



# Highwoods Community App

Invitation-only community app for residents and people who work in Highwoods, Colchester.

## Why It Matters

- Invitation-only access keeps the community trusted and local.
- Fast help for lost pets, safety alerts, and urgent updates.
- Buy, sell, share, and borrow locally without spam or long travel.
- Support local businesses and neighbours with real recommendations.

## How It Works

### 1 Get an invite

Join using a trusted invite link.

### 2 Post or search

Choose from 18 post types across 6 categories.

### 3 Connect locally

Message neighbours and build real connections.

## Who It's For

- Residents of Highwoods and nearby streets
- People who work in Highwoods
- Families, carers, and local groups
- Local businesses and service providers

## Core Features

### Community Feed

- Marketplace: for sale, free, looking to buy, borrow/rent
- Recommendations: trades, lifestyle, offering/looking for help
- Safety and alerts: urgent and security posts
- Lost and found: pets or items with key details
- Events and social: RSVPs, discussions, find a partner
- Jobs and services: paid or unpaid/volunteer roles, negotiable rates, remote options

### How You Can Support

- Join and share invites with trusted local people
- Post community events, local tips, and recommendations
- Encourage feedback to shape the app for Highwoods
- Promote the app within community groups

### Local Directory

- Listings for Service, Event, Organisation, and Product
- Ratings and reviews from the community
- Rich profiles with media and contact details

#### Messaging and connections

- One-to-one chat with read receipts
- Report and block users from conversations

#### Notifications and preferences

- Posts, comments, messages, connections, events, safety alerts
- 7 themes including high contrast

### Interested in supporting the Highwoods Community App?

Contact: [add email or phone]

Invite request: ask a current member for an invitation