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Welcome to our autumn edition of our newsletter.

I closed the last edition by wishing you all an enjoyable summer holiday. My holiday corresponded with “the disturbances” that saw many parts of the UK in flames. Whilst in Basildon we managed to escape largely unscathed the questions of why did the riots happen and what is the best way to respond to them remain relevant for us all.

Whilst the causes are many and complex, young people with chaotic lives; exclusion from education and employment; drug and gang culture providing a substitute for community and family support; the danger is that the coalition government will see only the need for a crackdown on criminality and will not be able to summon the political flexibility to listen constructively to the sector and others, rethink some of its policies and begin to tackle what lies behind the disturbances.

Encouragingly, in many of the worse affected areas the voluntary sector was at the forefront of the response. For example, in Hackney the CVS chaired meetings attended by the Chief Executive of the Council and Borough Commander which looked at issues around parenting, and engagement with young people. In Croydon the CVA worked with the local police to identify suspects and produced key contacts for individuals, organisations and businesses in need of support.

What is clear is that charities are unique sources knowledge and experience of the country's most pressing social problems and how best to address them and can help people to rebuild. Importantly we all have a role to help shape and contribute to solutions.

National research shows the value of infrastructure services

Increasingly charities are asked to evidence the impact of the work we all perform. Do we make a difference and how can we demonstrate this? This is true for infrastructure services where there has long been a need for research to evidence this impact. The result of the recent National Survey of Charities and Social Enterprises carried out by MORI is therefore timely as the research does just that. The results of the second national survey commissioned by the Cabinet Office are consistent with the first survey.

The recent survey confirms shows that:

- ◆ Those most likely to seek support are small to medium sized organisations, with income between £5,000-£10,000;
- ◆ That support from an infrastructure organisation strongly improves chances of accessing funding;
- ◆ That membership of infrastructure organisations increases the chance to have a say on local issues and further that respondents who received help were as a result more likely to feel that statutory providers respected their independence, kept them informed and consulted with them.
- ◆ Finally the survey showed high satisfaction rating with 80% reporting that they are either fairly or very satisfied with the support.

For a full copy of the report and analysis go to: www.navca.org.uk/publications/circulation

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CHIEF OFFICER'S EDITORIAL

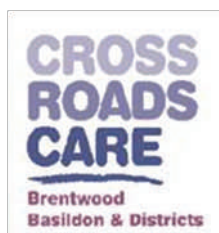
Basildon Sustainable Community Strategy

We reported in the last newsletter on progress in relation to the Basildon Borough Community Strategy. The document remains the subject of ongoing consultation. This ends on 10 October. This is your opportunity to help shape a local vision, with key objectives. A copy is available on the CVS website and we encourage you to respond. If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know. They can be sent to steve.bird@basildon.gov.uk or chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Finally, we shall be contacting members to begin our annual visiting programme. If you would like a visit from either a Pam or myself please let us know to discuss your ongoing support needs please feel free to let us know.

Chris Evans
Chief Officer

LOCAL NEWS



After School Club

Are you aged 12 years to 19 years with a Disability?
If the answer is yes, would you like to join our After School Club held at The Castledon School in Wickford?

You can be taken home by coach at the end of the club session.
We go on outings to various places, Bowling, Horse Riding, Theatre and have fun in the club.

Our club is funded by Essex County Council and Children in Need therefore; it is free to you.

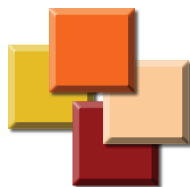
For details please phone: 01277 201789 & ask for Kelly.

Trustees Needed

Can you support Crossroads Care Brentwood & Basildon Districts?
We support Children & Adults with disabilities.

If you would like to be a Trustee for our Charity
Please phone: 01277 201789

Your Support Would Be Greatly Appreciated.



Voluntary Sector Training

Voluntary Sector Training – your one stop shop for training!

Voluntary Sector Training is Essex’s only training provider set up especially to offer relevant and affordable training to local charities and community groups. Please phone us on 01371 876747 if you would like a copy of our latest brochure or you can see all the latest courses on our website: www.voluntarysectortraining.org.uk.

Coming up this autumn we have our normal range of IT training sessions which are limited to groups of 8 to make sure you get the right level of personal attention and are focused on the sorts of issues you might come across when running your organisation. Continuing along these lines we have a really useful new session on Social Media that may help you utilise twitter and facebook to connect to your members and supporters. As grants get harder to come by there are some workshop sessions to help you fill out any funding applications to your best advantage and also some courses looking at other ways of gaining income and even how to find a Sponsor for your activities.

