

Help us create a new piece of history in Harwich!

To celebrate the regeneration work taking place in Harwich we want you to design a new Coat of Arms celebrating all things Harwich and why it is such a special place. The winning design will be recreated on the utility cabinet outside of Harwich Library, with a celebratory unveiling for the winning artist to attend.

Harwich has an official Crest (Coat-of-Arms) which can be found in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall and represents key images that make Harwich special.

The Portcullis: (A portcullis is a heavy, vertically closing gate used in medieval fortifications)

Pendent from the mast this is a classic royal emblem indicating the town's defensive strength and role as a heavily fortified maritime stronghold



The Ship: Positioned on waves represents Harwich's historic status as a vital naval base and shipbuilding center

The motto for Harwich is written in Latin 'Omnia Bona Bonis' which translates
'To the good all things are good'

Who can enter?

- Children and young people aged 18 and under. (Entries must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian if the Entrant is under 13 years old).
- Entrants must live in Harwich or attend a school, college, community group or organisation in Harwich.

Competition dates

- Opens: 28 July 2026
- Closes: 8 September 2026

How to enter

Submit one original Coat of Arms design celebrating Harwich, either digitally to ECCHarwichArt@essex.gov.uk or as a paper copy, on the entry form overleaf, to Harwich Library.

Judging and prizes

Up to five finalists will be shortlisted by an Essex County Council appointed panel. Finalist designs will be displayed at Harwich Library for a public vote and all will receive a prize. The winning artist will receive the top prize of a £100 voucher and their design will be recreated outside Harwich Library.

Terms & Conditions

Entry into this competition is subject to the Competition Terms & Conditions, available at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/standard-competition-terms-and-conditions>. By submitting an entry, the entrant and/or parent or guardian confirms they have read and accepted the Terms & Conditions.

For more information and the competition notice, please go to our website:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2026/harwich-coat-arms-design-competition-notice>

Within the box below, we invite you to design a new Harwich Coat of Arms that symbolises and celebrates Harwich.

Name:

Age:

Contact Email Address:

School/College:

Privacy Notice

By entering this competition, you agree to Essex County Council (ECC) processing your personal data. ECC is the controller of the personal information you provide to us. The personal information collected on this form will be used by ECC to administer and manage the art competition in line with UK General Data Protection Regulation. This information will only be shared with Tendring District Council (TDC) and Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre for the purposes of administering the competition, including shortlisting entries, arranging public voting, contacting entrants, distributing prizes and promoting winning or shortlisted artwork. For more detail on how your personal information is used and your rights, please visit www.essex.gov.uk/privacy.



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