



Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20

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Chairman's Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Enover Community Trust's Annual Report for 2019-20. In the past year the Trust has supported 74 projects with a total value of over £2 million, comprising a mix of projects which have preserved local heritage, such as churches and sites of historical interest, improved vital community facilities in the areas where the Trust operates, and supported environmental conservation efforts that have boosted biodiversity and habitat creation.

The outbreak of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown which, as I write, remains in place, has understandably caused some disruption to ongoing projects which the Trust is supporting. Where such issues have arisen, the Trust is working closely with projects on a case-by-case basis to provide support and advice, in line with the latest ENTRUST guidance. These unprecedented times have caused challenges, predominantly in terms of the timeframes for delivery of some projects, but the Trust remains committed to honouring its agreements where the offer of a grant has been made.

The success of the Landfill Tax escalator in causing a shift in behaviour towards alternative disposal options, such as recycling and recovery, has created pressures for Environmental Bodies. Monies available via the Landfill Communities Fund continue to reduce year-on-year, as the UK reduces the volume of waste sent to landfill. However, revenues are expected to remain strong next year, following the Government's 2020 Budget which announced its continued commitment to a 5.3% Landfill Tax credit, ensuring the Trust will have the funds to continue its support for projects with environmental and public benefits.

I am pleased to report that a recent compliance inspection carried out by ENTRUST found that Enover Community Trust is operating in accordance with all regulations, and that ENTRUST found no issues with non-compliance in any area of the Trust's activities. Additionally, the Trust has

continued its strong focus on keeping administration costs at or below 7.5% of expenditure, in line with ENTRUST requirements. Indeed, I am pleased to report that the Trust has achieved administration costs of 4.15%, well below ENTRUST's target. This is a fantastic achievement, as any savings can be distributed to fund additional worthwhile community projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustees, who freely give their time to take decisions about the projects that the Trust funds. Thanks to their efforts and judgement, the Trust has funded some incredibly worthwhile projects over the past 12 months, a selection of which are featured in this Annual Report. I am also extremely grateful to Angela Haymonds, our dedicated Trust Secretary, whose knowledge and experience has assisted so many projects throughout the application process.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's Annual Report.



Steve Rogers
Chairman, Enover Community Trust



Time To Bloom, Friends of Lyme and Wood



Lyme and Wood Pits Country Park officially opened in 2016 on the site of Enover's Lyme and Wood landfill site. Enover Community Trust granted the Friends of Lyme and Wood £25,865 towards a project to unlock the potential of the Park as an environmental and nature resource for the local community.

The project has involved the creation of flower and seed rich areas of habitats to support invertebrates and amphibians. Efforts to improve environmental stewardship of the landscape have included the installation of a wildlife trail, with signage information boards and seating areas, as well as a new viewing station to improve the visitor experience.

Environmental improvements have enhanced this important community asset for residents and future generations, especially as the restoration work continues to transform the former landfill site into a Country Park. Volunteers are involved in practical management tasks and conservation projects, including students from local primary, secondary and further education providers.

St Helens, £25,865

NATURE

Old Hall Marshes Habitat Improvement Project

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) secured a grant of £25,000 from the Trust towards a £147,000 project to improve wildlife habitats at the Old Hall Marshes Reserve near Maldon in Essex.

A new floodplain grazing marsh has been created to enhance the existing habitat at RSPB Old Hall Marshes. By creating new scrapes and improved foot drains, water control structures and restoring sluices, the project has enabled the RSPB to make better, more efficient use of the water on site, improving the habitat quality of the marshes. As a result, the reserve is now more resilient to climate change, and has already seen an increase in breeding waders, including internationally important species of wintering waders and wildfowl.

RSPB Old Hall Marshes is home to locally important assemblages of species including lapwing, redshank and avocet, while adjacent Blackwater Estuary is an internationally important wetland for a variety of species. This project has improved the habitat conditions for these species, increasing the value and enjoyment of the site for the local community, which is rightfully proud of the reserve and the wider estuary.



Essex, £25,000

NATURE

Barling Magna Wildlife Reserve

Awarded the prestigious Green Flag award nine times, the Barling Magna Wildlife Reserve offers the public the chance to experience a wide variety of native flora and fauna, using land that was formerly a horticultural site and a WW2 prisoner of war camp. Following changes to local infrastructure, the wildlife reserve was left without a mains water supply, prompting Barling Magna Parish Council, which is responsible for the management and maintenance of the wildlife reserve, to apply to the Trust for support.

Thanks to a £22,907 grant from Enovert Community Trust, the Parish Council has now installed a new mains water supply, and has been able to purchase some maintenance equipment, which will greatly enhance the ability of the reserve to cater for school and community groups, as well as the general public.

