COLLIER ROW TOWN CENTRE

Collier Row Town Centre is one of the four minor district town centres within the London Borough of Havering. It is a modern suburban town centre which is located approximately 3km north of Romford and south of Havering-atte-Bower.

Collier Row has over 70 unique specialist shops and restaurants. The majority of these are small independent specialist retail outlets offering a range of commodities to choose from for all your daily shopping and leisure needs.

The architecture style and the characteristics of buildings makes Collier Row a pleasant and an attractive town centre to visit.

For more information about Collier Row town centre visit www.havering.gov.uk/collierrow

History

The name ‘Collier’ is derived from the charcoal-burners who made their living from burning timber from the medieval great forest that once covered the whole area. Most of Collier Row used to be tree covered common land but by the 19th century the area was mostly farmland. After the first World War much of the present housing in the area was developed. The shopping parades were developed, some halted by the outbreak of World War II. Today the legacy of all this development is apparent in the considerable wealth of shopping facilities in Collier Row.

Collier Row Town Centre Events

The Collier Row community come together twice a year to celebrate the town centre in style by running a Collier Row Carnival which parades throughout the town. The Carnival usually takes place in August each year and Christmas is celebrated in style with an annual event which takes place within the first week of December. Record numbers of people come to the town centre to experience the friendly family atmosphere and enjoy the entertainment on offer. These events are organised by the Collier Row Community Group.

Local Parks

Local parks within close proximity of Collier Row are:

- **Lawns Park** - known for its scenic views of the capital and surrounding countryside.
- **Collier Row Recreation Ground** - a pleasant local park and play site, including a multi-use games area.
- **Havering Country Park** - a large country park with a good mixture of grassland and woodland.

The town centre library is always a hive of activity for all age groups, there is always something going on in the local library from a number of exhibitions, adult reading groups, story telling sessions, themed monthly events/activities including internet access computers available to use providing a vibrant hub for the local community.
Travelling to Collier Row

Collier Row town centre is served by six regular bus routes to and from Collier Row. Routes 175, 247, 252, 294, 365, and 375 or if it is not too far, try walking or cycling to the town centre. The nearest train station is Romford.