We also have the courses that you really need to have when you are running a charity such as an Employment Law Update, Risk Assessment, Fire Safety, First Aid, Manual Handling and Safety for Lone Workers. Some of these fill up really quick, so we would advise early booking to avoid disappointment!

Details of some upcoming courses are listed below.

| Date | Course | Location |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 04.10.11 | IT—Excel | Maldon |
| 10.10.11 | First Aid for Parents & Carers* | Braintree |
| 12.10.11 | Writing Funding Applications Workshop | Harlow |
| 13.10.11 | CIEH Level 2 Award in Principles of Risk Assessment | Brentwood |
| 17.10.11 | Get to Grips with Social Media Workshop* | Chelmsford |
| 18.10.11 | Stress Management | Chelmsford |
| 19.10.11 | Time Management | Chelmsford |
| 20.10.11 | Manual Handling (Objects)* | Chelmsford |
| 01.11.11 | Practical Fundraising Strategies | Colchester |
| 02.11.11 | Conflict Management | Chelmsford |
| 08.11.11 | Safety for Lone Workers | Chelmsford |

It’s really easy to book, just find the course you want on our website, add the number of places you want to your ‘basket’ and then just fill in the booking forms. You’ll get an email in return acknowledging your booking and an invoice in the post if you opted not to pay online. Any enquiries just give us a ring, we can even tailor a course just for your group or come and speak to you about our training services – 01371 876747.

TRAINING

BBWCVS WORKSHOPS - 2011

| DATE | LOCATION | VENUE | TIME | TOPICS |
|------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Tues 8th Nov | Brentwood | The Nightingale Centre | 10:00-12:00 | Writing about Needs and Understanding Outcomes |
| Thurs 1st Dec | Basildon | The George Hurd Centre | 10:00-12:00 | Reaching Communities Programme Outline and How to Apply |
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To register for the above workshops or for more information please email; pam@bbwcv.org.uk or telephone: 01268 294439



Do you want to deliver training to people with learning disabilities on keeping safe?

Dates: 5th – 7th December – Colchester
 23rd – 25th January – Billericay
 6th – 8th March – Epping Forest



Course Aim: This programme is designed to enable people, who will be delivering safeguarding training to people with learning disabilities, to develop skills and knowledge in order to plan, implement and evaluate training.

Who is it for: The training is most appropriate for those who will be delivering training to people with learning disabilities.

Course length: 3 days (9.30 – 4.30) – it is expected that delegates attend all of the training.

The training course is free of charge and includes all course materials, refreshments and lunch as well as accreditation. The course is accredited at Level 3 with Open College Network. Accreditation is entirely voluntary, however in order to gain accreditation, attendees will be expected to take part in an observation of their training in their own work setting and submit their portfolio of evidence within 6 months. There are some pre-course requirements and acceptance criteria, these can be found by contacting ESAB.

To apply complete the application form (www.essexsab.org and click on ‘training’) and send to Michala Jury at michala.jury@essex.gov.uk

If you would like to speak with someone about any of the above please contact Paula Ward (Training and Development Officer) on 01245 506642.

The Big Society Fund 2011-12

The Big Society Fund is a grants scheme funded by Essex County Council. It aims to build capacity within the network of voluntary organisations, socially significant enterprises, neighbourhood groups, town and parish councils, and community groups that enrich civic life in Britain. The Fund is designed to:

- ◆ create or develop new community assets
- ◆ enhance existing community assets
- ◆ create or sustain initiatives and services that strengthen communities in Essex towns and villages.

The Big Society Fund has been developed to be as flexible and responsive as possible to the needs of the community. It allows for grants to be given quickly to meet immediate need, while placing over 50% of awards under the control of local communities.

Applying to the Big Society Fund

To apply to the Big Society Fund, complete an Expression of Interest form and email or post it back to the Grant Co-ordinator. The Grant Coordinator will then assess the project, sending applicants the relevant application form, or contact them to discuss the project further. In this way, applicants may be informed of other potential funds to help with their projects.

Applicants can choose to apply for funding under one (or more) of three pathways:

Big Society Community fund (capital) - These awards will be assessed by a Big Society Judging Panel in February 2012. Three quarters of all capital awards from the Big Society fund will be made under this pathway (over half of all funds awarded). All requests for community funding will be subject to a maximum application of £15,000. Full details of application deadlines and panel meetings will be published in due course.

Quick response capital funding—Quick response capital funding awards will be assessed by Essex County Council Members and officers. A quarter of all capital awards from the Big Society Fund will be made under this pathway.

