



# High Sheriff & Community Safety Award Grantees 2026:

## Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Shield Grantees:



### Colchester United Community Foundation - *Winner*

Through sports, mentoring and safe youth spaces, CUCF helps young people build resilience, friendships and healthier futures.

#### Find out more

Website: <https://www.cu-fc.com/cucf/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colchesterunitedfc>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/colu\\_official/](https://www.instagram.com/colu_official/)



# Action for Family Carers

## Action for Family Carers – *Nominee*

Supporting young carers aged 8–16, this charity offers respite, connection and confidence-building activities. Funding backs their Young Carers Club in Harwich.

### Find out more

Website: <https://affc.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/action-for-family-carers-9b3777176/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/actionforfamilycarers>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/action4familycarers/>



## Canvey Island Youth Project (Yellow Door) - Nominee

With nearly 30 years' experience, Yellow Door provides mentoring, safe spaces and life-skills support for young people at risk of exploitation or anti-social behaviour.

### Find out more

Website: <https://cyp-yellowdoor.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cyp-yellowdoor/?originalSubdomain=uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Canvey-Island-Youth-Project/100067083290234/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/canveyyouthproject/>



## Essex Agricultural Society - Nominee

Their Food & Farming Day teaches thousands of schoolchildren about safety and agriculture.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.essexag.co.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/essex-agricultural-society/about/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/essexagriculturalsociety/>



## Harwich Boxing Club - Nominee

This community-based club builds discipline, respect and confidence among young people.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.localgymsandfitness.com/GB/Dovercourt/189359137782072/Harwich-Boxing-Club>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Harwich-Boxing-Club/100057516577296/>



## MyOTAS - Nominee

MyOTAS creates inclusive outdoor activities for neurodivergent children, helping them build confidence, social connections and emotional wellbeing.

### Find out more

Website: <https://myotas.org/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/myotas/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/myotas/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/myotas.charity/>



## Raving 4 a Reason - Nominee

Empowering young people through DJ and music workshops, this group helps build skills, confidence and positive pathways.

### Find out more

Website: <https://raving4areason.co.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093530169858>

Facebook: [https://www.instagram.com/raving\\_4\\_a\\_reason/](https://www.instagram.com/raving_4_a_reason/)

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/raving\\_4\\_a\\_reason/](https://www.instagram.com/raving_4_a_reason/)



## Teen Talk Harwich - Nominee

A trusted mental-health charity for young people, Teen Talk offers safe spaces and opportunities to be heard.

### Find out more

Website: [www.teentalkharwich.co.uk](http://www.teentalkharwich.co.uk)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/TeenTalkHarwich/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/TeenTalkHarwich/?locale=en_GB)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/teentalkharwich/>



## Essex Police Cup Grantees:



### **ATF Southend - Winner**

ATF's Positive Futures programme supports young people at risk of criminal or challenging behaviours. Facilitators with lived experience help young people build resilience, confidence and safer decision-making.

#### **Find out more**

Website: <https://www.atfcommunity.com/about-atf>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/atf-achieve-thrive-flourish/?originalSubdomain=uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/atf.southend/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/achievethriveflourish/>



## Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA) - Nominee

CARA provides specialist support to survivors of sexual violence, helping them rebuild safety, trust and independence.

### Find out more

Website: <https://caraessex.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cara-centre-for-action-on-rape-and-abuse/?originalSubdomain=uk>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/caraessex/>



## Wilderness Foundation UK - Nominee

Through nature-based therapeutic programmes, the Wilderness Foundation helps young people experiencing turmoil to rebuild resilience and motivation.

### Find out more

Website: <https://wildernessfoundation.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-wilderness-foundation-uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WildernessUK/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wildernessfoundationuk/>



## Hourglass (Safer Ageing) - Nominee

Hourglass protects older people from abuse and exploitation, offering tailored support and safeguarding advocacy.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.wearehourglass.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wearehourglass>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/we\\_are\\_hourglass/](https://www.instagram.com/we_are_hourglass/)



## Ormiston Families - *Nominee*

Bio: Supporting children affected by a parent's imprisonment, Ormiston Families helps reduce trauma, anxiety and future risks.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.ormiston.org/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ormiston-families/>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ormistonfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/ormistonfamilies)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ormiston>



## SOS Combatives - Nominee

Providing trauma-informed self-protection training for women and girls, SOS Combatives builds confidence, safety and empowerment.

### Find out more

Website: [www.soscombatives.com](http://www.soscombatives.com)

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sos-combatives/posts/?feedView=all>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SOSCombatives/>



## South Essex Advocacy Services (SEAS) - Nominee

SEAS protects vulnerable adults from financial abuse, coercion and exploitation through individually tailored advocacy.

