ECC Community Wishing Wall

Please connect directly if you feel you can help with any of the community projects below

Sponsorship	Light touch involvement, where businesses can provide financial support.
Collaboration	Medium involvement, where a business can provide financial support or voluntary time/skills, such as hands-on painting of a community room or providing expert advice.
Partnership	Multi input joint-venture, working together to make the project a reality. Businesses can provide financial support, volunteering time, expert advice, etc.

Ref	Model	Organisation Type	Project Summary	Contact Details	Stakeholders	End Date
1	**Collaboration**	**Charity and Public Sector**	**Community hub refurbishment in Basildon** *Basildon District Council and charity Signpost Basildon are refurbishing a community space into a hub for organisations who provide guidance and advice for people looking to go back into work or study.*	jenny.ibarra@signpost.info	Basildon District Council Signpost Basildon	December 2026
2	**Sponsorship**	**Public Sector**	**'The Essex Construction Alliance' monthly network** *Forum for businesses and organisations interested in the construction, housing and trade industry.* *Keep up to date with innovative and sustainable solutions for the construction market, whilst making new connections and develop your business.* *Are you a business looking to develop your brand? Contact the Essex Construction Alliance Team to ascertain which sponsorship will work for you.*	Kirstie.Forrester@essex.gov.uk	Essex Construction Alliance	December 2026
3	**Sponsorship**	**Charity**	**GreenPath Ventures charity in Colchester** *Helps people of all abilities to connect with the healing power of nature. Based at tranquil Yarra Farm in Colchester, their focus is on providing outdoor opportunities to grow fresh organic produce, have fun and become a part of their kind community. From a morning session tending the crops, to a whole day of tree planting or simply sharing in a meal cooked in their allotment cabin, you will be welcome whatever your ability.* *We wish for: Donations from in-kind or materials to raised beds in order to create a sensory garden and build wheelchair pathways around the farm. We would love to get type 1 hogging, timber of all sorts, compost, screws, nails, seeds, and plants.*	robmann@greenpathventures.org.uk	GreenPath Ventures	Ongoing

4	**Partnership**	**Charity**	**Basildon Mind's Walk and Talk sessions** *The programme provides free weekly mental health walking groups across the Basildon Borough and supports older people, individuals with lived experience of mental ill health, and those at risk of social isolation. During the past year the programme has supported more than 85 unique participants, the majority of whom are over 65 years of age.* *They need: sponsorship for their mental health wellbeing campaign, investment for building community networks for older people, supporting an employee wellbeing programme, donating equipment, supplies and resources & volunteering as walk leaders, event supporters or fundraisers.*	stuarts@basmind.org	Basildon Mind	Ongoing
5	**Sponsorship**	**School**	**New outdoor classroom for St Luke's Park Primary School** *St Luke's Park Primary School is developing a designated wildlife and forest school area within its school field to support outdoor learning, environmental awareness, and pupil wellbeing. As part of this initiative, the school proposes to install an enclosed 5-metre hexagonal outdoor classroom within the identified area. The structure will provide a sheltered, natural learning environment where pupils can engage in curriculum-linked activities such as environmental science, nature observation, creative learning, and forest school sessions. The enclosed hexagonal design will provide protection from the elements while maintaining an open, outdoor feel suitable for group teaching and small workshops. Alongside the structure, the wider area will be developed as a wildlife-friendly zone with natural features that support biodiversity and outdoor exploration.* *We wish for: financial support for this project to be implemented.*	gemmabaker91@yahoo.com 07872 009601	St Luke's Park Primary School	Ongoing
6	**Partnership**	**Hospital**	**Dementia Hospital Ready Bags for patients** *The project supports dementia patients, families and carers across Halstead, Braintree and the surrounding Essex communities, by providing them with free-of-charge hospital ready bags containing guides to prepare for a hospital admission and practical items providing comfort and reassurance to patients and their families and helping hospital staff to understand the person behind the diagnosis. Progress so far has been made possible through small grants and collaboration between NHS and Essex County Council.* *What is needed? Organisations that would like to become corporate partners in supporting this initiative. Support could include sponsorship of the bags, donations of bag contents such as small toiletries etc, volunteer support to assemble the bags, or collaborative projects to help expand the service across Essex.*	michelle.vagg1@nhs.net	The Pump House Surgery	Ongoing
7	**Collaboration**	**Charity**	**Personal and home alarms for victims of crime** *Our Fundraising Champion for Victim Support Essex, currently has a target of raising £6000 per year to cover the cost of the personal and home alarms we send out to our clients. The alarms are one way we help victims feel safer and help them to move on from the impact of crime. We would be so grateful if any local businesses would like to support us with our continuing fundraising efforts.*	essex@victimsupport.org.uk Phone number: 01277 357557	Victim Support	Ongoing

