

# Beechwood Village Community Trust Residents Newsletter Spring 2022



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## Beechwood Youth Club gets extended

In September 2021, **Essex Boys and Girls Clubs** launched **The Beech Youth Club**, for children aged 6 – 16 and it has really taken off, with around 20 attendances each week. In consultation with the BVCT Trustees, we are pleased to report that the club, originally planned to run for 1 year, has now been extended to run for a further year, up to August 2023.



Jamie and his team have built a fantastic rapport with the local community and needless to say, the children were thrilled to learn that their club would be extended for a further year! Activities at the club include **team games**, **sporting activities** and **arts and crafts**. The club provides a safe space for young people to attend, **socialise** and **express individuality**.

Membership to the Beech Youth Club is **FREE**. Each session costs just 20p and there is always something fun to do. To find out more about the club, please ring and speak to Jamie on 01245 264783 or email him [jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jamied@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org) or just pop down to the club **6:00pm – 8:00pm** on a **Wednesday evening**.

## Funding Opportunities

The **BVCT** have created two funding pots for residents of Beechwood and Craylands; **'Give it a Go'** Fund to help in simply taking the leap to develop a club or group and the **'Helping Hands'** Fund which can help families with funding to get children into activities. Funds can be used to provide school uniform, or sports equipment to enable children to take part in after school clubs. For further information and to download the funding application forms, visit

[www.beechwoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.beechwoodtrust.org.uk)

## If you had the choice, where would you spend the money?

The Beechwood Village Community Trust (BVCT) has been around for several years now and we have supported a number of great community projects, which have brought people together. However, we are now looking to you, to tell us about the things you might like to see provided to the local community. What is needed in the area: A coffee morning for older people? A 'Cooking on a Budget' Course? An art group for adults? A job club for employment advice? We need to know!



If you want to let us know what you would like to see, all you need to do is scan the QR code shown here, through your mobile and the link will take you to a very, very short survey (10 questions, 2 minutes). This very quick and easy way will help us to ensure that we provide the support to the projects and organisations you wish to see working in your area.

## Community Gifts Notice Board

Back in the old days, trades people would often offer their skills and services in return for goods and services themselves, and this was known as **bartering**. We have put a modern twist on this, and have launched our Community Gift Notice Board which is, located in the foyer of The Beech Community Hub.



If you have something you would like to offer, such as helping with gardening, or if there is something you need help with, such as putting up a shelf, this is the place where you can advertise free of charge to either offer your services or skills, or for you to advertise for help. Just contact us, as per the details below.

## Could you Support, Enable & Grow?



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The Beechwood Village Community Trust is currently looking for a new Trustee to join its Board. There are no special qualifications required, all you need is a keen interest in what goes on in your local community and be willing to act as a representative voice for local residents.

The Board considers applications for funding, which are made by groups and organisations wishing to come to Beechwood and Craylands to deliver their projects and services. It meets on a quarterly basis, sometimes in person and sometimes virtually, usually on a Thursday around 4.00pm. If this is something that appeals to you, please contact Will, details as below.

For further information on anything in this Spring edition newsletter, please contact [woldham@swan.org.uk](mailto:woldham@swan.org.uk) or call **07872 033403** and ask for **Will Oldham, Community Development Officer**.