Quick response revenue funding—Quick response revenue funding will be assessed by Essex County Council Members and officers. All requests for quick response funding will be capped at £10,000.

Where grants are sought to help improve the sustainability of privately owned for-profit enterprises, grants will generally be capped at £5,000 (revenue) and £10,000 (capital). Match funding will be a formal requirement of all grants to private interests.

Full details on the fund are in the guidance document which can be found at:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Health-Social-Care/Community-services/Pages/Big-Society-Fund.aspx>

Education Endowment Fund—The Sutton Trust has been awarded a £125 million grant by the Government to establish a new initiative to boost the attainment of some of the country's most disadvantaged children. The Education Endowment Fund (EEF) will be used to initiate grants and seek proposals from schools, teachers, local authorities and charities to improve the performance of poor pupils in the country's most challenging schools. For more information please go to: educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/

Hilden Charitable Fund—The Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantages and in particular wants to support projects that address homelessness; asylum seekers and refugees; community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; and penal affairs. For more information: www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/

Clothworkers' Foundation - The Clothworkers' Foundation funds work to improve the quality of life, particularly for people and communities facing disadvantage. For more information: www.clothworkers.co.uk/Grant-Making.aspx

The Santander Foundation—The Santander Foundation funds local, regional and national charities for their work within the UK. We are committed to helping disadvantaged people through our two charitable priorities. For more information: www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/index.aspx

Nationwide Foundation Charities Small Grants Programme

They make grants to:

- ◆ Registered charities – charities which are registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland and registered as exempt with the Inland Revenue in Northern Ireland
- ◆ Charities with incomes of less than £750,000
- ◆ Charities delivering work in the UK (including Northern Ireland)
- ◆ Registered charities whose work fits at least one of our funding priorities
- ◆ Grants of £500 - £5,000 are available

For more information: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp

The ASDA Foundation Trust (UK) - Charities, schools and community groups have the opportunity to apply for funding for local projects that require financial assistance to the ASDA Foundation. The ASDA Foundation trust was set up in 1988 to support local good causes chosen by employees and is funded by profits from the mid-week national lottery. Organisations can apply for funding for a wide range of projects as long as they have the support of local ASDA colleagues. Potential applicants should contact their local Store or Depot in the first instance. For more information: www.your.asda.com/asda-foundation

The Sport England Small Grants Programme—You can apply for any sum from £300 to £10,000 but the total project cost cannot exceed £50,000. The Sport England Small Grants Programme uses lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to deliver new community projects to either grow or sustain participation in sport or to support talent development. For more information: www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx

BBC Children in Need

This funder gives grants for projects delivered by organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Grants are available for up to three years from their Small Grants fund (£10,000 or less) and their Main Grants Fund (over £10,000).

The next deadline date for their on-line application process is 15 October 2011. Applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate how their project will change the lives of children for the better.

For further details go to: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants,

Email Pudsey@bbc.co.uk

Tel: Helpdesk on 020 8576 7788

New Ways to Fundraise!

JustText Giving

Vodafone and JustGiving have launched a free text-to-donate service which they say will open up the fundraising stream to charities of all sizes and income. JustTextGiving, provides capability for charities to receive donations via text message without any set-up or recurring fees, and without charging donors. Other similar services charge monthly or annual fees and take a cut of donations of up to 3 per cent for processing the gifts.

JustTextGiving will also process and pass on gift aid to the recipient charities. Both registered charities and individual fundraisers will be able to set up free fundraising shortcodes .

As part of its backing of JustTextGiving, Vodafone has also developed a free online pack containing material and advice on how charities can promote mobile donations to their existing and future supporters.

For more information please visit: www.justtextgiving.vodafone.co.uk

Fundraising App Launched - The Artez App for iPhone & Android

How it works - Introducing an easy way for charities to break into the mobile channel with a fully customizable app for event-based fundraising campaigns. The app allows your iPhone, iPad, iTouch & Android supporters to:

- Monitor the progress of their fundraising efforts
- Solicit sponsors via email, Facebook and Twitter
- Process secure credit card and PayPal donations by the mobile web
- View and post messages on the message board
- Add event details to your calendar with one click
- View a map of your event location
- View charity profile

For more information please visit: <http://www.artez.com/mobile/apps>

FUNDING

Heroes Return Funding from The Big Lottery - SIXTY-SIX years after the Japanese surrender that brought an end to the Second World War, the Big Lottery Fund is awarding grants to veterans across the UK to return to the places they served their country. Today, BIG is urging veterans who have not yet been able to travel on a Heroes Return 2 grant to apply now for funding before the scheme closes in January 2012, **with the deadline for trips now extended to December 2012.**

For more information please go to: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return



ECF Grants Rounds Reminder

Essex Community Foundation (ECF) currently manages 72 Named Funds, all with differing criteria, but there is no need for an organisation to match their application to any specific fund.

