



Summer 2011

NEWSLETTER

Support from Mayor's Fund

Former Mayor of Colchester, Cllr Sonia Lewis, called upon the services of Grassroots charity earlier this year, to act as treasurer for her Appeal Fund. The Appeal was a great success, raising £35,111, which was shared between 15 local good causes.

The award ceremony in June celebrated the work of local charity and community groups and the dedicated volunteers who support them. Special Recognition Awards were made to Sarah Tapley, Ron Goodwin, and David and Nancy Cannon in respect of their outstanding work in the community.

The organisations which received grants from the Mayor's Charity Fund were: Army Benevolent Fund, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Alzheimer's Society, Epilepsy Action, Headway Essex, Huntington's Disease Association, Motor Neurone Disease Association Colchester, Parkinson's Disease Society Colchester, Grassroots, Essex Wildlife Trust, Essex Air Ambulance, Thorrington Scout Centre, 2nd Lexden (St Leonard's) Scout Group, Girlguiding Essex North East and the M E Society

Cllr Lewis was so impressed with the work of Grassroots charity that she agreed to become a trustee now that her mayoral year is over. We are delighted to welcome her to the board.

Introducing new faces



Laura Cullen

We welcome Laura Cullen to our Board of Trustees. Laura is a trainee solicitor at Goody Burrett in West Stockwell Street.



Sonia Lewis

Also joining our Board of Trustees is Cllr Sonia Lewis who was Mayor of Colchester in 2010/2011. Sonia is currently borough councillor for Lexden.

Syria Aziz

We also welcome Syria Aziz as a Volunteer Administrative Assistant to the Grassroots team. We hope that she enjoys her time with us.

The most recent grant beneficiaries

Cheques were presented at our AGM to the following organisations by Cllr Alan Goggin, Chair of Tendring District Council and Cllr Christopher Arnold, Deputy Mayor, Colchester Borough Council.

Organisation	Beneficiaries	Amount awarded
Friends of Westlands Country Park Colchester	Towards insurance premium	£170
Gt & Lt Horkesley Friendship Club Colchester	Hall hire and transport costs	£300
Jaywick Green Team Jaywick	Running costs	£500
Frobisher Parents Forum Jaywick	Running costs	£250
Birch and Layer Bretton Get Together Club Colchester	Hall hire	£240
Boxted Evergreen Club Colchester	Hall hire	£300
The Lakes Users Forum Colchester	Towards garden project	£150
Monkwick Residents Assoc Colchester	Fun Day	£550
4 Youth Brightlingsea Colchester	Travel costs	£540
Colchester and Tiptree Toy Library Colchester	Volunteers expenses	£513
Jaywick Community Resource Centre Jaywick	New cooker	£550

TRUST OBJECTS

The funds available to the Colchester and Tendring Community Trust for grant making will be used to support voluntary organisations and community groups that are addressing outstanding social needs in the areas of Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council

TRUST POLICY

Support will be provided to voluntary organisations/ groups, but not individuals, for disbursement within the areas specified above. Applications will be considered for both new and ongoing projects and assistance is available for both capital expenditure and essential running costs. Priority will be given to the smaller voluntary organisations/ groups based and operating within the area of benefit, as opposed to regional and national groups.

Applications for furtherance of religious or political causes will not be accepted, however applications from religious organisations for projects benefiting the wider community will be considered. Where financial help is sought the Trust will require details of the organisations own commitment to the particular project. Should a grant be approved evidence of expenditure may be required in due course.

Cory Environmental Trust

GRASSROOTS TO ADMINISTER GRANTS FOR CORY ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST IN COLCHESTER

Grassroots is delighted to announce that we are now providing administrative services on behalf of Cory Environmental Trust in Colchester. Cory Environmental Trust in Colchester was formed in August 1998, and currently receives contributions under The Landfill Communities Fund. As with most of the local Cory Environmental Trusts, the Colchester Trust has six Trustees, two of which are nominated, one by Colchester Borough Council, one by Cory Environmental.

The Trust provides funding for community and environmental projects, which are within the borough of Colchester and within 10 miles radius of the Cory Environmental Landfill site in Stanway.

To date, the Trust has agreed funding for more than 160 projects bringing valuable community and environmental benefits across the borough of Colchester.

Some examples of eligible projects are:

- Village Hall refurbishment
- Provision of outdoor play areas/play equipment
- Renovation of a sports playing field
- Provision of a boardwalk over reed beds
- Community garden
- Religious buildings restoration/repairs
- Footpaths and bridleways
- Community facilities in churches and church halls

Grants can be given for

- Remediation of contaminated land
- Prevention of pollution
- Community improvement schemes
- Restoration of the built environment, including historic or religious buildings
- Facilitating work with species and habitats through biodiversity conservation

The application form, which contains further guidance, is available at:

www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/page/Colchester.htm



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Our business



Let's keep in touch



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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Grant presentations at AGM

The twenty-first Annual General Meeting of Grassroots - the Colchester and Tendring Community Trust was held at the Venture Centre in Lawford on the warm sunny evening of 21 June. Special guests were Cllr Alan Goggin, Chair of Tendring District Council and Cllr Christopher Arnold, Deputy Mayor of Colchester Borough Council.

Peter Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that economic conditions meant that we have had another quite challenging year with grants and donations down although the impact of being custodians of the Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund has meant that our income has increased, with the added benefit of increased investment income.

We had, though, tried to maintain our level of grant giving; for it is in these difficult times, that these small groups we are happy to support, would find it even harder to survive.

The Director and the Trustees have worked in trying to improve income and raising the profile of the charity.

With county and district councils having to cut back their expenditure it is now falling to Grassroots and others to provide the 'big society' that has been spoken about in recent months. In this respect the charity is beginning to undertake more work on behalf of our local authorities and it is hoped that this development will continue for we are the people that often spot the small organisation that is needing help, but is 'off the radar' of these councils and others.

The meeting agreed that Anne Brown would be the new Chair of the charity and that Tony Whitmarsh would be the Vice-Chair. Cllr Sonia Lewis and Laura Cullen were also welcomed to the Board of Trustees.



Grant presentations made at the Annual General Meeting