BASILDON, BILLERICAY & WICKFORD COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP IN BASILDON, BILLERICAY & WICKFORD



ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

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BBWCVS — OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES

BBWCVS' vision is of a fair, vibrant and open society that encourages and is supported by voluntary and community action.

BBWCVS' mission is to promote, develop & facilitate a thriving, effective, sustainable and influential voluntary sector in Basildon, Billericay & Wickford.

BBWCVS work is guided by values that

promote equality of opportunity, participation, co-operation, partnership and democratic involvement.

We promote local voluntary and community action in order to combat poverty and disadvantage, and improve the quality of life for groups, communities and individuals.

BBWCVS — WHAT WE DO

BBWCVS undertakes 5 core functions:

- <u>Development Work</u>: identifying local needs, working with others to develop appropriate actions and working strategically to benefit the local voluntary & community sector
- <u>Liaison</u>: helping to maintain links with a wide range of voluntary & community organisations and promoting cross sector relationships
- <u>Representation</u>: enabling the local voluntary & community sector to present its views to statutory sector agencies through consultation, networking, forums, seminars and workshops
- <u>Support Services</u>: funding, financial, management & constitutional information and advice, training, newsletters and mailings
- <u>Strategic Partnership Work</u>: working with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), helping to develop the Voluntary Sector Compact, participating in neighbourhood regeneration and working with other statutory bodies at a strategic level

BBWCVS hosts the Volunteer Centre which provides a volunteer recruitment, placement and support service to residents & voluntary and community organisations.

TRUSTEE BOARD DURING 2011-12

John Robb - Chair (BDVC)
Stella Calkin - Vice Chair (Independent)
Amy Dowd - Pathfinders
Don Sydney -TGACC
Paul Nagle - BDAA
Angie Cahill - BATIAS
Carole Cecile - BATIAS
Gerry Ryan - Treasurer

Ex officio representatives from external organisations

Tracy Parry/Grant Taylor—Basildon Borough Council Sallyanne Thallon—Essex County Council

STAFF DURING 2011-12

Chris Evans - Chief Officer
Pam McCarthy - Development Services Manager
Becky Walsh - Office Administrator
Donna Plakhtienko—Finance Officer
Sharon Chan—Volunteer Centre Manager Co-ordinator
Jackie Reynolds—Supporting People/Awards for All
Administrator
Arsen Poghosyan—Awards for All Funding Officer.
Artak Poghosyan – Community Development Manager

VOLUNTEERS

Reliable volunteers are really important to us at the CVS. We would like say a big THANK YOU to our volunteers Murlesh, Emma Lane and Diane Mitchell

CHAIR'S REPORT - JOHN ROBB, OBE

I am delighted to present this Annual Review for the Basildon, Billericay and Wickford CVS for the year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

This has been a particularly challenging year for the CVS. The service entered the year with a big projected deficit. This combined with a number of external funding streams that came to an end, meant us having to stop some areas



of our work and lay off some of our staff. Such was the calibre of the staff that they all managed to very quickly find other work, but it has left the CVS a much smaller organisation.

Despite these cutbacks, we prioritised our reduced income on the provision of high quality and relevant services to local voluntary and community organisations. In fact, we spent more on our charitable activities than our total income received last year, dipping into our reserves in order to protect and maintain key areas of our work.

As a CVS we have made rigorous effort to address these challenges and turn them into opportunities. To that end we have made vigorous efforts to increase the amount of investment in the sector locally, as well as seeking to diversify our funding streams. This resulted in a spectacular success in February when our partnership work with Basildon Borough Council resulted in the announcement of £1 million of new investment in the Pitsea area by the Big Lottery.

Reviewing this report it is apparent this achievement was one of many. For example, we:

- Secured £164,000 funding from the Community First to establish two community panels for Pitsea. Match funded this will ensure £320,000 investment in the area;
- Secured over £14,000 to regenerate play areas in the Queens Park area;
- Delivered a successful Supporting People volunteering project;
- Delivered a highly successful Health Conference;
- Helped establish the successful Craylands Job Club.

Much of this work was the result of effective partnership working so our thanks are due to the many partners with whom we worked to the benefit of the local community.

At last year's Annual General Meeting a resolution was passed to change the legal status of the Charity. This year we took active steps to implement this change to become a Charity limited by guarantee and so reviewed our memorandum and articles. These changes will be implemented during 2012-2013.

