



HEART OF PITSEA

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Sprinkling some festive sparkle in Pitsea Market Square.

Since the Heart of Pitsea project began, our resident committee members have wanted to install some Christmas lights to add some festive sparkle for the community of Pitsea.

And last year their wish came true with the installation of lights to the two trees in the Pitsea Market area. We would like to continue to make Pitsea sparkle so let us know what YOU think and what YOU would like to see!

Find us on 

search for 'Heart of Pitsea'

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We were one of the Basildon Council @70 heroes!!

We are incredibly proud and pleased to have been chosen as one of the Basildon Borough Council 'Basildon@70 Heroes', with a poster in the Eastgate Shopping Centre and a mention in the council's Together Magazine.



Some of our Resident Committee at the awards with outgoing HOP Coordinator Simon Johnston

Heart of Pitsea Co-ordinator

We welcome our new co-ordinator Stephanie Vella (pictured at our Community Connect club) who is very excited to take up the position. We wish Simon all the very best in his new role and thank him for the huge amount of work he has put in to making the Heart of Pitsea the success it is today. If you would like to pop up and meet Steph pop up to the Community Safety Partnership Pop Up on 7th April at Pitsea Market at 10am—1pm.





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Community Came together for Christmas.

We were thrilled to welcome hundreds of members of our community to the 4th annual Pitsea Christmas event in December.

There was so much to enjoy including entertainment on stage, a fantastic fun-fair with sideshows, the Peabody community marquee with a wide range of local organisations inside and even more outside and, of course, some fabulous food and drink.

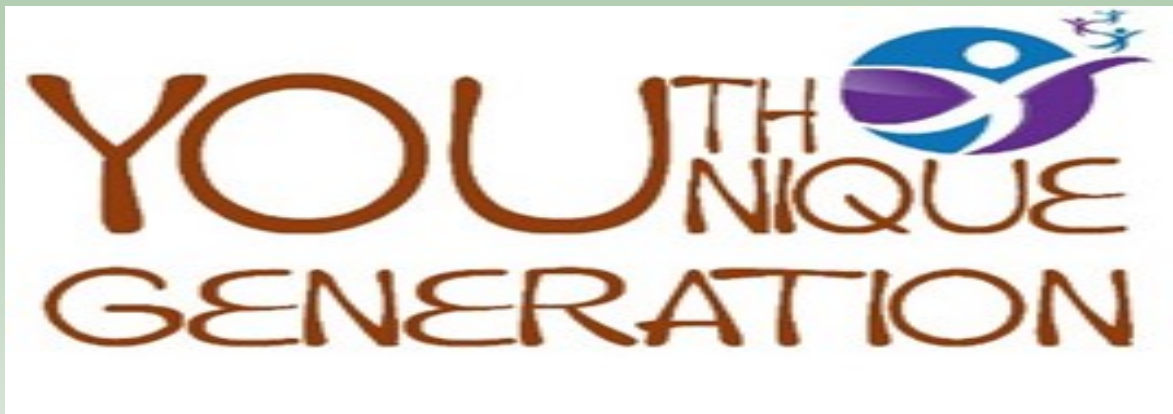
Thank you to the Heart of Pitsea resident volunteers who had wrapped over 80 presents that were given away free to youngsters and for giving up their Saturday to man our stall, serve up welcome hot drinks and sell the funfair tickets.



INCREDIBLE EDIBLE

Our Incredible Edible provided the Salvation Army with a crate of apples recently. The Incredible Edible team work hard to maintain and grow vegetables from scratch throughout the year in small vegetable patches around Pitsea which are then donated to the community.





Youth YOUUnique Generation (Heart of Pitsea's very own youth forum, who have an independent budget to manage) have been working hard over the past year funding and developing projects for children and young people in the community. 2019 saw the completion of their successful 'Poo

Patrol which has resulted in six new signs being placed in the Legacy Park and Elm Green Park to encourage dog-owners to pick up their dog's mess. The forum also paid for some special activities at the Easter Legacy Park Launch event and December's Community Christmas. They also contributed to last year's summer activities – Triffik 12 – and also participated in the Youth Market Challenge in Pitsea Market. They also funded 'Teen Gym' sessions at The Place and a Children's Christmas Party. Their great work has recently been celebrated in a Big Local blog and later this year some of the forum are presenting a workshop at the annual Big Local Connects event in Nottingham. Their plans for 2020 include another Youth Market Challenge, an exciting new collaboration with Basildon Academy schools called 'Experiences & Extras', supporting the two Heart of Pitsea youth clubs (Little Monsters and Youth YOUUnity) in addition to providing a defibrillator for Northlands Primary School. They also encourage applications for projects in their own 'Pitsea Pound Pot' proposal scheme available on-line at the Heart of Pitsea website. Youth YOUUnique Generation are soon to reveal plans for a brand new creative project in the primary schools called 'Super Cool Superschool'!

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email admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk or call 07572 001671

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NOTICES



PITSEA RESIDENTS REQUIRED!!

The Heart of Pitsea are looking for more residents of Pitsea to join our Resident Team. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and to really make a difference to the people of Pitsea; for further Information please contact:

admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk

Community Skills Station.

Look out for our new Community Skills Station. This will provide Pitsea residents and small businesses with the opportunity to take courses that will help you develop and become more employable.

Advertise Here!

You are reading this so think about how many people will read it too!

For a small fee your advert will be delivered to over 3,500 homes in the local area; our newsletter is a great way to reach new customers.

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Men's Shed Survey

Please fill in and send back our survey you can find it on a postcard in this newsletter.

Thank you!!

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EVENT SPACE

Every Tuesday **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Incredible Edible Community Gardening

Meet at Mill Green for 10am.

Every Wednesday at "The Place" **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Message from the Heart of Pitsea - COVID-19

Due to the current situation and social distancing guidance we have had to cancel our events and most groups. We understand there will be people in need of company and help. Please keep an eye on our Facebook site for the help we are putting in place or supporting.

If you are stuck and desperately need something prior to this or do not have access to Facebook please email or phone us and we can point you in the right direction.

Look after yourselves in this difficult time and follow the Government's guidance.

The Heart of Pitsea team

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