Usually one application will access all of the Funds under their management.

The next deadline date is **January 9 2012**, and the grants team are always happy to discuss your funding needs, so please do contact them on 01245 356018 to discuss a potential application.

All application forms and guidelines can be obtained from our website:

www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

ECF Grant Applications go online

From 9 September ECF will receive grant applications via a new on-line application process. One of the major benefits of the on-line form is the ability for organisations to choose their own outcomes against which their grant will be monitored.

The Grants team are always happy to discuss an application before submission. Please call them on 01245 356018. To apply for a grant [Click Here.](#)

Opportunities to support children and young people with disabilities

Would you like to provide short breaks and/or early intervention services for children and young people with disabilities and their families? If so, please register on the Essex County Council BRAVO e-portal tendering system - www.essex.bravosolution.co.uk respond to project number 467 'Opportunities to support children and young people with disabilities' and then open pqq 392 'Advance Opportunity Notice Support Services for Children and Young People'.

Queens Park Playground Clear Up!

We have had a very good progress with the Queens Park Playgrounds project so far: the 4 play areas have been cleared out of rubbish, litter, the play equipments have been painted, seats sanded and painted, graffiti removed from the walls. Yesterday the cleansing team from Basildon Council washed the alleyways to playgrounds, trimmed the bushes and cut the grass. The Echo has been following the progress. Attached is the first day of the works that started on the 31st August 2011.

The builders have now started to knock down the walls around the playgrounds, rebuilding the broken sections. Next Basildon Council will install the missing swings, replace all swing seats, install bins.

This project has been supported by the Basildon Council's parks team, Nick Sears, Councillor Kevin Blake and other officers from the street care department.

More to follow!

Looking for a job or advice and support in applying for work?

Work Club can help

Benefits of coming to the Work Club:

- ◆ Free internet use
- ◆ Up to date details of jobs in your chosen area
- ◆ Job hunting guidance - help with searching and applying for jobs
- ◆ CV clinic
- ◆ Help with letter writing
- ◆ Tips on interview techniques and planning for an interview

Work Club

Free employment help and advice

Every Thursday 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Craylands Internet Café

21 Exeter Close
Craylands Estate
Basildon
Essex
SS14 3QT

To find out more call 07585983411



Volunteer Awards 2011

The members of the Volunteering Sub Group of Basildon Working Neighbourhood Group hosted a Volunteer Awards Ceremony on the 3rd June 2011 at Pitsea Leisure Centre.

The Co-Op Funeral Care sponsored the overall event and four other sponsors: Eastgate shopping Centre, Cribbs and Sons Funeral Directors, Rotary Club and Fareways Taxis donated trophies and gifts for the winners.

Local Volunteering involving organisations were invited to nominate volunteers for awards in five categories: Young Volunteer, Volunteer through adversity, Team Volunteering, Outstanding Volunteer and Long Serving Volunteer. In addition the family of Tony Guyon asked to make an award in his memory the winner of this award was selected by the judging panel from all the nominations made. A panel of judges made of the sponsors and the Deputy Mayor Ron Livesey met on the 23rd May 2011 and winners were selected from a large number of nominations.

The ceremony evening was well attended by those nominated and representatives from Local Volunteer involving organisations. Cllr Mo Larkin Mayor of Basildon Borough Council gave a short introduction to the evening. Stephen Metcalf M.P and Mark Françoise M.P attended and gave short speeches. Toni McGovern Trustee of MIND Thurrock spoke about her experiences through many years of volunteering. Also, two local dance groups Swagger and Fabulous from the Inspired Dance Studio and Faith Trio a Jazz Swing group performed free of charge on the evening.

The winners of awards were:

- Tracy Curran – Volunteer Through Adversity (BDVC)
- Stella Watts – Long serving Volunteering (Girl Guides)
- Brian Jiggins – Volunteer who has made an Outstanding Contribution
- Craylands Activity Zone – Team Volunteering
- Carthryn Vallance – Young Volunteer
- Graham Pallet – Tony Guyon Award



High Sheriff's Award 2011

The High Sheriffs' Award Scheme was established in Essex in 1993 to reward community initiatives that address crime and anti-social behaviour. Each year the High Sheriff of Essex makes awards to voluntary groups and gives recognition to those who are tackling local problems. The Awards scheme comprises:

The High Sheriffs' Fund is a permanent fund, the income from which supports local community and voluntary activities. Organisations seeking financial support can apply for up to £1,000 for projects that will make local people, of all ages, feel safer in their homes, schools, towns and villages.