CHAIR'S REPORT - JOHN ROBB, OBE

This year Artak Poghosyan left us following the successful conclusion of the Fair Share Community Development project. This report highlights some of the important achievements and the resulting legacy. We are delighted that Artak continues to use his skills locally and we wish him all the best for the future.

During the year it was with much regret that the Trustee Board was forced to make our long serving manager of the Volunteer Centre Sharon Chan redundant as a result of an ongoing funding shortfall. Despite this decision we continued to deliver a number of outstanding work streams. We also continued to provide support to previously placed volunteers and instead volunteers were encouraged to approach organisations direct.

Finally a number of THANK YOU's. Firstly to my fellow trustees, staff and volunteers for their efforts this year. Secondly I wish to place on record our thanks to our funders and partners the Basildon Borough Council, Essex Community Foundation, Essex County Council and the South West Essex PCT.

CHIEF OFFICERS REPORT—CHRIS EVANS

With limited resources we have achieved much during the past year. We have developed new projects and initiatives, worked with groups to develop provision and activity, played an important role in strengthening community cohesion with our Community Development Project, and assisted groups to raise much needed revenue and capital.

Running a charity or voluntary organisation is hard at the best of times. With rising demand and less predictable income it has got even harder. In this situation I think we need to ask the question "what can we do as a CVS to make life easier?" In some ways this was what we were trying capture with this year's membership survey.

I am pleased to report that the majority felt we were doing a good job, that members valued the support provided by the Volunteer Centre, and found advice on funding and training especially useful. Critical comments were received about our website and we remain committed to undertaking an overhaul of the site. You also requested more engagement with the Chief Officer. As a result we are committed to undertaking periodic visits to membership groups, to understand your needs, wants, and wishes and how we can assist, as well as understanding the services you provide.

Over the last year there have been a number of changes that have impacted on the conventional work of Local Strategic Partnerships. In order to meet these new challenges, and following a review, the Basildon Local Strategic Partnership and the Basildon Renaissance Partnership merged to form a joint affiliation in April 2011. The CVS represent the sector on the Board and has played an active part in shaping the underpinning priority themes.

Big Society

Nationally much debate continued on progress in relation to the Big Society; and the Localism Bill received Royal Assent. Progress in relation to the Big Society continues to feature prominently in third sector journals. For the Government and the minister for civil society, Nick Hurd, the Big Society is about a profound culture change, about how communities should work and how public services should be shaped. It is about 'thinking big but starting small' to enable communities to help themselves to a better future.

MP's on the Public Administration Select Administration were more critical. They concluded that the concept will only succeed if there is government support of "little society". That means commissioning policies need to help local organisations not just the big nationals. It commented on the current funding situation that it called the funding gap. They expressed concern that many charitable and voluntary organisations were suffering from the immediate effects of reductions in public spending. It noted that in some cases their existence is at risk, yet they are the very organisations which may wish to participate in the Government's Big Society policies.

CHIEF OFFICERS REPORT—CHRIS EVANS

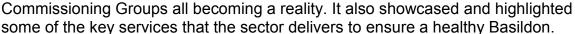
At the CVS we undertook our own local progress report and the resulting update was well received. Local MP John Baron commented that the "report was very comprehensive" and thanked us for the work.

This years report concludes with a look at some of the key milestones. From the International Day in May, the establishment of a local Job Club to the CVS Health Conference the report highlights many of our achievements. In this context the health conference was a particular success.

CVS Health Conference

The conference which took place in March 2012 included keynote speakers looking at the changing health environment and the challenges and opportunities this will present.

The event provided the opportunity to review and assess the maze of new structures with Health and Well Being Boards, Health Watch, and Clinical



The event was very much a collective effort, overseen by a steering group. My thanks to all who contributed and made the event the big success it was.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER—PAM McCarthy

OUR AIM IS TO:

ENCOURAGE, FACILITATE, EMPOWER AND SUPPORT THRIVING, INNOVATIVE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ACTION THROUGHOUT BASILDON DISTRICT

A core role of the CVS is to assist voluntary and community organisations to function more effectively and deliver quality services to their users, members and constituents. In furtherance of this objective we have provided support to groups with legal, constitutional, and funding advice. This enables groups to establish, improve and develop their own operations ensuring best practice wherever practicable.

During the year visits to groups were undertaken giving advice on a range of development issues. This included assisting new groups to set up including registering with the Charity Commission, and providing support on ensuring attainment of the PQASSO quality mark.

Another of our core functions is to facilitate effective communication or networking and collaboration amongst local voluntary and community groups. During the year we promoted cross sector working in a variety of ways including organising four Voluntary Sector Forum events bringing together voluntary and community organisations to share ideas and experience. The forum remains an important point of contact for the sector and continues to be well attended. Feedback continues to be overwhelmingly positive.

Speakers provided information on the Health Authority, the Census, Disability Essex, TV Digital Switchover, Olympics and from Basildon Council. Thematic groups make up the Voluntary Sector Forum and the forum itself offers good networking opportunities between minorities groups, children and young people, health & social care, art groups and chief officers. Local organisations are encouraged to attend not only in respect of hearing information appropriate to the locality but also for networking and signposting to organisations and groups.

As a result of "Awards for All" funding we were able to deliver a number funding workshops to participants from numerous local organisations; as well as providing one to one funding advice sessions. This ensured much positive feedback for this work. In addition we were also able to host workshops on a range of topics including First Aid, Health & Safety, Social Enterprise, Funding Advice for Faith Groups, Business Planning, Winning Contracts, First Steps to Fundraising, Awards for All, Heritage Lottery advice, Essex Community Foundation, Mental Health Awareness, Procurement, Outputs/Outcomes. Some of the above workshops were facilitated in partnership with Basildon Borough Council and others Voluntary Sector Training.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER—PAM McCarthy

A workshop on Mental Health Awareness was arranged by BBWCVS in response to a number of requests from our members requiring this field of training.

A funding fayre was held in June 2011 and funding organisations who attended were kept busy throughout the day as there was an 'open door' policy and the event was attended by 55 different organisations.

The Charities Evaluation Service requested that we operate a Peer Review for two London organisations with the PQASSO accreditation during this period. With regard



CVS Funding Fayre

to our own 'in house' PQASSO this continues to be kept on Agenda and BBWCVS are always conscientious of ensuring all our work is carried out to good quality assurance standards. We continue to disseminate good quality information, advice and guidance on PQASSO to groups within the Basildon, Billericay & Wickford areas.

In March 2012 BBWCVS hosted a Conference referred to earlier in this report the theme being 'Our Health – Our Choice'. The Conference was sponsored jointly by T. Cribb & Sons & Bennetts Funeral directors and BBWCVS are grateful for their support. 72 attendees heard Andrew Pike, Chief Executive of South West Essex Primary Care Trust give an overview on health changes locally and their implications; Mark McGrath talk about Basildon & Thurrock University Hospitals; Duncan Wood, Research & Analysis, Essex County Council, explain the new LINKS 'Healthwatch'. Conference went well and 98% of evaluations were good and welcomed the content and value of the Conference. We remain committed to ensuring that the issues continue to form part of our agenda.

In January we also assisted the BIG Lottery in promoting Awards for All within the area. This culminated in a huge Conference attended by 170 peopled in partnership with Rayleigh Council for Voluntary Services and Marc Francois, MP.

Due to the immense amount of funding required to assist voluntary groups in the Basildon, Billericay and Wickford area groups are continuing to seek information and advice in respect of appropriate funding. BBWCVS encourage members to do this and over the year a lot of time and resources were spent assisting groups in seeking funding to maintain services.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - ARTAK POGHOSYAN

This year witnessed the ending of the six years Community Development Project undertaken in the Craylands and Queens Park areas in Basildon and Billericay.

Funded by the Fair Share Trust Programme, and overseen by the Community Development Manager Artak Poghosyan the project delivered a significant range of achievements that included the establishment of new provision to meet identified local need, physical improvements, inward investment and successful partnership activity. Importantly the project leaves an important legacy with improved community capacity and cohesion that we are sure



will remain.

A summary of achievements and project review is the subject of a separate evaluation report. Covering the period 2009-12, this is available from the CVS.

In short we:

Established new provision to meet local need including:

- Helped to establish BeeKay Youth Club in Queens Park.
- Launched a "Craylands Internet Café".
- Established an on- line forum.
- In partnership launched the "Craylands Work Club" September 2011.
- Round Robin Rub campaign leading to the establishment of a one year trial for the bus service 256 from January 2012 covering the new route in Tye Common area, Billericay.

Helped physical regeneration including:

- Zebra Crossing installed in Queens Park, Billericay April 2010.
- Launched a "Playground Project" in partnership with Hemraj Goyal Foundation, refurbished 5 playgrounds in Queens Park, Billericay.

