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LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL celebrates after receiving £58,000 in National Lottery funding

Little Yeldham, Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington Parish Council is celebrating today after being awarded £58,000 in funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK.

They will use their funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to refurbish the Little Yeldham Village Recreation Ground where presently there are just two pieces of play equipment. This funding, together with funding from the Bruce Wake Trust, the East of England Co-op, generous donations from supporters and Village fundraising will allow them to not only introduce new equipment but improve access making the area accessible to all irrespective of age and ability. They are still arranging events to fundraise for maintenance and future improvements and their next event is a Spring Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 25 March 2023 when they hope to have more details about a start date for this exciting project.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million a week for good causes across the UK. The National Lottery Community Fund distributes a share of this to projects to support people and communities to prosper and thrive.

Project spokesperson, Mary Pearce, a Parish Councillor said: "Thanks to National Lottery players, this grant means that we can rejuvenate this part of Little Yeldham and deliver an area offering something for all the children of the village and surrounding area. The Recreation Ground is a lovely open space which should be enjoyed by all. This award will make a big difference to people's lives."

During the pandemic, in 2020 alone, The National Lottery Community Fund distributed almost £1 billion to charities and community organisations across the UK.

To find out more visit <u>www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk</u>

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Notes to Editors:

About The National Lottery Community Fund

We are the largest funder of community activity in the UK - we support people and communities to prosper and thrive.

We're proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to work closely with Government to distribute vital grants and funding from key Government programmes and initiatives.

Our funding has a positive impact and makes a difference to people's lives. We support projects focussed on things that matter, including economic prosperity, employment, young people, mental health, loneliness and helping the UK reach NET Zero by 2050.

Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, our funding is open to everyone. We're privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK. Since The National Lottery began in 1994, £43 billion has been raised for good causes. National Lottery funding has been used to support over 635,000 projects - 255 projects per postcode area.

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