Heart of Harrow

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Building a Better Harrow

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Help for jobseekers

Dozens of jobseekers have landed interviews or pursued training after attending our Xcite Employment and Training Fair. Nearly 200 people came to the event – making it our most successful council jobs fair to date.

They chatted to employers, took part in workshops on everything from start-up advice and money management, and got tips from CV advisors on standing out from the crowd.

They join the 250 residents Xcite, the Council’s employment project, has supported into work in the last nine months, of whom more than 100 are working on local construction sites.

If you are looking for work call Xcite on 020 8416 8192 or email xcite@harrow.gov.uk.

TwoWindow Shop

We’ve teamed up with London Business Partnership, a business support and advice organisation in Harrow, to launch the TwoWindow Shop project. The scheme gives entrepreneurs a space to display their products in town centre shopfronts.

So far, 7 retailers in Wealdstone and Harrow town centres have committed to sharing their window shopfronts with local entrepreneurs. 12 new start-ups, ranging from cake-makers, sculptors and artists, will take part and occupy window space with the participating businesses.

Feedback from participating businesses has been positive with increased footfall, sales and overall greater publicity on both sides.

If you would like to showcase your start-up in a Harrow shop window, or are willing to open up your shop to budding entrepreneurs, email info@londonbp.co.uk

Community safety meeting

Wednesday 28 February 1 6.30pm I Harrow Civic Centre, Members Lounge, First floor, Station Road, HA1 2XL

Find out what the Safer Harrow Partnership is doing to tackle community safety issues in your area – specifically central and South Harrow, Wealdstone and Rayners Lane.

Harrow Council and the Police will be answering your questions. You can submit a question before the event by emailing communications@harrow.gov.uk
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**Wealdstone Project**

**Designs submitted**

After a year of design work and extensive engagement with local residents and community groups, the design team have submitted a planning application for the proposal to move the Civic Centre to Wealdstone.

Our plans for the new building include a more efficient, compact work space for the Council, a customer service hub and new democratic spaces.

The plan also includes outline proposals for a replacement temple, and detailed proposals for car parking and improvements to the surrounding streets, complementing the improvements taking place at nearby Wealdstone Square, and opening the route towards Byron Quarter.

Significant work has taken place to design the building to become a distinctive part of Wealdstone, bringing much-needed investment and footfall into the area.

We plan to continue engaging with the community and other potential users of the building to ensure it fulfils its purpose as an asset to Wealdstone and the borough.

For details on the proposals, search ‘Harrow Planning’ and use the reference: P/5757/17
Byron Quarter

Leisure hub

We’re creating fantastic new sporting and leisure facilities at Byron Quarter with new homes and better community spaces – making this a vibrant neighbourhood and leisure destination.

Check out these latest images from the architects as they continue to develop plans for the site.

Seeking recruits: Residents’ Panel

Known across London, admired far and wide and involved with Harrow’s growth like no other group, our Regeneration Residents’ Panel is now well into its third year. Members from every corner of local society meet every other month to peer into the Council’s plans and working practices, give their views and help shape our thinking.

Could you have the skills, energy and commitment to Harrow to join them?

Email regeneration@harrow.gov.uk

Homes for Harrow people

In coming years, the Council will be providing a huge variety of new homes. We’re building flats and houses, big and small, for discounted, affordable and market rates, for rent and for sale. And all of them are reserved for Harrow people.

We’re pledging that the people of Harrow will get the first crack at the homes we build. So if you and yours are in need of a new place, rest assured that these developments by our Council are for you.
GreAT Harrow Carnival and Fete

Saturday, 7 July (TBC)

This year the Greenhill Action Team is hosting a Summer Carnival and Fete, a fantastic opportunity to bring the community together.

The Carnival Parade will start at Harrow town centre, culminating in a Summer Fete at Harrow Civic Centre car park.

We are looking for local schools, businesses and community groups to get involved, from building floats, making costumes, providing entertainment and sponsorship. There will be prizes for best high school float, best primary school float and best community group float.

Our next carnival planning meeting is on Wednesday 21 February at 4pm, at Harrow International Christian Centre, 205 Station Road, Harrow HA1 2TP. To register your attendance, or for more information, contact Shehzad Ahmed at shehzad.ahmed@harrow.gov.uk

Poets’ Corner

Consultation event

Since our last consultation event in July 2017, we have been working hard refining our plans for Poets’ Corner – the redevelopment of the Civic Centre site.

We are holding a public consultation event later this month to show the revised proposals, before submitting a planning application.

Take part: Wednesday 28 February, 5:30pm-8pm and Saturday 3 March, 11am-4pm – in Building Civic 5 (building to the right of the main Civic Centre), Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2XY.