Helped secure inward investment into the wards:

- Successful funding application to Essex Youth Opportunity Fund for £4,700 on behalf of BeeKay Youth Club.
- Event sponsorship for the fun days, and International Days.
- "Playground Project" successful funding applications to Billericay Town Council and Essex County Council, Big Society Fund. Total amount of grant received £14.590.
- Supported groups in successful applications for funding to South Area Forum Queens Park Court SC (£1500), Trinity Body and Mind (£1500), West
 Billericay Community Association- Hannakins (£900), London Bus Theatre
 Company (£1500).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - ARTAK POGHOSYAN

This is but a snap shot of the range of activities undertaken and this year was no different.

During the year we:

- Produced, distributed and delivered newsletters to all residents in Queens Park. Articles included news from the Hannakins Farm Community Centre, Billericay Parent's Forum, Age UK, and the Prince's Trust.
- Organised a series of events including the Queens Park Family Fun Day, the Craylands Easter Fun Day April 2011, organised by the residents of Craylands, in partnership with BBWCVS, Swan Housing, Basildon Borough Council, Higgins and "International Day 2011" on 28 May 2011, in partnership in Fryerns East/Craylands area.
- Participated in the Fryerns Farm Children's Centre Advisory and Partnership Board.
- Queens Park residents together with BBWCVS and Hemraj Goyal Foundation and Basildon Borough Council parks and leisure department installed new playground equipment in the 4 playgrounds. (Part of the resident survey action plans).
- "Work Club" launched in Craylands with several partners supporting the weekly running of the club from the Internet Café. This partnership initiative is aimed at helping the residents from Craylands/Fryerns East areas to access free internet, receive expert advice on CVs, job interviews, help with completing application forms online and anything else that will help them get a job they desire.

Inevitably in work of this nature it is very much a partnership work. Important contributions have been made by a range of providers, stakeholders and groups. This year contributions were received from St George's Housing, Swan Housing, the Friends of Craylands, Higgins, Billericay Town Council and the Big Society Fund. Our thanks go to them and the local residents without whose support none of this could have been achieved.

Case Study: In Craylands/Fryerns East a new initiative called "Work Club" was launched on the 29th Sep 2011. A multi-agency project involving all the professionals working for the area including housing, children's services, resident groups, BBWCVS, the local authority and Job Centre Plus to run a weekly Work Club, each Thursday 1-4 pm from Craylands Internet Café.



The aim of the club is to help the residents to access jobs online, help with their CVs, interview skills and anything else that will enhance their employment opportunities.

This is a great example of partnership working in the area and joining up resources to provide a much needed service for the residents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - ARTAK POGHOSYAN

Artak's thanks

It has been a huge privilege working with so many talented and dedicated members of the community of Queens Park and Craylands/Fryerns East since 2006. When we first started the Fair Share Trust Programme I was welcomed by the residents who joined Resident Groups, participated in resident surveys and took an active role in organising the annual Fun Days and Christmas Grottos in their community.

The Fair Share Trust Programme has now come to an end nationwide and my post has finished in March 2012. My best wishes to all the residents, partners and organisations in Queens Park and Craylands/Fryerns East!

THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

OUR AIM IS TO:

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AND

COMMUNITY ACTION THROUGHOUT BASILDON DISTRICT

This was a most difficult and challenging year. Although volunteering had never been higher on the policy agenda or in public imagination, the year for the Volunteer Centre was dominated by



growing financial uncertainly with funding for the core work continuing to be difficult to locate. It culminated in the decision of the trustees to make its long serving manager Sharon Chan redundant at the end of the financial year.

Notwithstanding this period of uncertainty the Centre continued to experience high levels of demand for its service, delivered a range of successful projects, as well as leading on the biggest and most successful Volunteer of the Year awards event to date. The team can rightly be proud of their efforts in such difficult circumstances.

This review looks at some of the highlights of the year and celebrates our successes.

Opening up new opportunities

One of the key functions of the Volunteer Centre is to provide a brokerage service that empowers people looking to volunteer to find a role that interests them. This year 502 new volunteers registered. Predominately female (68%) and British (92%), all ages were represented. Of those volunteering 36% were unemployed, with 6% unable to work.

As a CVS we would like everybody to be inspired to volunteer and we work to achieve this by promoting its benefits and ensuring that people have access to a wide range of quality opportunities which are right for them. One way we do this is through our annual celebration of volunteering during Volunteers Week. This year's event and award ceremony was the biggest and best yet with support and sponsorship from Co-Op Funeral Care. Our thanks go to Cribbs & Sons Funeral Directors, the Rotary Club, Fareways Taxis, Eastgate Shopping Centre, who donated trophies and gifts for the winners.

