

# Beechwood Village Community Trust Residents Newsletter Autumn 2022

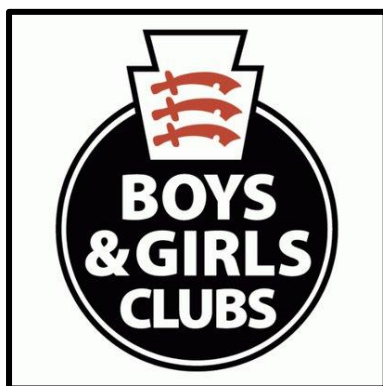


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## The Beech Youth Club

Having launched in September 2021, **The Beech Youth Club** has now been running for a full year. Run by **Essex Boys and Girls Clubs** they regularly have around 20 young people attend each week. With the club running until at least **August 2023**, now is a great time to get involved.

Activities provided include **team games, sports** and **arts and crafts**. The club provides a safe space for young people to attend, **socialise** and **express individuality**. It provides fantastic personal development prospects for all attendees - if you're into adventure there's opportunity to spend time in nature with **forest schooling** and complete **The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**.



Membership to the Beech Youth Club is **FREE**. Each session costs just 20p and you will always be made to feel welcome. 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 Beechwood Village Community Trust proudly presents the

### 'GIVE IT A GO' Fund

Are you a resident of Beechwood Village and Craylands estates and want to get a community project going on the estate?

Funding can be applied for to help with printing leaflets, purchase of equipment, etc.

Start or develop a club, group or activity such as Art Club for children, social events for the elderly or even a DJ workshop for young adults.

Full details can be found on the BVCT website: <https://beechwoodtrust.org.uk>  
For more information please contact the Community Involvement and Community Development Team, Swan Housing, on [involvement@swan.org.uk](mailto:involvement@swan.org.uk) or call 01277 844242.

The **BVCT** continues to offer 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) and click on the funding tab.  
**Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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### 'HELPING HANDS' Fund

Are you a family living in the Beechwood Village and Craylands estates that wants their children to take part in activities but don't have the resources to do so?

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, you can apply for funding to help enable your child/children to join a club or activity.

This includes buying equipment, paying for subscription fees or joining a sports team!

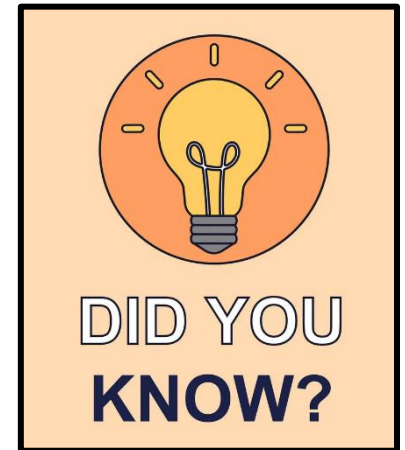
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## We Asked, You Answered...

With the **BVCT** having been around for several years supporting a number of fantastic community projects to engage the residents of Beechwood and Craylands, we recently asked you what you'd like to see provided within the local area. 34% of those who voted would like to see **Children/Youth Activity** and 17% would like to see **Garden Workshops**.

Statistics also showed that we need to improve awareness of the Trust and what the trust can help and support with. 59% of respondents were not aware that the **BVCT** is able to provide support to families with children. Almost 78% were not aware that the **BVCT** is able to provide grants to individual residents, to get a new idea off the ground and 70% had never viewed the **BVCT website**, which is here: [www.beechwoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.beechwoodtrust.org.uk)

From this feedback the Trust has developed a comprehensive plan for this year aimed at raising knowledge about what the Trust can help with. In order to learn more, head over to the BVCT website link and view the funding platforms we have available to help you.



## Could you Support, Enable & Grow?

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. The Board meet 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 use the contact details at the bottom of the newsletter.

## Dynamites Youth Club

In addition to **The Beech Youth Club** on a Wednesday, The **Dynamites Club** also delivers **youth provision** to the Beechwood and Craylands community on a Friday evening from 5.00pm-6.00pm, for children aged 4 – 11 years - why not come on down and meet new friends?

## Beechwood Community Garden



Do we have any keen and budding gardeners who live on **Beechwood and Craylands**? If so, please do get in touch! – There are a number of beautiful green spaces in the local area and we'd love for your ideas to shape how they look and how they're utilised.

For further information on anything in this **Autumn** 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**.