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# Newsflash



## Have you booked to attend the Community Marketplace 2017?

**Thursday 23rd November**

This exciting day will include:

- Over 50 stands
- An opportunity to apply for funds and 'pitch to the funder' for up to £40,000
- A resource hub with informal workshops focusing on partnership building topics
- Formal workshops, including Live Well Essex and Recruiting Volunteers

- Dementia Friends Sessions
- A Volunteer Celebration – nominate your volunteers to receive a certificate of thanks

The full agenda is available [here](#).

To book a place visit [click here](#).

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## iBCF Transformation Fund

**The deadline for submission is fast approaching.**

To be able to pitch for funds on the 23rd November, all application forms must be submitted by **Wednesday 15th November 2017**. The application form can be found [here](#).

This is an exciting opportunity for teams, organisations, collaborations of individuals and organisations and a combination of all of the above to apply for a grant to test out ideas, concepts and projects which promote self-care and prevention. It is a very simple process with the focus being on outcomes, behaviour change, new models of care, digital and technological solutions and partnership working.

Guidance notes for the application form are available on our [website](#).

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## Braintree20: help Braintree Library celebrate 20 years

To mark 20 years of the current Library building, and celebrate its' place in the community, Essex Libraries will be holding a community event and civic reception on Wednesday 6 December. The Library is inviting community organisations to showcase their services from 10am to 3pm.

They also invite library members to share their memories of Braintree Library in both this and former library buildings. You can submit entries now, or contribute to the display any time during the week of 4 to 8 December.

The Library is also searching for anyone who has ever attended one of their Baby and Toddler rhyme times, as well as former members of

staff and volunteers. Please leave a contact with the library so we can invite you to a fun reunion on Saturday 9 December.

You can contact Braintree Library at [Braintree.Library@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Braintree.Library@essex.gov.uk), telephone 0345 603 7628, or speak to a member of library staff.

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## Alzheimer's Society are now recruiting

Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading dementia charity. They provide information and support, improve care, fund research, and create lasting change for people affected by dementia.

Every day, they work tirelessly to find new treatments and, ultimately, a cure for dementia. They provide expert information, training, and support services to all those who need their help.

They are now recruiting for additional staff. The following adverts for the roles have now been placed on the Society's website – you can view them here:

- [Dementia Friendly Community Coordinator](#) (Essex)

- [Dementia Support Worker](#) (NE Essex)
- [Dementia Support Manager](#) (NE & West Essex)
- [Dementia Support Worker](#) (Mid Essex)

You can also visit their [Working for Us](#) pages, which give you more information about what it's like to be an employee at the Society.

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## Directors' Roles and Responsibilities

If you are a non-executive Director of a company with charitable or social aims and you are not sure of the difference between your status as a Non-Executive Director and that of an Executive Director, then this course on the **15th November** is for you. It will explain the essential differences between the two roles and look at some of the key responsibilities that a Non-Executive has.

This half day course is designed for Executive and Non-Executive Board members of not-for-profit organisations such as Community Benefit Societies and Community Interest Companies. It will ensure that both sets of directors understand their roles and responsibilities.

[Read more](#)

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**Christmas FAYRE**  
**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> November 11.00AM – 1.00PM**

Stepping Stones Play & Learn Group is a non-profit making charity supporting families with children with special needs.

Pop in and see them in the gym building at the Wilson Marriage Centre CO1 2LR for their Christmas Fayre.

Lots of gifts suitable for all budgets - Cake stall , Jewellery, Body shop, Cards & Wrapping paper, Christmas gifts, tombola and lots more.

Entrance is 50p per adult, children free. [Read more](#)

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Business Planning Workshop 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Chelmsford, CM2 9FH

Want to learn how you can achieve your long term plans for your organisation?

Sported are hosting a Business Planning workshop that will give you practical steps to help you achieve your potential as an organisation.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to help your club become more secure and sustainable. The workshop will be delivered by an experienced and engaging Sported volunteer, Maureen Botham. Maureen has had a long career in the third sector and has worked with Healthwatch, local charities, voluntary organisations and government bodies where she has used her skills in strategic planning, auditing and project management to great effect. She has also volunteered for 3 years with Sported and has made a huge difference to the clubs she has supported.