The evening was well attended and heard contributions from Councillor Mo Larkin Mayor of Basildon Borough Council and MP's Stephen Metcalfe and Mark Francois.

Volunteering Keeping Individuals Active and Healthy

One of the most significant benefits of volunteering is the positive impact it is known to have on the individual's health. In acknowledging this and also in recognition of some individuals having additional support needs (including those with physical, sensory and enduring mental health issues) the service continued to receive the support of Lloyds TSB Foundation.

THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

As a result we were able to offer personalised support services to volunteers with our Supported Volunteering Programme. This enabled us to support volunteers into placements by attending interviews and inductions.

Many participants reported that volunteering had contributed significantly to their overall sense of well being, that they were making a positive contribution to their community and provided a greater sense of community inclusion. Others commented that their overall confidence had considerably increased as a result of their engagement in volunteering activities.

The funding also enabled us to deliver a "Preparation for Volunteering" course run at MIND.

This work was assisted by a steering group that included a Commissioner for Adult Health and Well-being, representatives from referral agencies and service users. Our thanks go to them.

These positive outcomes reflect the efforts made not just by Sharon, but also by Jackie Reynolds who provided invaluable project support and our thanks go to her.

Digital volunteer scheme.

On the 18th April 2012 the London TV region was switched to digital transmissions and the old analogue services switched off. In the months leading up to the switchover in partnership with the Rural Community Council of Essex we worked with volunteers across the borough to ensure that nobody got left behind with a blank television screen.

Volunteers were trained to spread the word in their local communities. The aim was to get the message to those that needed it by engaging with organisations and services that are most likely to have contact with isolated and vulnerable individuals and other local people that they will trust. As a result volunteers met with many trusted people locally who agreed to pass on the message.

At the end of a regional review meeting the BBC praised the work undertaken across Essex to which we contributed. They were delighted with the outcome and the fact that we exceeded all of our targets. So a huge thanks to the volunteers.



FINANCE REPORT

Income and Expenditure

The total income for 2011/12 was £151,673 and total expenditure £196,027 – an overall movement in funds of -£44,354.

Whilst this does constitute a deficit, it was the result of a pro-active decision to maintain a consistent level of service with the use of reserves.

The trustees will continue to monitor the level of reserves and the reserves policy as part of the continuing risk assessment process, and in the context of recommendations of the Charity Commission.

We continue to obtain our core funding from the South West Essex Primary Care Trust, Essex County Council and Basildon Borough Council. However, we remain committed to diversifying our sources of funding and are pleased to report that over half of our funding now comes from other sources. As well as our core funders this year we received funding from the Essex Community Foundation for our community development activities, from Lloyds TSB Foundation for our Supporting People Project, and Awards for All for our funding work.

We are only too aware of the financial pressures experienced by our funders, and will continue to take active measures to seek additional sources of funding to widen access to our services for groups.

In view of the continuing pressures on its resources the trustees particularly wish to thank our core funders for their continued support

Year ended 31 March	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	151,673	236,784	221,082	261,218	336,960
Resources Expended	196,027	245,138	240,364	262,796	323,045
Surplus / (Deficit)	(44,354)	(8,354)	(19,281)	(1,578)	13,915
Closing Reserves	192,053	236,407	244,761	264,042	265,620





FULL AUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM BBWCVS OR FROM OUR WEBSITE WWW.BBWCVS.ORG.UK

THANK YOU

Our Thanks

As a CVS we recognise the important role our partners can play in assisting us to improve and develop our services. As a result we have continued to work with other providers and community and voluntary groups. This year we would like to thank a number of partners.

- DIAL, BDVC and Basildon Borough Council for their active support to the Basildon Working Neighbourhood Volunteering Sub Group and in particular the support provided for the Volunteer of the Year awards.
- Pippa Brent-Isherwood and Maxine Williams from Basildon Borough Council.
- Caroline Taylor from Essex Community Foundation.
- The Supporting People Project steering group.
- The FairShare Panel for their ongoing support for our Community Development Project
- Colleagues from Essex Volunteer Centres for their work towards securing reaccreditation of the Volunteer Centre by Volunteering England.
- Southend CVS and Essex County Council for their efforts in relation to the Essex Ambassador scheme.
- Brian Goodwin and the team at the Rural Community Council for their support with the Digital switchover help scheme.
- Contributions were received from St George's Housing, Swan Housing, the Friends of Craylands and Higgins towards International Day.
- Billericay Town Council and the Big Society Fund for their support towards the refurbishment of the Queen's Park play areas. Our thanks go to them and the local residents without whose support none of this could have been achieved.
- The Big Lottery for Awards for All funding.