			There are many ways local organisations could contribute including: • *Nominate Victim Support Essex as your Charity of the Year and take part in activities that will help us meet our fundraising targets, we will be able to create content highlighting your support on our social media channels and within our county wide reporting* • *Create a one-off staff fundraising event* • *Participate in a Charity Challenge that will support Victim Support Essex but also be an excellent opportunity for staff team building* • *Gifts-in-kind (where a business donates goods or services to VS) – could you or any businesses you are connected with be able to donate any personal or home alarms?*		
8	**Partnership**	**Community Voluntary Service**	*Maldon and District Community Voluntary Service do not currently receive any core funding and rely on grants and project funding to fulfil our service.* *We would love to be able to offer:* 1. *Speakers for our community and voluntary organisation support offer. Previously we have provided information on Safeguarding, Volunteer recruitment and retention, and recruiting, training and supporting Trustees. We would like to offer industry expert speakers on relevant topics such as HR, Data Protection, Cyber Security, Employment law, Business Planning, Financial Management and Governance, and other areas relevant to Trustee bodies and Community Organisations.* 2. *We would also like to source speakers from Mental Health, financial wellbeing, and Food and Nutrition for our vulnerable service users.* 3. *Digital support at our Community Space and in our main office. Currently our IT hardware is very dated.* 4. *We run a very successful outdoor games programme over the summer holidays which is free for families to attend. We would love to offer Training for our young employees 16-20 yrs but the project does not allow for this in the budget. Funding for Manual Handling and First Aid at Work would be a priority.*	claire@maldoncvs.org.uk	Maldon and District Community Voluntary Service	Ongoing

			5. *We run lots of events and activities throughout the district for the community which entails moving supplies and equipment into and out of venues. The dream would be to have a new van with a lift on the back, but some trolleys, bean bags, signage, Gazebos, and other roadshow event items to ensure we have a more modern and professional presence at events would be useful.* 6. *Core Funding for our work would be amazing. We have a motivated and dedicated team of people at MDVCS and would love to be able to provide some security for them as well as the organisation as a whole.*			
9	**Partnership**	**Charity**	• LDCBT is a small charity delivering a new community building and early years setting for our rural community in Essex, with the mission to "enrich the quality of life for residents by providing accessible, inclusive facilities to meet the evolving needs of the community". Construction is scheduled to run from Spring 2027 to Spring 2028. This much needed centre will provide a hub for access to community services, adaptable, inclusive spaces for fitness, leisure, remote working, studying, training, social gatherings, events, parties, while meeting the growing demand for early years places. Providing something for every member of the community and many beyond, benefits include easing isolation, enhanced social cohesion, physical and mental wellbeing, personal growth, volunteering opportunities plus 18 local jobs and a £1M annual economic stimulus. • We wish for: o organisations that would like to become corporate partners in supporting this initiative, o financial support and/or in-kind contributions for this project to be implemented, o expert business advice on HR, legal and fundraising activities, o volunteer time. o Partners and contributors will be recognised under our recognition scheme.	hello@ldcbt.co.uk	Little Dunmow Community Buildings Trust	Ongoing

10	**Collaboration**	**Charity**	We're bringing local charities together at Olivia's Hub so residents can get practical help and connect with mental health support in one place. There are two ways local suppliers could help: **1. Prepare the Hub for opening** • **Sponsor the therapy room or training room.** We need furnishings for a welcoming, private therapy space and equipment such as a screen, tables and chairs for training and workshops. • **Help furnish and set up the shared areas.** We'd welcome breakout seating, storage, tea point equipment or practical help with furniture assembly. We're also looking for a printer, printer paper and basic stationery. • **Help deliver our donated desks and chairs.** Citigroup has offered us the furniture, and using their removal team it will cost **£2,000** to move it to Coval House. A supplier could cover all or part of the cost. • **Sponsor project management for the launch.** A short period of dedicated support would help us coordinate the fit-out, bring charities and volunteers on board and get the Hub ready to open. **2. Help make the Hub a long-term success** • **Sponsor a bundle of therapy sessions** so local people can access those sessions free of charge. • **Help us build a regular volunteer team.** We're looking for people who can welcome visitors, help with bookings and keep the shared spaces ready to use. We'd welcome introductions to local volunteers and businesses whose staff could join the rota through an employee volunteering scheme. SECE Mind would provide induction and ongoing support. • **Help keep the tea point stocked.** Regular donations of tea, coffee and biscuits would help us offer visitors a warm welcome. • **Help us connect with organisations that could use the Hub.** We'd love introductions to local charities and small businesses, particularly in the creative sector, that might need a dedicated desk, occasional hot-desking or a room for meetings or training. These would be paid bookings, with all net income going towards mental health support for the local community.	beky.lockwood@secemind.org.uk	Olivia's Hub	Ongoing