Essex, £22,907

NATURE



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Lost Orchard and Pond, Friends of Magpie Bottom



Magpie Bottom is a nature reserve on the outskirts of Bristol that supports a diverse range of habitats and wildlife and has been maintained by a dedicated team of local volunteers for more than 30 years. The Trust provided a grant of £22,300 towards a project to improve two areas within the reserve; restoring an orchard that has been 'lost' for over 100 years, and enhancing visitor access around the pond.

The orchard within the nature reserve has been transformed thanks to the project, which included the removal of invasive vegetation, pruning, conservation and cataloguing of historic fruit trees, and new planting to extend the area of the traditional orchard. In addition, access for the local community has been improved around the pond with new stone dust paths and a new bridge.

S. Gloucestershire, £22,300

NATURE

Bertram Street Allotments

Bertram Street Allotments provide a valuable community amenity in Newton-le-Willows, enabling local people to sow, grow and eat local produce and access the benefits of gardening.

Enovert Community Trust provided nearly £12,000 to fund a project to install a toilet on the community plot and to establish a well-developed, aesthetically pleasing and accessible picnic area. The new facilities have enhanced the visitor experience for the local community groups who utilise the community plot. The project has also opened up the opportunity to engage other community groups who were previously unable to utilise the allotment without toilet facilities being on site.



St Helens, £11,686

COMMUNITY RECREATION

Sweyne Park Improving Play Provision

Sweyne Park is a 60-acre mixed-use recreation park which serves as the largest open space in Rayleigh, Essex. With more than 70% of the existing play equipment scheduled to be removed due to its age and excessive wear, Rochford District Council approached the Trust for a grant of £45,000 to fund essential renovation works.

The project has involved the provision of new equipment which caters to a wider range of ages within the community, from toddler through to early teen, which encourages children of all ages to engage in creative play.

The improvements have made the park more accessible to a wider range of people and have had a huge beneficial impact on the local community by providing flagship play facilities for the residents of Rochford District.



Essex, £45,000

COMMUNITY RECREATION

Recreation Ground Regeneration, Tonbridge



The Trust supplied £21,000 to Capel Parish Council in Tonbridge, Kent, towards a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for the village.

As part of the Parish Council's aim to support all members of the community to live active, healthy lives, the new MUGA has provided improved facilities that promote both physical and mental good health. The new facility provides a hard sports surface which is suitable for numerous different activities and is widely used by local groups including the village's cricket, football and netball teams, as well as the Rainbows, Guides and Scouts.

The MUGA project was widely supported by local people, who voted overwhelmingly to use the funds from a community award made to the Parish Council following the installation of a solar farm in the village.

Kent, £21,000

COMMUNITY RECREATION

Warmley Forest Skate Park

Oldland Parish Council near Bristol was awarded a £50,000 grant towards a project to replace an old, run-down skate park in Warmley which, although incredibly popular, had fallen into disrepair and been forced to close for health and safety reasons.

Warmley Forest Skate Park Group was established to oversee the development of a new, more sustainable and user-friendly, facility. The group aimed to encourage broad support and involvement from local people, key stakeholders and the skateboarding community.

The new skate park has been developed with a unique design which sets it apart from other skateparks located in Bristol or Bath by providing users with multiple areas suitable for all capabilities. The site fully accommodates a solid concrete construction within neatly landscaped surroundings, providing open access to people wishing to visit and take part in activities or simply spectate.



S. Gloucestershire, £50,000
COMMUNITY RECREATION

Shoreham Playground Renewal, Sevenoaks

A 40-year-old play park at Shoreham village near Sevenoaks was renovated thanks to a £22,000 grant from Enovert Community Trust. Situated in the centre of the village, the playground is a vital facility for local children, but, due to the age of the existing equipment, there was little provision for young children, and none of the equipment was accessible to children with disabilities.

Following consultation with local children and parents, the chosen play equipment includes role play equipment, a roundabout and basket swing, all of which are fully accessible to disabled children.

Kent, £22,000

COMMUNITY RECREATION

Charfield Village Hall Improvement Plan



The Trust awarded a grant of £50,000 towards a project to create an additional community-use room at Charfield Memorial Hall in South Gloucestershire.

Charfield Memorial Hall is the only publicly available community space in the village and, due to Charfield's growing community, the hall had reached capacity. An additional community room has also been created, which provides supplementary opportunities for local groups, allowing all sections of the community to benefit. The project included enlarging the main hall to accommodate more people and clubs. Furthermore, upgraded toilets have improved access to all members of the community.



S. Gloucestershire, £50,000

COMMUNITY BUILT

Otford Village Memorial Hall Renovation



Enovert Community Trust has previously funded the installation of solar panels at Otford Memorial Hall near Sevenoaks, and recently provided a further grant to replace the hall's wooden floor, which had become worn with age and use. The project formed part of a wider scheme of works to completely refurbish the main hall.