We are also grateful for the funding and support given by our core funders:

- 1) Basildon Borough Council.
- 2) South West Essex PCT.
- 3) Essex County Council.

Last by no means least a big thank you to our volunteers and staff. Our volunteers come from all communities, all ages and all backgrounds and bring a valuable range of skills to the service. They contributed many hours service during the year. The importance of this contribution to our work community cannot be overstated and our thanks go to them.









BBWCVS Members 2011/12

Abridge Pre-School Group

Age UK Essex

Alzheimer's Society

Basildon & Thurrock Friend

Basildon Community Resource Centre

Basildon District Arts Association

Basildon District Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd

Basildon District Volunteer Carers

Basildon Mind

Basildon Pathfinders Blind & Partially Sighted Group

Basildon Women's Aid

Basildon, Billericay & Wickford National Childbirth Trust

Batias Independent Advocacy Service

Billericay & Wickford Scout Council

Billericay Arts Association

Billericay Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Billericay Parents Forum

Brentwood Community Print

Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services

Choices Family Support Services

Computers for the Disabled

Craylands Activity Zone

Crossroads Care - Brentwood & Basildon Districts

CSV - Healthy Ageing Project

Diabetes UK

DIAL Basildon South Essex

Essex Carers Support

Essex Coalition of Disabled People

Essex County Council

Essex PHAB

Essex Small Enterprise Network

Family Lives (formally Parentline Plus)

Five Links Turning Point

Gay Essex Men's Social Club

Hamelin Trust

Headway Essex

Healthy Planet

Independent Age

Interact Chelmsford Ltd

Kingswood Community Association

BBWCVS Members 2011/12

Lee Chapel North Holiday Club

Lighthouse Furniture Project Ltd

Lions Club of Billericay

Mayflower Performing Arts

Mistley Community Association

Nature Break Wildlife Cruises

Out and About

Outlook Care

Parents 1st

Parents Aid Southern Essex

Pavis Foundation for Visually Impaired People

People Enjoying Pensions

Realatine Awareness

Redeemed Christian Church of God - Majesty Connections

Relate South Essex

Rethink

Rethink Good Companions

SADS UK - Ashley Jolly Trust

Samaritans of Basildon & Thurrock

Shapeshifters

Signpost (Colchester) Ltd

South Essex 50+ Club

SOVA - Essex DAAT Mentoring Scheme

St Lukes Hospice

Tech Control

The Shadyfish Xperience

Trinity Disability Club

Victim Support

Voluntary Sector Training

WHCM Bridge Counselling

Wickford & District Talking Newspaper

Wickford Carnival Association

Wickford Disabled Swimming Club

BBWCVS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

BBWCVS DIARY

April

- Jackie/Arsen resumed working on funding activities. (Funded by Awards for All).
- Membership survey undertaken.

May

 International Day Craylands

June

 Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony.



Voluntary Sector Forum

July

South Essex Funding
 Fayre Basildon in
 partnership with RAVS and
 CAVS

- Queen's Park Fun Day.
- Essex County Council Partnership structures consultation. Written response submitted outlining concerns
- EACVS. Chief Officer elected Co-Chair

Aug

- Big Lottery. Meeting with Regional Manager to discuss funding in the Borough.
- Queens Park Playground refurbishment starts

Sept

- Craylands Job Club launch
- Voluntary Sector Forum

Oct

- Jonathan Clark Big Lottery (BIG) Discussed funding and investment by Big Local in Basildon.
- Democracy Week Local Youth Conference. Panel Member

November

- Co-hosted visit BIG Lottery and tour to identified areas of spend for Big Local.
- Launch Consultation re: Basildon Compact

Dec

 Recruitment of volunteers for Essex Ambassadors scheme and Digital Switch over

January

 Big Lottery showcase event Wickford joint coordinated with RAV, Mark Francoise MP and the lottery team.

February

 Big Local announcement of £1m new investment in Pitsea.

March

- CVS Health Conference Our Health – Our Choice.
- Chief Office begins work on Essex Whole Place Community Budget project



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