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Purpose
Ambition
Innovation
Spirit
Activity
Growth
Life

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We are a city of innovation and of spirit.
We are a centre of activity and growth.

Location is everything

They say location is everything and Chelmsford couldn't ask for more. Located in the heart of Essex, Chelmsford is 30 miles from London, close to international airports and surrounded by national road networks.

Chelmsford is so well connected, that 20% of the UK population live within an hour's drive of the city.



In the heart of Essex



30 miles from London



The first city for Essex



Near Stansted Airport

In good company

More than 9,000 businesses have made Chelmsford their home, taking advantage of the proximity to the capital, the excellent city amenities and the high quality of life Chelmsford offers – all without the London price tag.

A vibrant community of co-working spaces offers an encouraging and supportive place to start and grow a business, whilst also providing the perfect professional environment without the commute.

Celebrating the thousands of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), we are also home to 35 large employers of over 250 staff. From the family-owned companies to the regional headquarters these strategically located operations make significant contributions to the £5bn Chelmsford adds to the national economy.

181.5k

Population
of Chelmsford

9,430

Businesses
in Chelmsford

88k

Jobs in
Chelmsford

35

Businesses
employing 250+

CHELMSFORD
YOU

Business
Improvement
District

£5bn

Value of
Chelmsford to
national economy

From sandwiches to space

In Chelmsford you can taste the appetite for innovation.

Award-winning family business Raynor Foods Ltd, are leading the way in sustainable food manufacturing, with plastic-free packaging and on-site vertical farms. They're also working with UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) in the Made Smarter Innovation Challenge to gamify energy use and their CO2 footprint.

A short walk down the road, Teledyne e2v takes innovation into a completely different realm: space. The global leaders in space imaging have contributed technologies to the world's space programmes, putting components made here in Chelmsford into deep space and on the surface of Mars.

With our gentle waterways flowing through the city centre, it doesn't stop us thinking BIG. Chelmsford's long-term residents Global Marine have been driving innovation in subsea engineering for more than 160 years. They've taken the helm for sustainability in water operations by developing the first zero emission wind farm support ship.

And if that didn't 'blow you away', did we mention Chelmsford is the birthplace of radio?

Space imaging



Birthplace of radio and still a centre for technology



Imaging tech on Mars Rover is made in Chelmsford



Leading global tech and innovation companies

BAE SYSTEMS



Visteon



ARISE Innovation Centre



First zero emission wind farm support ship



Unlocking capacity

You don't need to look very far to find evidence of how Chelmsford's ambitious plans to grow and develop are becoming a reality.

The first new railway station on the Great Eastern Main Line in 100 years is being constructed right here in Chelmsford. This is the second station for Chelmsford and compliments our existing offering, which is the UK's busiest two-platform railway station outside of London.

We are also driving forward improvements to our road networks, enhancing capacity and improving links. These works will see the installation of the longest curved multi-span bridge over land in England. A new North East bypass will also be created, providing a stronger connection between Chelmsford, London Stansted Airport and the wider area.

Take a walk through our city centre and down our fully pedestrianised High Street to to enjoy the result of a £10 million investment in public spaces. For something more energetic, visit our new state-of-the-art leisure facility, or experience Chelmsford by bike on one of our newly-enhanced cycle routes.

£30m+

Projects delivered via South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

£220m

Housing Infrastructure Funding.

£33m+

Only Essex district with Community Infrastructure Levy in place.

£10m+

City centre public realm investment.

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Park and rides enabling easy access to many to the city.

Chelmsford. A place to call home.

Over 180,000 people already call Chelmsford home and it's easy to see the appeal. With a vibrant city centre, surrounded by a wealth of picturesque villages, Chelmsford really can offer something for everyone.

Alongside the existing offer, Chelmsford is a hub of new communities, with various housing projects already completed and others well underway. A new community of around 10,000 new homes is shaping the future growth of Chelmsford within the Chelmsford Garden Community – a development which has already been recognised as a design exemplar in the National Design Guide.



Chelmsford Garden
Community – a design
exemplar in the
National Design Guide



Chelmer
Waterside

Brimming with talent

One of the key factors when deciding where to move to with your family is schooling, and Chelmsford is highly regarded for its educational offering.

There are 37 primary schools and 11 secondary schools within Chelmsford, many of which are highly rated. Also on offer is an impressive selection of grammar and independent schools, including King Edward VI Grammar School and the Chelmsford County High School for girls, both of which regularly achieve national recognition for their outstanding results.

Opportunities to study and achieve higher qualifications are also plentiful. With two leading higher education establishments on the doorstep in the form of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) and Writtle University College and a dedicated further educational establishment at Chelmsford College.

37

Primary schools

11

Secondary schools

2

Universities

Anglia Ruskin University
Writtle University College

1

College

Chelmsford College



Celebrating culture

Chelmsford celebrates culture, and there is a lot going on!

Our Ignite network brings creative communities together. Through collaborative working, the group creates opportunities to learn, improve diversity and have fun!

Chelmsford's four rivers and 17 Green Flag parks offer perfect backdrops for engaging activities, from local and national festivals, to river cruises and food and drink.

With a growing visitor economy, exploring the wealth of our retail and hospitality experiences in the city centre draws visitors from far and wide. From our vibrant urban offer to the open rugged expanse of estuary along the River Crouch, there is undoubtedly something here for everyone.

17

Green Flag parks including local nature reserves



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Rivers to discover



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chelmsford. culture.

Ignite Cultural Partnership and annual festivals



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