



News

Friday 11 March 2011

HEATHFIELD TODAY

Heathfield residents invited to Heathfield Library on Monday 14 March, to contribute their views and ideas about life in the area today.

Part of the 'Future Village' project, the event looks at the history of Heathfield during the past 50 years and its future over the next 50 years. Highlighted as part of the [Archive Awareness Campaign](#), the project is being run by *Action in rural Sussex* in partnership with the East Sussex Record Office. It is also funded by the *Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's* 'Intergenerational Programme'.

As part of the intergenerational activities, students from Heathfield Community College and older locals have visited the East Sussex Record Office to study documents from the 1960s relating to Heathfield. The students worked in partnership with the older locals to explore the community's development over the last 50 years with what life might be like in the region in the future.

Future histories

On Monday, there will be an exhibition about the research so far, questionnaires about life today in Heathfield, a selection of books and documents from the Library's local studies collection and an opportunity to chart special features about Heathfield on a map. Visitors will also be provided with an opportunity to see a new social networking tool for rural communities, *Community 21 in action*.

Event

The event takes place on Monday 14 March between 2.30pm and 4.30pm at Heathfield Library, 21 High Street, Heathfield TN21 8LU. Visitors are invited to come and learn about the project and inform organisers their views about Heathfield. The discussion will tell the community, people's visions and perceptions for life in the region in the future.

For further information, please contact Zoë Ganderton, Heritage and Participation Officer, CYP, Action in rural Sussex on 07786 980 715 or email zoe.ganderton@ruralsussex.org.uk.