

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Harlow Council Community Engagement Team (CET)

The CET promotes the involvement of Harlow's residents in the Council's services and decision making processes as well as supporting other local initiatives to promote and enable community cohesion and social inclusion. The CET's work also links closely with the preventative aspect of the Community Safety Team, by encouraging increased pride within the community for the areas in which they live.

Harlow Council, as community leader, is committed to partnership working as a method of delivering the kind of town that residents want. The CET is involved in many community projects, in partnership with the community and other statutory and voluntary agencies. The team is also actively involved in the work of The Safer Harlow Partnership.

Examples of current and recent projects a project in Maunds Hatch to redevelop the existing common room into a modern community facility for the benefit of all, townwide consultations on crime and disorder and quarterly Communities of Interest forums.

Annual initiatives include Community Clean Up, a co-ordinated campaign through which constituted groups help clean up their neighbourhoods and receive £50 towards their funds, and Crucial Crew, scenario-based interactive health and safety education and awareness to equip every Year 6 child in the town with some knowledge of the outside world and its dangers that will enable a safer transition into senior school.

The CET also works with existing Residents' Associations and the Harlow Ethnic Minority Umbrella (HEMU) to help them achieve their aims and aspirations for their lives in Harlow, and has responsibility for implementation of the Council's social inclusion strategy.

If you are interested in forming a Residents' Association or would like to know how to find an Association in your area please contact Jason Boyce on (01279) 446035 or e-mail Jason.boyce@Harlow.gov.uk

Maybury Centre - Harlow

The Maybury Centre is based at two locations in Harlow and seeks to provide opportunities for able-bodied and disabled people to work together to support social need in their local community. Both centres promote the *ability* of disabled people and encourage them to take an active role. Each Centre is a community drop-in resource which welcomes adults of all ages from 18+. They seek to promote community spirit and integration and provide internal and external activities for their users. Users include people on low income, people who are isolated, people with a disability, homeless and vulnerably housed people and the elderly.

The Maybury Centre based at **Harefield Church**, Burgoyne Hatch, Momples Road is open Monday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm. For general enquiries, please ring the Centre on 01279 641671 (Monday and Thursday only) or the main office on 01279 724515 during normal office hours.

The Maybury Centre based at **St.Paul's Church**, College Square, in Harlow Town Centre is open on Tuesday from 10am to 4pm. For general enquiries, please ring the centre on 07890 771590 (Tuesday only) or the main office on 01279 724515 during normal office hours.

The Maybury Centres are co-ordinated by the Michael Roberts Charitable Trust. You can contact them at:

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