The replacement floor has enabled the hall to continue to provide a suitable and safe space for all social and community activities within the village, including dance, exercise and sports groups for all ages, as well as social gatherings, children's parties and village meetings.

Kent, £24,432

COMMUNITY BUILT

Priors Park Chapel Extension

Priors Park Community Church received a grant of £25,000 towards a project to build an extension which has allowed the church to provide a community space for local people. With more than 7,000 people using the chapel facilities each year, the existing space was insufficient and could not cater for all the activities and groups wishing to use the hall.

A new 100m² extension has been added which provides a hall, disabled toilet, office space and a kitchen, ensuring the church can continue to accommodate new users and groups.



Gloucestershire, £25,000

COMMUNITY BUILT

The House on the Corner Community Project

The House on the Corner Community Project was set up in 2002 to tackle social isolation and has provided support free of charge to hundreds of Walsall's residents. It provides a range of support services and activities to meet the needs of the local community, including senior citizens groups, parents and toddlers, community coffee mornings and counselling resources.

The Trust provided a grant of £25,000 towards a project to extend the community building to provide more capacity. Due to space constraints, the project had previously been forced to rent additional space for some of its activities, but the extension has enabled all activities to be brought 'in house' and offer a greater range of activities from a single venue.



THE HOUSE ON THE CORNER
COMMUNITY PROJECT
Tel: 01922 420100

Walsall, £25,000
COMMUNITY BUILT

Holy Trinity Church Kitchen Refurbishment

A project to refurbish the kitchen at Holy Trinity Church in Dudley received £11,000 from Enovert Community Trust.

The church is located in the Borough of Sandwell – an urban environment in the bottom ten boroughs in the country for economic and social deprivation. Clubs such as Slimming World, a men's mental health group, baby and toddler groups, young people's clubs and a service for the elderly use the facilities at the centre on a regular basis.

Following numerous calls from frequent users of the church's facilities, the decision was taken to replace the existing kitchen by installing commercial-grade stainless-steel units, a centre island and new appliances.

HOLY
TRINITY
CHURCH
CENTRE



Dudley, £11,000

COMMUNITY BUILT

Streetly Tennis Club Community Project

Enovert Community Trust contributed £30,000 towards a £250,000 project to extend and enhance the clubhouse facilities at Streetly Lawn Tennis Club in Sutton Coldfield.

The new and refurbished facilities include a new entrance with improved disabled access, additional function rooms and a lounge, and disabled changing, showering and toilet facilities. The existing, dated changing rooms were also refurbished and an upgraded, energy efficient heating and hot water system has been installed.

The project has brought significant benefits to the club's 540 adult and junior members, as well as the local residents who use the facilities on a social basis. In addition to this, the new disabled access facilities will enable the club to accommodate students with learning and physical disabilities from Walsall College with weekly tennis and fitness sessions.



West Midlands, £30,000

SPORT

Colchester School of Gymnastics



The Trust provided a grant of £50,000 to Colchester Gymnastics Club to renew the car park for users of the Club and their families.

The gymnastics centre has been running for almost 30 years and is open for classes and coaching Monday to Saturday, providing facilities for all ages and abilities, from young babies to adulthood, including stroke and disability classes.

The club has more than 2,000 children and adults which use the centre each week and was desperate to resurface the car park to provide an organised way for vehicles to park and allow safe and easy access to accompanied children, families with small children, and disabled users of the building.



Essex, £50,000

SPORT

New Under 12s Rugby Pitch, Tewkesbury RFC

Enovert Community Trust awarded a grant of £15,000 to fund a project to develop the junior section at Tewkesbury RFC.

Tewkesbury RFC has an open membership policy and works to develop sports at all levels, with its primary focus being rugby football. With more than 200 youth members, the club wished to expand its current playing area and build a new under 12s pitch. As well as the new pitch, an existing security fence has been extended to ensure that all under 13s players can play and train within a secure ground and use the clubhouse facilities.



S. Gloucestershire, £15,000

SPORT

New Home for Weston Mendip FC



Weston Mendip FC was granted a lease for the disused playing fields at Coleridge Road in Weston Super Mare. Once a hive of activity and the home of Weston St Johns FC, the Coleridge Road clubhouse was burned to the ground in 2016 and ever since no activity has taken place. The club has commenced a project to build the playing fields into a home for girls and women's football.

The Trust provided a grant of £50,000 which covered the cost of three sets of goal posts, line-marker and paint, safety fencing, container pad-stones, professional ground maintenance care and the purchase of a new sports mower with multi-purpose attachment, which will allow the club to maintain the land itself.