The High Sheriffs' Certificate encourages local individuals to nominate an individual or a voluntary organisation to receive recognition for their outstanding work promoting crime prevention and community safety. A nomination can be made without a request for financial support.

The Volunteer Centre Essex Award encourages volunteers to nominate their voluntary or community group for an award. A cash award of £1,000 is given to the organisation, which best demonstrates the use of good practice in providing encouragement, support, training and supervision to volunteers. **Please contact Sharon on 01268 294797 or email: sharon@bbwcvcs.org.uk for a nomination form.**

The Application Form for The High Sheriffs' Fund and Certificate can be downloaded from the ECF website. The grant applicant should be a voluntary or community group, working for the benefit of the people in Essex, Southend or Thurrock. Please do not hesitate to contact Essex Community Foundation for any further information or refer to our web site www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk.

The closing date for nominations this year is Thursday 1st December 2011

Make a Difference Day – 29 October 2011

This autumn get involved in Make a Difference Day, the UK's biggest day of volunteering!

Last year more than 70,000 volunteers were involved in over 2,000 events, and this year's campaign will focus on activities that combat isolation by reaching out to people who might feel lonely or marginalised.

Organising an event is a great way to recruit new volunteers to help out in any aspect of your work. Activities can range from renovating community centres to organising lunch clubs or helping housebound neighbours.

Request the free resources today and start planning your activity! Call Freephone 0800 284 533, email difference@csv.org.uk or visit www.csv.org.uk/difference



Essex Ambassadors

Are you keen to be involved in the London 2012 Games? Have you got what it takes to become an Essex Ambassador?

Essex will receive visitors from all over the UK and the world during the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. Essex County Council is looking for volunteers to be the face of Essex and give a warm welcome to everyone visiting our County.

What will the Essex Ambassador Volunteers Do?

There will be two key roles for Volunteers:

- ◆ To provide information and guidance on Games events, transport queries and general tourist information at the main transport hubs across Essex.
- ◆ To act as stewards at the events leading up to the Games

Have you got what it takes? Can you answer YES to the following?

- ◆ Are you passionate about Essex?
- ◆ Are you excited about the Olympic & Paralympic Games coming to the UK?
- ◆ Do you live or work in Essex?
- ◆ Will you be 16 or over on 1st January 2012?
- ◆ Do you enjoy talking to people?
- ◆ Do you have the confidence and patience to deal with people from all walks of life?
- ◆ Are you able to commit to 6 sessions of 5 hours volunteering between 18th May and 10th September 2012?
- ◆ Are you willing & able to attend 3 compulsory training sessions during April, May & June 2012?

What's in it for you?

Volunteering as an Essex Ambassador will be hard work but you should enjoy it & get a lot out of your experience.

- ◆ You will learn new skills through the 3 sessions of training you will receive prior to volunteering.
- ◆ You will meet lots of new people from all over the UK & the world.
- ◆ You will have something to add to your CV.
- ◆ You will be able to keep the uniform you will wear during your volunteering.
- ◆ You will be part of the London 2012 experience!

Interested? - To find out more and to apply to become an Essex Ambassador visit:

www.essexlegacy.org or contact Sharon at the Volunteer Centre on 01268 294797 or email: sharon@bbwcvs.org.uk. You can also get help to complete your Application form from our Volunteer Centre or you can collect a form & get help from your local Library.

Christmas Volunteering

The Volunteer Centre is looking for organisations that need Volunteers over the Christmas Period including Christmas Day & Boxing Day. If your organisation needs help or extra help then please contact Sharon on 01268 294797 or email: sharon@bbwcvs.org.uk. Please do this as soon as possible so that your opportunities can be advertised. Also please remember that if Volunteers are going to need a CRB check this will take time as well, so the sooner you get started the better.

Also please contact Sharon if you are interested in volunteering during the Christmas period.

Volunteer Centre Coffee Mornings

These will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month: 20th October, 17th November & 15th December are the next 3 dates. For further details please contact Sharon Chan on 01268 294797 or email: sharon@bbwcvcs.org.uk.

Voluntary Sector Forum

The next Forum will be held on 6th December 2011 from 2pm to 4pm in The St Georges Suite, Basildon Centre, St Martins Square. For more information please contact:
Pam on 01268 294439 or email pam@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Jackie on 01269 294798 or email jackie@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES: Monday 28th November