Colchester’s Homelessness Prevention Charter

**Our vision**

For the community of Colchester to adopt the values of this charter. To implement the values through improved working practices, specific pledges and by working together in new ways to eliminate and prevent homelessness. To deliver the strategic priorities of Colchester’s Homelessness Strategy.

**Our Values**

To support people who are at risk of homelessness, are homeless or vulnerably housed. We will help to find sustainable solutions to meet their housing and support needs.

**Respect**

We will ensure that the people we work with are treated with respect at all times. We will share information appropriately and sensitively ensuring that the customer is at the heart of our reasons for sharing their personal information.

**Equality**

We will work to ensure that people who are at risk of homelessness, are homeless or who have been homeless can have the same opportunities to access training, volunteering, leisure and employment as the rest of our community.

**Support pathways**

We will identify and deliver our role in the development of support pathways into accommodation and to help people sustain their accommodation.

**Prevention of Homelessness**

We will develop initiatives and objectives which prevent or relieve homelessness.

**Making a Pledge**

Everyone in Colchester has a role to play in improving outcomes for people who are at risk or are experiencing homelessness. Whether you are an Individual or representing a Business or Organisation, if you wish to adopt the vision and values of Colchester’s Homelessness Prevention Charter, you can do this by making a pledge below, your commitment or pledge might include:

 As an Individual… As an Organisation… As a Business

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| Volunteer for a local organisation that works with people that are or at risk of becoming homeless | Nominate a Homelessness Prevention Champion within your organisation. | Display the Colchester Homeless prevention Charter on your website or Have your logo displayed with other partners alongside the Charter on the CBC/CBH website |

[Make a Pledge](https://www.colchester.gov.uk/homelessnesspledge/)