

A YOUNG STUDENT'S REFLECTIONS



Evie Crane, a Harleston Sancroft Academy secondary phase student, shares her experience of spending a week at Harleston Town Council in Norfolk.

I am a student at the secondary phase of Harleston Sancroft Academy, and I was on a week's work experience at Harleston Town Council from the 10 to 14 July 2023. I was asked by the town clerk to write this article about what I got up to.

From the 10 to the 14 July, Harleston Town Council decided to celebrate Local Council Clerk Week (LCCW), which had been promoted by SLCC in the aim to raise the profile of the roles of town and deputy town clerks, whilst recognising the work clerks do for their community.

As part of this, we got involved in many activities and events, such as the selfie frame, to celebrate them, and put a name to their faces.

Our clerks created a day-in-the-life 'minute of me' video which was shared on social media to show what our clerks do so they are appreciated by the community for all the hard work they do to help others.

Finally, we prepared many quizzes and puzzles that we shared every day on our social media and on market day (Wednesdays) for residents to take home and complete. We also decided to give these quizzes to Harleston Sancroft Academy for students to complete as a way of sharing the wonders of our town, which is supported by the clerks.

During my week on work experience I learnt lots of new things about the town and the way the council works to support residents. I created puzzles online, such as spot the difference, crosswords and word searches for clerk week, which meant I was sending many emails, photocopying, printing, editing and laminating.

One day I even went into town to buy and make raffle prizes for market day. And in between all these jobs I worked my way through a large pile of paper which needed shredding.

I also worked closely with the leisure centre/gym and helped with small jobs, such as hoovering, checking stock cupboards and first aid kits, stacking weights, and tidying up folders. It was a fun experience working in two different environments and gave me a good understanding of the way in which different people work.

