



ABBEYFIELD COMMUNITY PROJECT

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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Welcome to your new home on Abbeyfield. We wish you many happy years living in this new and exciting community. We believe that community is much more than houses and spaces - it's about people and relationships. As you start your new life here we would like to introduce ourselves to you, and to let you know that we are keen to get to know you and to establish with you a vibrant and exciting community.

You will find in this welcome pack information about activities that are already happening at the '**Abbeyfield Community House**' (170 Berechurch Road, on the Marlborough Place site) and in the local churches. We intend, in the near future, to establish a local '**Abbeyfield Community Centre**' in which the Churches below will be involved. Community activities, will include the life and ministries of the new **Abbeyfield Community Church** (formerly Colchester Evangelical Church).

We are keen to find out your views and thoughts on community activities and would therefore be grateful if you could fill in the enclosed questionnaire.

We have two qualified community development workers; Jane, a Methodist Deacon, living at Abbeyfield Community House, and David Stevens at 13 Abbeyfield view on the Churchill Gate site, contact details can be found on the blue sheet of paper. We will be in touch as soon as we have any news to share.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help to you.

Kindest regards



On behalf of Abbey Field Community Project
Abbeyfield Community Church, Christ Church C of E, Christ Church URC, St Margaret's, Berechurch, St. Stephens Church Centre, New Town, The Salvation Army Colchester Corps and Wimpole Road Methodist Church.



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NEEDS ANALYSIS FORM

This is a new community and, as it grows, needs are going to arise. We would like to collectively address those needs, through a multi agency approach, before they become problems and help make this a beautiful place to live. Please help in creating your community by filling in this questionnaire. Thank you.

What facilities on Abbey field would you and your family and friends be interested in? e.g.

Activities for young families, parents/carers and small children

Children's activities (4-10) Youth Activities (11+)

Social gatherings Quiet Space

Listening/Counselling service Craft Classes

Sports facilities and clubs

Name the sport/club you would most like to be made available

Shared interest groups (Photography, local history, drama, etc...)

Name of interests(s)

Ways to serve the community/ town

Any other activities e.g. _____

Would you be interested in taking part in a residents group?

If so please give us your contact details



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We have recently launched 'AbbeyField Community Church' a local church for the Abbey Field development. We want to be relevant to you and your family and would therefore appreciate your thoughts on "when", "what" and "how". If you are willing to take the time could you let us know what the best times would be and the sorts of activities and ministries you would be interested in.

We will be coordinating with other bodies and seeking funding for projects and so need as much information as possible about the AbbeyField residents. Please fill in as much or as little of the following as you like. All information collected will be treated in confidentiality and be in conjunction with the Privacy Act.

How many people live in your property? []

What ages are they (tick all that are relevant):
under 20 [] 20-30 [] 31-45 [] 46-60 [] over 60 []

Marital Status: single [] married [] divorced/separated [] widowed []

Make up of family unit – please tick all that apply: total in home []
Mother [] Father [] Number of children [] Partner [] Others []

Ages of children -----

Occupation / s -----

Do you have access to your own transport? Yes [] No []
If no how much do you rely on public transport? -----

If English is not your first language what is? -----

Please return the completed form to 170 Berechurch Road.



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YOUR LOCAL DOCTOR

There are plans for a Medical Centre on the development, in the mean time the nearest doctor is.

272a Mersea Road, Colchester, CO2 8QY

(01206) 517100

YOUR LOCAL DENTIST

Mersea Road Dental Surgery,
306 Mersea Road, Colchester, CO2

(01206 548386)

It is advisable to call the surgeries to check if they are currently accepting new patients. If they are not you can contact Colchester NHS directly on 01206 288500 and they may well be able to point you in the direction of a nearby surgery that is.

The midwifery team for this area is the Icenii Team **(01206) 747125**
The local contact for the National Childbirth Trust is Carol: **(01621) 816152**
Both hold some clinics, parentcraft sessions and antenatal classes at Abbeyfield Community House, please contact them directly for details.

YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

PRIMARY SCHOOLS :

Monkwick Junior School, School Road, **(01206) 575399**

Monkwick County Infants School, School Road, **(01206) 573849**

St Georges infant School, Barrington Road, New Town **(01206) 578080**

SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

Thomas Lord Audley School and Language College,
Monkwick Avenue **(01206) 547911**

If you have just moved to the area, or would like more information on availability, enrolment and other local schools contact Essex County Council direct on (08456) 037627.



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POLICE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our local police operate from Shrub End Police Station: **(01206) 762212**

To talk about local issues/concerns the community policing team can be contacted on **07801 461695**

For anonymous reporting of incidents please contact Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**

REFUSE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

This takes place on Thursday mornings; leave your bin bags at the edge of your property.

On Alternate weeks there is a doorstep collection of garden waste, plastic bottles and textiles (green week) and paper/card and glass/cans (blue week). Containers for recycling can be obtained from Angel Court, the council offices on High Street.

LOCAL INTEREST CONTACT INFO

Bryant Homes: **01206 575734**

Colchester Borough Council **01206 282222** (9-5 Mon-Fri)
<http://www.colchester.gov.uk>

Essex County Council <http://www.direct.gov.uk>
<http://www.essexcc.gov.uk>

Colchester NHS <http://www.colchester-pct.nhs.uk>
01206 288500

Citizens Advice <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Essex Online: <http://www.essexonline.gov.uk>

BBC Essex <http://www.bbc.co.uk/essex>

Colchester 2020 <http://www.colchester2020.com>

Tourist Information <http://www.visitcolchester.co.uk>



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SUPPORTING CHURCHES CONTACT DETAILS

Abbeyfield Community Church, Abbeygate Street,

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enquiries@abbeyfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk
Rev Graham Stevens, 544257
graham@abbeyfieldcommunitychurch.co.uk
Community worker: David Stevens
david@abbeyfieldcommunity.com

Christ Church, Ireton Road Church of England

Rev Paul Norrington, 563478,
paul.nozzer@btinternet.com
Rev Heather Kent, 769648,
heather.kent2@btinternet.com

URC

St Margaret's, Stansted Road, Berechurch,

www.stmargcol.org.uk
Reader Gill Green: 541897
Church Warden John Clarke: 562373

St Stephens Church Centre, Canterbury Road

st.stephens@xalt.co.uk
Rev Ian Hilton: (Office 2-5pm) 512845
(Home) 530320
Rev Susan Loxton

The Salvation Army, Colchester Corps, Butt Road,

colchestersa@btconnect.com
Major David Lewis
Community Care, Brenda Ling

Wimpole Road Methodist Church,

www.wimpoleroadchurch.org.uk
Rev John Allison, 793888,
j.i.h.allison@btinternet.com
Deacon Jane Mason, 570361,
jane@abbeyfieldcommunity.com



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Celtic Blessing for a New Home

May God give Blessing on this House,
Both Threshold and Frame,
Both Stone and Beam
Both Wood and Glass,
Both Roof and Foundations.

May God Give Blessing on this Home;
Both Kitchen and Bedroom,
Both Hearth and Tub,
Both Comfort and Toil,
Both Going in and Going out.

May God give Blessing on these People;
Both Man and Woman,
Both Young and Old
Both in Sadness and in Joy,
Both in Good Health and in Illness.

With Gods Blessing may we
Both Live and Toil,
Both Rest and Play,
And at Nights coming may we all
Sleep, secure in the knowledge of Gods Love.

AMEN.