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Dear Friends and Donors,

It has been our practice in past years to design, print, and post to you an annual newsletter, giving an account of the main activities of the Trust, and describing some of the projects to which we have given financial support.

This was an expensive and time-consuming undertaking, as well as limiting us to just one communication a year.

With access to digital devices almost universal, we have now decided instead to send you a newsletter by email shortly after each Trustee meeting, reporting on which of the applications for project funding have been successful.

This will give you more up to date information three times a year rather than just one annual report.

The most recent Trustees meeting was on 8<sup>th</sup> November, and these are the applications we approved:

**Ingatestone Museum Trust, Purchase of display boards and cabinets**

Ingatestone Museum Trust have a project to create a museum in the gatekeeper's cottage by Ingatestone Station. This is a small building which was built around 1850, and is effectively Grade 2 Listed as part of the Station buildings, and is thought to be the oldest surviving gatekeeper's cottage in the UK.

The building is in the final stages of an extensive repair and refurbishment, and will provide two rooms for display of local artefacts. This museum will be open to the public and schools at specified times.

This grant application concerns display and security equipment to be installed in the refurbished cottage.

**The Trustees approved a grant of £2,500**

### **Good Easter Parish Council, Water Pump restoration**

The village water pump at Tye Green (Good Easter) is thought to be early 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It is a very simple looking pump. It is a Grade 11 Listed Building described as a “Wrought-iron lever moulded ball-flower handle, fixed through a wooden post which is supported by two wrought-iron stays”. It stands over a well which has been capped.

The proposal is to dismantle the ironwork, replace the oak post, and then reassemble and repaint the ironwork.

**The Trustees approved a grant of £770.**

### **Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council, Restoration of Stansted Mountfitchet Windmill**



The windmill is a brick tower mill, built in 1787 and is Grade 2\* listed. It ceased operation in 1910 but unusually retains much of the original machinery, though not in working order.

It is open to the public and for local school visits on certain days during the summer. It is owned by a Trust of which the Parish Council is one of two Trustees.

A group of supporters called the Stansted Millers operate it for the benefit of the community.

The application concerns repointing the whole exterior surface apart from a part completed a few years ago, and replacing some 300 spalled bricks in various places.

**The Trustees approved a grant of £7,500.**

### **Tim Burrows, Publication ‘Clubbing and communing in Essex from 1970 to now’**

Tim Burrows is a journalist and non-fiction author who writes about culture and places. A recent publication is “The Invention of Essex: The Making of an English County”, which has received some very good reviews.

This publication aims to explore the history and importance of Essex club culture, said to be central to the development of club culture throughout Europe, to British culture at large.

It will be a compilation of oral histories and essays published by Metal (an arts organisation in Southend) in a booklet with some collectable flyers. It will be launched as part of Estuary Festival 2025.

**The Trustees approved a grant of £2,000.**

## St John's Church, Little Leighs, Woodblock flooring



St John's is a small Norman church with 12th century nave and 13th century chapel. The 'Warmer Welcome' project is to provide two WC's, a small meeting room in the vestry and a servery along the back wall of the nave with enhanced accessibility. The floor has been raised at the back of the nave and they wish to finish it with woodblock flooring which will be in keeping with the rest of the church.

**The Trustees approved a grant of £4,750.**

If you would like more information about the Trust and some longer reports written by successful applicants about the results of their projects, please visit our website.

<http://www.essexheritagetrust.co.uk>

We will send you our next newsletter in March. Meanwhile, have a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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