



Colchester and Tendring Community Trust

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Supporting causes in Colchester & Tendring

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NEWSLETTER

Ten lucky groups share £3,410

Ten groups across Colchester and Tendring are celebrating an early Christmas present after being awarded grants at the November meeting of Grassroots - the Colchester and Tendring Community Trust.

The 10 lucky grant recipients will share a total of £3,410 to help support their group's activities. One of the organisations receiving a grant is Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group, a nursery group, integrating children with additional needs.

Their £500 grant will go towards the purchase of new computer equipment. Carol Nice, Stepping Stones Manager, explained that the grant from Grassroots Charity would be a vitally important tool in working in partnership with parents. 'The new equipment will facilitate the preparation of individual care plans for our children and allow us to record and monitor their development which we can then share with parents.'

The Trustees of Grassroots are always pleased to help and support as many groups as possible and look forward to further applications from local voluntary organisations.

The criteria for giving grants is quite straightforward and we are happy to support voluntary organisations and community groups that are addressing outstanding social needs in the Colchester and Tendring areas.

We will support voluntary organisations and groups, but not individuals, in the area.

We are prepared to consider applications for both new and ongoing projects and assistance is available for both capital expenditure and essential running costs.

Priority is given to the smaller voluntary organisations and groups based and operating within the Colchester and Tendring areas, as opposed to regional and national groups.

Where financial help is sought the Trust will require details of the organisations own commitment to a particular project and, should a grant be approved, then evidence of expenditure would normally be required.

Please contact the Trust Director for more information.

The most recent grant beneficiaries

Organisation	Beneficiaries	Amount awarded
Alternatives Tendring Crisis Pregnancy Centre	Towards room hire	£260
Prosthetic User Group	Towards to cost of a Newsletter	£250
Colchester Counselling and Psychotherapy Centre	To help with decorating costs	£200
Harwich and District Crime Prevention Panel	Towards gardening competition for primary school children	£250
East Donyland Community Association	Towards a computer for the village hall	£500
Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group	Towards a computer	£500
Colchester Gay Switchboard	Towards youth group	£300
Pheonix Homes	Towards client's travel fund	£200
Panathlon Foundation	For sports activities for children with special needs	£500
Ling Trust Ltd	Towards a gardening project for adults with learning difficulties	£450



Let's keep in touch


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We would love to keep you up to date with the work of Grassroots.

Just provide us with your e-mail address and we will send you our Newsletter electronically.

Don't worry if you do not have an e-mail - if you send us your name and address then we'll post you a Newsletter.

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Fundraising in 2009

In common with almost every charity Grassroots needs to raise funds in order to be able to meet its charitable objectives. In order to be able to give grants to deserving local causes we need an income. With the world in financial crisis most local charities seem to be feeling the pinch one way or another. Investment income has plummeted over the past year and grants and donations are becoming more difficult to find whilst the need for charitable services tends to increase at the same time.

Sadly our community raffle, which has been a main source of income in the past, is no longer proving cost effective and Grassroots is turning attention towards other fundraising events.

We are now looking forward to 2010 and, having set up a sub-committee to look into fundraising, we are hoping to provide some further events in the coming year.

Certainly, we are hoping to have another charity lunch, or similar, but this time in the Tendring area. If you have the ideal location for such an event then we would be delighted to hear from you!

If you would like details of forthcoming events or would like to host a fund-raising event for Grassroots please contact Sue Hawes on 01206 542255

or email info@grassrootscharity.org.

We did, though, support the Alexandra Rose Charity Raffle since 80% of the income we raised remains with Grassroots. This provided us with a small income.

In August, Tony Whitmarsh, one of our Trustees, organised a history walk of Harwich. The tour began on the quayside and took in several places of interest in Harwich including the Treadwheel Crane and Electric Palace. The talk was extremely informative and finished up sampling the alcoholic delights of a local hostelry!

In September 2009 we were delighted that David and Nancy Cannon of Fordham, Colchester, very kindly hosted a charity luncheon on our behalf. In the most delightful surroundings, overlooking part of the Colne Valley, a delicious cold buffet of salmon and turkey dishes was served, followed by an array of mouth-watering desserts. The excellent location meant that it was a very jovial occasion and the luncheon was thoroughly enjoyed by over 50 guests. The lunch and the raffle which followed raised over £1000.



Treadwheel Crane Harwich



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Vacancies at Grassroots Charity

As a voluntary organisation and charity we are always looking for extra pairs of hands. We currently have vacancies for trustees and a volunteer administrator.

We are always delighted to have additional Trustees to join our team. Would you be interested?

Trustee Job Description

- To further the aims of the charity in both business and personal life.
- To raise awareness of the charity in the local community.
- To attend 6 Trustee meetings each year.
- To attend the Charity's Annual General Meeting.
- To consider grant applications and award grants in accordance with the charity's criteria for grants.
- To maintain and develop the charity's endowment fund.
- To administer and maintain funds in accordance with Charity law.
- To develop and grow the charity to further its aims for the future.

Volunteer Administrator

We are looking for a person who could give a few hours a week, based in the Straight Road Centre in Colchester to answer the telephone and perform a number of secretarial and administrative duties. Familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel would be ideal.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any way, please contact Sue Hawes on 01206 542255 or email info@grassrootscharity.org.