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Harlow Awards launched to celebrate local excellence

Harlow is home to an extraordinary community of people and businesses who go above and beyond every day – innovators, leaders, creators and community champions who help the town thrive.

To recognise and celebrate these local gems, Harlow Council has launched the Harlow Awards, a new initiative designed to shine a spotlight on the individuals and organisations shaping Harlow's future, strengthening the community and setting new standards of excellence.

Nominations are now open across a wide range of categories, celebrating achievement, impact and ambition in business, innovation and community contribution.

Award categories include:

- New Business of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Innovation and Technology Award
- Environmental Stewardship Award
- Harlow Heroes: Community Impact Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Accessibility and Inclusion Award
- Heritage and Culture Award
- Chair's Award for Excellence



The awards aim to recognise everyone from high-growth start-ups and established businesses giving back, to individuals making a difference behind the scenes.

Announcing the awards, Chair of Harlow Council, Cllr Andrew Johnson, said:

“Harlow has always been a town driven by ambition, innovation and a strong sense of community. Every day, people and businesses across our town go above and beyond – creating jobs, supporting one another and helping Harlow grow and succeed.

“The Harlow Awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate those efforts, to shine a light on the talent and dedication we have locally, and to take pride in the positive impact being made right here in our community.”

Residents, businesses and community groups are encouraged to nominate the individuals and organisations they believe deserve recognition.

For more information and to [submit a nomination](#).

Nominations close: Friday 20 February 2026

Nominations will be judged by a panel ahead of the Harlow Awards ceremony 2026 which is set to be held in April.

Residents and businesses invited to Community Safety Summit

2 February 2026

Residents and businesses are invited to attend Harlow Council's Community Safety Summit on Thursday 19 February to discuss crime and antisocial behaviour in the town.

The summit will bring together residents, partners and local leaders to share experiences, explore challenges and help shape new approaches to community safety as the council continues its work to prevent and tackle crime.

Event details

- Date: Thursday 19 February
- Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm

Location: Latton Bush Centre, CM18 7BL

[Book your place.](#)

Crime and antisocial behaviour have no place in Harlow. That's why protecting our communities is one of Harlow Council's core missions as it Builds Harlow's Future. The council is determined to ensure that everyone in Harlow feels safe and secure - day and night, in every corner of our town.

RESTART SCHEME



Careers Fair

As a valued employer in our area you are invited to join Reed in Partnership's career fair.

Please join us, meet our participants, and hear about the great service we are offering through the delivery of the DWP funded Restart Scheme.

There will be opportunity to interview our participants on the day with our tailored support at no cost to you.

To book a place please contact:

Senior Business Manager - lauren.gibbs@reed.com

DATE: Tuesday 10th March

TIME: 10am - 1pm

PLACE:

Field House, Station Approach,
Harlow, CM20 2FB

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Voluntary Sector Forum



Join Us

Shaping the future together

Come along to hear from our colleagues in Health — Thom Lafferty, Chief Executive at Princess Alexandra Hospital, and Amy Jackson, Director of the ICB — followed by partner updates and networking.

Date:
Friday 20th March
10am - 12pm

Venue:
The Latton Bush Centre
Harlow CM18 7BL

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