To book just email [events@sported.org.uk](mailto:events@sported.org.uk)



War Memorial bench takes pride of place in

## Braintree

A special memorial bench has been installed in the grounds of Marshall's Park, Braintree to remember and honour those who lost their lives in the First World War.

The beautiful wooden bench, which features a field of poppies, was designed by Dan Cordell who also produced the otter sculpture, conker, seeds and leaves bench also situated in the nature reserve.

The British Legion, Councillors, Friends of Hoppit Mead Local Nature Reserve volunteers and members of the community came together today (Saturday 4th November) to unveil the bench which the public can use to sit and enjoy the natural environment.

Braintree District Council officers and local volunteers also planted a circle of five lime trees to mark a 'circle of healing', each tree representing Remembrance, Renewal, Reflection, Respect and Resilience to commemorate the Centenary of World War One and following the selection of Marshalls Park as a Centenary Field, by the Fields in Trust in 2015.

[Read more.](#)

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## Announcing the launch of the Green Light Discussion Forum

The Green Light Toolkit helps mental health services respond effectively to people who have autism or learning disabilities in addition to mental health difficulties.

If working on Green Light issues is part of your role, or if you are interested in this topic, the Green Light Discussion Forum is for you. The purpose of the Green Light Discussion Forum is to exchange ideas and solutions so that people receive good support.

The Forum is open to anyone who is interested in sharing online discussion and seeking positive solutions. People themselves, family and friends, mental health staff, people working in learning disability services who are interested in supporting people with mental health issues, and anyone else with an interest in the subject. [Read more](#)

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## Community Grant Scheme

The Braintree District Councillors' Community Grants Scheme allows organisations and groups to apply for funding to support local projects and initiatives that will benefit the people of Braintree District.

Each ward Councillor has a maximum of £1,500 to give to local organisations.

Funding for projects could include: building improvements, playground equipment, vehicle purchases, recreation facilities, IT equipment, sports equipment, events costs and energy efficient measures.

Ward councillors can pool their budgets to joint fund projects within the ward.

To apply for funding you must contact your ward Councillor to discuss your project proposal in the first instance.

[Find details of your Ward Council here](#)

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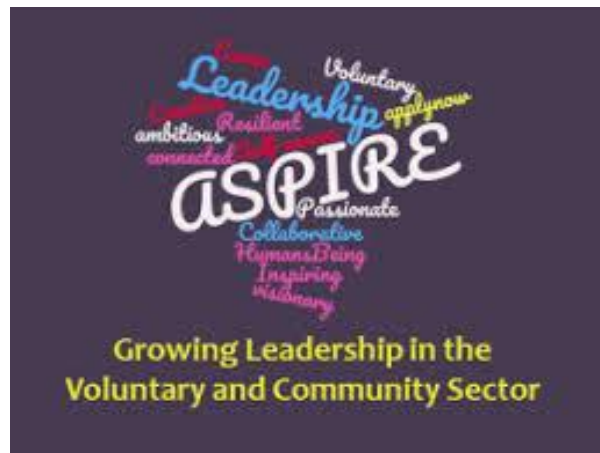
## Introducing The Essex Crowd and a £500k fund for Crowdfunding in Essex.

Essex County Council have partnered with Spacehive to launch [The Essex Crowd](#), a new crowdfunding initiative for community projects in Essex, supported with a £500,000 fund from Essex County Council. The fund will pledge up to £5000 to projects that make a difference to local areas and bring people together. Ideas could include BBQs to music gigs, community planting projects to street murals, community tea times and community cafes.

Please visit [The Essex Crowd](#) site for more information and reach out to [support@spacehive.com](mailto:support@spacehive.com) if you think you may have a project idea.

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## Future leaders for the voluntary and community sector

ASPIRE is a 12 month leadership development programme that will bring 15 people from the Voluntary and Community Sector in Essex together to create a strong cohort that will learn together through an accelerated development journey.

The programme has been commissioned by the Essex Partnership in recognition that growing the skills and capabilities of a cohort of leaders for the voluntary and community sector is a long term investment that will support delivery of the county's shared vision – The Future of Essex – and foster a new generation of leaders for the benefit of the sector and everyone who calls Essex home.

The ASPIRE programme is aimed at senior professionals that are currently employed within the Essex social sector, working for a voluntary or community organisation, social enterprise or charity.

It is most relevant for aspiring and developing leaders that have the

desire to forge a future leadership career in the sector.

[Find out more here.](#)

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