

## Background & History

The Earls Colne & Halstead Educational Charity was formed in 1975, following the closure of the Earls Colne and Halstead Grammar Schools.

The Charity is an Educational Trust and administers funds from investments, in the form of grants, to numerous individuals, schools and local organisations.

The Charity is directed by a Board of fourteen Trustees, who are appointed by various authorities and organisations operating within the Charity's area of benefit.

The Board of Trustees normally meets in February, July and November to consider applications.

## Grants for Individuals

**Our charity is able to offer support to young people engaged in any type of educational activity including:**

- Grant aid towards books and equipment for recognised Higher Education qualifications such as undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses for post-18 students (excluding one and two year Foundation courses).

*Please note that Charity is unable to support Further Education courses (i.e. A Levels, HND's) or pay tuition fees.*

- Help for young people already performing above the average within the arts or in sport.
- A small grant to those undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.
- Assistance for young people undertaking voluntary projects.

## Grants for Organisations

The Charity is able to provide grant aid to schools and other voluntary organisations for various projects that would benefit children and young people in the local area. Projects previously funded include:

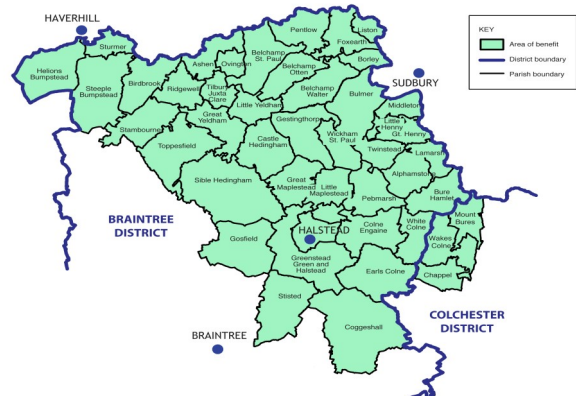
- The purchase of specialist equipment for archery, football and table tennis groups.
- First aid courses for local children.
- Support for educational activities at a local nature reserve.
- Assisting guides and scouts to attend international Jamborees and visits.
- Contributing towards establishing a sensory room for children with special needs in a primary school.

## Can we help you?

The charity is keen to encourage applications from both individuals and organisations.

**To qualify for help, applicants must:**

- Be aged between 5 and 25
- Have attended school or have lived for at least one year within the Charity's area of benefit (catchment area).



## Find out more:

More information and application forms can be found on our website – [www.echec.org.uk](http://www.echec.org.uk).

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