### Find out more

Website: [www.southessexadvocacy.org](http://www.southessexadvocacy.org)

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/people/Essex-Advocacy/100008106287682>



## High Sheriffs' Cup Grantees:



### Leap Pathways - Winner

Working with 11–15-year-old girls, Leap Pathways builds confidence, reduces anxiety and teaches essential personal safety skills.

#### Find out more

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Leapsprogs/61580662757709/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/leappathways/>



## Bar'n'Bus Trust - Nominee

Delivering long-established youth work in Basildon, Castle Point and Rochford, Bar'n'Bus provides safe spaces and trusted support for young people. Their grant strengthens community and school-based sessions that help young people stay connected and confident.

### Find out more

Website: <https://barnbus.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bar-n-bus-trust/?originalSubdomain=uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/barnbus>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/barnbusessex/>



## **SA Foundation - *Nominee***

SA Foundation engages young people in Harlow through sports, mentoring and life-skills development.

### **Find out more**

Website: <https://safoundation.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/safoundation/>



# Community Safety Education CIC

## **Community Safety Education CIC - Nominee**

Through programmes covering financial literacy and knife-crime awareness, this organisation equips young people with essential skills to make safer decisions.

Website: <https://www.communitysafetyeducation.org/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/community-safety-education-cic/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582376787574>



## City Family CIC - *Nominee*

City Family supports parents and carers navigating difficult circumstances, including women affected by domestic abuse or trauma.

### Find out more

Website: <https://cityfamily.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/city-family-community/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554877011044#>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/city.familycic/>



## Welcome to the UK - Nominee

This organisation supports migrant and refugee families through welcoming hubs across South Essex.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/WelcometotheUK>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/welcome-to-the-uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WelcometotheUK>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/welcometotheuk\\_essex/](https://www.instagram.com/welcometotheuk_essex/)



## The Underdog Crew - Nominee

Bio: Using creativity as a tool for wellbeing, The Underdog Crew supports at-risk young people through filmmaking, music and digital arts.

Website:

[https://www.underdogcrew.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawQmUGJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFvN2tuMVIDSjZ5SLZTdFF4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHuzGIZMEBzTKYJIFJ9x5ggGS2ifhTysLDIznJq\\_m0KRdbkmhXPel1SmibcZT\\_aem\\_V0mLxAOkaXFOqLIEGDvz6A](https://www.underdogcrew.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawQmUGJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFvN2tuMVIDSjZ5SLZTdFF4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHuzGIZMEBzTKYJIFJ9x5ggGS2ifhTysLDIznJq_m0KRdbkmhXPel1SmibcZT_aem_V0mLxAOkaXFOqLIEGDvz6A)

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/underdog-crew-studios/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UnderdogCrewStudios/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theunderdogcrew/>



## Essex County Council Bowl Grantees:



### **Together Free Foundation - Winner**

Working to end modern slavery, Together Free provides crucial support for survivors across Essex.

#### **Find out more**

Website: <https://www.togetherfree.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/togetherfreeuk>



## Basildon Pride - Nominee

Championing inclusion and safety for LGBTQ+ residents, Basildon Pride is creating a Safe Spaces Network in collaboration with local businesses and public services.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.basildonpride.co.uk/cio>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/basildonpride/?originalSubdomain=uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/basildonpride>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/BasildonPride/>



## Beacon House Ministries - *Nominee*

Beacon House works with homeless and vulnerable individuals in Colchester, providing advocacy, practical support and opportunities for personal growth.

### Find out more

Website: <https://beaconhouseministries.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BeaconHouseColchester>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/beaconhouse\\_ministries/](https://www.instagram.com/beaconhouse_ministries/)



## **Bridgeway Mission - Nominee**

Supporting refugees and asylum seekers, Bridgeway Mission promotes community cohesion through mentoring, education and integration activities.

### **Find out more**

Website: <https://bridgewaymission.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Bridgeway-Mission/100077673484384/>



## Get Started Arts - Nominee

With a focus on wellbeing and creative expression, Get Started Arts provides art and mindfulness resources to people affected by crime.

### Find out more

Website: <https://www.getstartedart.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087731554146>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/getstartedart/>



## Open Road Visions - Nominee

A key contributor to safety in Essex's night-time economy, Open Road runs the SOS Bus in Chelmsford and Colchester.

### Find out more

Website: [www.openroad.org.uk](http://www.openroad.org.uk)

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/OpenRoadUK>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/openroadvisions>



## High Sheriffs' Shield Overall:



### **Kids Inspire - Winner**

Kids Inspire provides specialist therapy that helps young people recover from trauma, reconnect with education, and build brighter futures.

#### **Find out more**

Website: <https://www.kidsinspire.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/kids-inspire/posts/?feedView=all>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kidsinspire.org.uk>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/kidsinspire\\_uk/](https://www.instagram.com/kidsinspire_uk/)