

HOW TO LOVE YOUR HOOD

FIVE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY



1 SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Buying local feeds money back into the community as local businesses often stock local products, use local services and support local events and charities. Supporting your local market or shop also reduces the cost of outsourcing products from other areas.

2 JOIN A COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME

Keep an eye open for local programmes or community-based organisations in your neighbourhood. Speak to your Ward Councillor and find out if your area has a neighbourhood watch, Civic Association Body or a City Improvement District. If there is a lack of these kinds of organisations, consider starting one.





3 VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is a great way to give back and build relationships in your community. You'll find there are many organisations and institutions that desperately need volunteers, including retirement homes, public schools, neighbourhood clean-up programmes, animal shelters and soup kitchens.

4 INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Organise a local event, provide a service or develop a public space that will bring money into the community. Whether it's starting a community food garden or organising a craft market, investing in your community will not only uplift residents, but can increase the economic value of the neighbourhood.

5 TAKE CARE OF YOUR COMMUNITY SPACES

By looking after your community spaces and reporting small crimes such as vandalism and public drinking, you create a feeling of order and lawfulness. This helps to create a cleaner, safer neighbourhood and proud, caring residents.



Our neighbourhoods matter.

Find out how to get involved in your community by visiting **City Connect**.



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