May Gurney works. This past year has seen some amazing results from our donations to Norfolk, Sussex and Devon and this year we are focusing on Essex, East Sussex, Bristol and Bath.

The May Gurney fund will be supported by the Essex Community Foundation, an organisation that administers and manages charitable donations between businesses and local communities.

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Grants will be awarded to charities by a board of trustees made up of May Gurney employees and independent experts linked to the charity sector.

If your charity would like to find out how to apply for funding, please contact Essex Community Foundation, Laura Warren on 01245 355947

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For more information please contact Lorna Blackmore, PR Manager, May Gurney on 01603 727107

Notes to editors

About May Gurney

May Gurney is an infrastructure support services company. We are committed to helping our clients in the public and regulated sectors deliver sustainable improvements to front-line services across the UK.

We make sure that the road, utility, rail and waterways networks and public buildings are well maintained and that household waste is collected, managed and recycled. These essential maintenance services, which are based on long-term contracts, are the ones that are visible to local communities, and make a very real difference to the quality of life. They keep the country running.

Our track record in delivering great operational performance has built long-term relationships with our clients, who rely on us to support and anticipate their current needs and improve future outcomes. This focus on excellent customer service drives May Gurney.

May Gurney. Delivering essential services for our communities.

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