



BDVSA SNIPPETS contains events and items of news, particularly funding, together with occasional flyers, that due to the timescale do not coincide with our regular newsletter. Should you no longer wish to receive "Snippets" by email please contact pat@bdvsa.org

◀ Heart FM 'Have a Heart Grant'

Heart FM (formerly Essex FM) is running a community grants scheme called 'Have a Heart Grant' which provides up to a maximum of £3000 to fund on-going, new or one-off projects which will run from November 2010 and benefit disadvantaged and vulnerable children in communities in the Heart Fm broadcast area. The fund is particularly interested in local projects run by grassroots organisations that address the different needs of disadvantaged children but will consider projects run by national organisations that deliver their services for the benefit of Essex children.

The deadline for applications is 5.30pm on Wednesday 28 July 2010. More information, guidelines to applicants and applications forms are available on the website <http://www.heart.co.uk/essex/have-a-heart/have-heart-grants-programme/> or by telephoning the grants team on 020 7054 8836.

◀ The Volant Charitable Trust

The Volant Charitable Trust was established by the author of Harry Potter, J K Rowling. The Trustees principal objective is to support charitable organisations whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues. All charities should be registered with the relevant national charity commission or equivalent body. Full details are available on the Trust's website at www.volanttrust.com

◀ The Bruce Wake Charitable Trust

This Trust was established to assist and encourage the provision of leisure activities for disabled people. Its main function is the provision of boating holidays, predominantly for wheelchair-users. However, it also has a small grants programme which will consider applications from organisations involved with disabled people. It favours applications where the potential beneficiaries meet one or all of the following criteria:-

- they are physically disabled
- improved access for wheelchair-users is proposed
- a sporting or leisure activity is involved

Further information is available at www.brucewakecharity.co.uk or by telephoning 01572 622183

Stop Press!

Vetting and Barring scheme halted

◀ The ISA registration stage of the Vetting and Barring Scheme for people working and volunteering with children and vulnerable adults in England, Wales and Northern Ireland has been halted. A review of the Scheme will be undertaken by the Home Office with the aim of cutting it back to "common sense levels".

The first phase of ISA registration was due to begin on 26 July. This has now been stopped. However, existing arrangements introduced in October 2009 will continue.

The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) recently provided registered bodies with an initial stock of new application forms, ready for the planned launch of the ISA-registration phase in July. The CRB will still launch the new application form on 26 July as planned but parts of the new form which capture ISA registration requirements will be ignored when applications are processed.

Details, key dates and FAQs about the interim arrangements can be found on the CRB website (http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/faqs/interim_application_process.aspx).



◀ **Empty Homes Consultation** - Braintree District Council are consulting on their Empty Homes Draft Strategy 2010 - 2014 until Friday 30th July. To see this document please go to the Council website at www.braintree.gov.co.uk

◀ **Essex County Council** will be going out to consultation in late summer regarding approaches to delivery of support services of direct cash payments. These services will include those contracts that are due to expire during 2011. Following consultation ECC will progress with formal procurement routes. Formal invitations to the consultation will be sent but any questions can be directed to Karine Williams, Service Manager Contract Management, ECC. C/O Ely House, Ely Way, Basildon SS14 2BQ
karine.williams@essex.gov.uk tel: 01268 643204



◀ **Volunteering England launches two volunteer management initiatives.**

New Support Resource for People Managing Volunteers

Volunteering England's new Volunteer Management Portal, just launched, acts as a gateway to the world of volunteer management with links to over a thousand resources across England. This means that - for the first time - information on support, training and development opportunities for people managing volunteers is available to view in one single place.

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If you work with volunteers, or know someone who does, this invaluable new resource will help you locate a wide variety of training providers and consultants, support and development opportunities. Visit the portal at <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/vmportal>

Volunteering England has also launched the **Value Volunteer Management Campaign** to increase awareness of the value and importance of investing in volunteer management. Many key organisations have already shown support, including the BBC, Microsoft, Barnardo's, RSPB, National Trust and PDSA. Visit the campaign Website: <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/valuevolunteermanagement> and find out what your organisation stands to gain. You can show your commitment to volunteer management by signing the online endorsement, or by providing a quote or case study.

Both these initiatives are funded by the Office for Civil Society as part of Capacitybuilders' Volunteer Management Programme.

For portal related enquiries please contact Email: VMportal@volunteeringengland.org

For more about the campaign contact Email: valueVM@volunteeringengland.org

EssexWorks.

◀ For a better quality of life

www.exploreculture.org.uk is a free Essex County Council resource whereby cultural events can be uploaded and advertised. This is a new website designed to attract people to take part in the huge variety of cultural events and activities in Essex. The site includes listings for venues and events. So whether you are a folk music venue, a disco dance or reading group, a theatre, a sculptor, a museum or something utterly different, you should get your gigs, performances, club nights and exhibitions included. GET NOTICED FOR FREE!



◀ **VOLUNTARY SECTOR TRAINING** - The new Autumn training programme is now available on the VST courses page of the website. Check it out at www.voluntarysectortraining.org.uk DON'T DELAY - BOOK TODAY! For those that prefer a paper version, a brochure will be going out over the Summer.

◀ **The True Colours Trust**

This Trust funds local organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The Trust has a small grants programme, open for on-line applications at any time, which provides grants of up to £10,000 to help smaller organisations develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families. The Trust are particularly keen to support hydrotherapy pools, multi sensory rooms, mini buses, young carers projects, sibling projects and bereavement support. For more information visit www.truecolourstrust.org.uk or telephone 0207 410 0330

Some Events to look out for!

25th July **Bocking Brass Concert** 3 pm at Braintree & Bocking Public Gardens - Free Entry.

7th August **Open Air Concert by "Stringcognito" String Quartet** put on by Friends of Braintree & Bocking Public Gardens. Listen to a selection of classical and popular music. *Please take your own seats and picnic.* Gates open at 6 pm, Concert starts at 7 pm. Tickets:



Adult £8 Children (5-12) £4 from Terry Ward, 6 St Peter's Close, Braintree, CM7 9AW.

(Look out for more events at the Public Gardens in our next newsletter)

7th August **R & T Festival - all day event at Towerlands** presented by Braintree Rethink self-help art group. All day event with camping, various stalls, indoor and outdoor entertainment



(for *both adults and youngsters*) Great line-up of local bands, DJ Lloyd Rust and much more! Tickets £15 from: The Ticket Sellers - 24 hr order line 0844 870 0000 or www.theticketsellers.co.uk, Braintree Museum, Kurt Muller at Freeport, Intense Records at Chelmsford or contact Trina at trinawh@btinternet.com or tel: 01376 349549

29th August **Charity Football Match - Nacro Braintree Community Sports Project** has joined forces with Braintree Town FC and Essex Police to host a charity event between Nacro and the Police. The game is scheduled to take place on Sunday 29th August 2010 at Braintree Town Football Club. (more info to follow in the BDVSA full newsletter out early August.)

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FULL NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST**