

## **Radlett Reform Synagogue 2018 AGM Report : Wider Community**

Our congregation is part of, and plays a role in, the wider community of Radlett and the surrounding area from which we draw our members, as well as the wider local Jewish community.

The Wider Community function aims to ensure that Radlett Reform and its interests are represented on and contribute to the work of various local committees and bodies, and that the synagogue supports and participates in appropriate events and initiatives.

We attend meetings of the Hertsmere Forum of Faiths with Parish Councillors and representatives of different religious groups which seek to promote understanding and community within the Borough. These meetings inform Hertsmere Borough Council thinking on issues that affect members of local religious faiths. We support and actively participate in the work of the Radlett & District branch of the Council of Christians and Jews.

We monitor Parish, Borough and County websites to ensure that the synagogue's interests are covered, and review local planning applications that may have implications for the synagogue. This year, we have paid close interest in the proposed development of Newberries car park and the possible implications for visitors to the shul: several synagogue members participated in focus group meetings.

We attend meetings of Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership which works to make Radlett and surrounding villages healthier, happier and safer places to live. We liaise with Radlett United Synagogue on matters of religious and secular mutual interest.

On the social side, Radlett Reform is an integral part of Young @ Herts, an initiative of Jewish Care, which coordinates and publicises information on events across Jewish groups and Synagogues in the area and also organises activities in its own right.

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