The project has successfully brought the disused football ground back to life and the club has a long-term plan to make further improvements to the venue, which now provides an excellent resource for the local community.



Essex, £50,000

SPORT

Renovation of Showers, Copford Cricket Club

The Trust allocated a grant of £9,000 towards a project to upgrade the shower facilities at Copford Cricket Club near Colchester.

Over the last three seasons the club has seen a significant increase in the use of its ground and pavilion which are regularly used by club members, local community groups, and as a venue for over 50s, 60s and 70s cricket, including county friendlies and national competitions.

The existing open shower area was not fit for purpose as it provided very little privacy. In addition, the loft immersion heater supplying the showers also needed to be replaced with more energy efficient individual electric units. This project has configured and refurbished the shower units and replaced the heating system, improving standards at the club to ensure it maintains its status as an England and Wales Cricket Board Clubmark organisation.



Essex, £9,000

SPORT

Repointing of Richard Evans Centre

Valley Brass Band is situated in the old Richard Evans School building in Haydock, and aims to encourage musical interest and develop talent in all age groups and abilities. Enovert Community Trust has been a long-term supporter of Valley Brass Band, having previously provided more than £15,000 to two projects to improve the Richard Evans Centre, including the replacement of the windows, the refurbishment of the changing facilities and repairs to the roof.

The Trust offered a further grant of £8,160 towards a project to make repairs to the whole sidewall of the centre. The works were required as the external brickwork was starting to deteriorate. By repointing the exterior walls the integrity of the building will be preserved for generations to come.



Haydock, £8,160

HERITAGE & CULTURE

St Luke's Church, Tiptree

St Luke's, a Grade II listed church near Colchester, was given a new lease of life, following a £17,000 grant from the Trust, which funded a project to make essential repairs to its roof.

The roof was in dire need of urgent repairs, as deteriorating roof tiles were causing leaks and damp to the building's interior. Following a recommendation from the Rural Community Council of Essex, St Luke's Church applied to Enover Community Trust for support with the project and received a grant to cover the full project cost.

The church is well-used by members of the local community and this project will ensure it is safe and able to continue its important work supporting vulnerable people in Essex.



Essex, £17,000

HERITAGE & CULTURE

Wollescote Park Walled Garden Project



A project to replace part of an historic wall at Wollescote Park in Dudley was completed thanks to a grant of £45,000 from Enover Community Trust.

Wollescote Park is the largest park within the borough of Dudley. Sections of the walls, which enclose the park's garden, collapsed over a period of three years, starting in 2015.

Having walls which are boarded off and sections of wall that had fallen down had increased anti-social behaviour within the park, gradually turning the once thriving area in to a "no go zone". The project has repaired the walls to their former glory, securing the park's borders and providing a safe environment to work and play for all the local community.

Dudley, £45,000

HERITAGE & CULTURE

Window Renovation at The Chantry, Thornbury

A 25,000 grant from Enover Community Trust has enabled the renovation of the dilapidated windows of The Chantry, a Grade II listed building in Thornbury.

The Chantry Community Centre was established in 1966 in a Grade II listed building dating back to Tudor times. With many rooms in a range of sizes, a conservatory and a beautiful walled garden, the community centre hosts a wide variety of clubs, courses, activities and events, both indoors and outdoors.

The Chantry Community Centre serves an important function in the local community where individuals and groups can meet to enjoy educational, social and recreational activities. The restoration of the windows was extremely urgent if the building was to remain suitable for community use. This project has not only preserved the structure of the windows, but it has transformed the look of the building and has dramatically reduced heat loss through draughts.



S. Gloucestershire, £25,000

HERITAGE & CULTURE

Accounts

	Restricted funds 2019 (£)	Total funds 2018 (£)
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donations and grants	2,384,921	1,583,361
Investments	3,512	1,156
TOTAL INCOME	<u>2,388,433</u>	<u>1,584,517</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
ENTRUST administration fee	63,775	51,775
Grants payable and administration costs	2,624,179	2,141,185
Total resources expended	<u>2,687,954</u>	<u>2,192,960</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		
Net movement in funds	(299,521)	(608,443)
Fund balances at 1 January 2019	2,689,864	3,298,308
Fund balances at 31 December 2019	<u><u>2,390,343</u></u>	<u><u>2,689,865</u></u>

Accounts

	(£)	2019 (£)	(£)	2018 (£)
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	409,196		331,703	
Cash at bank and in hand	2,111,195		2,533,296	
	<u>2,520,391</u>		<u>2,864,999</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(130,048)</u>		<u>(175,134)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,390,343</u>		<u>2,689,865</u>
INCOME FUNDS				
Restricted funds		2,390,343		2,689,865
Unrestricted funds		-		-
		<u>2,390,343</u>		<u>2,689,865</u>



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