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NEW ARTWORK FLIES INTO THE HARVEY CENTRE



This week, a new permanent piece of artwork was unveiled at The Harvey Centre. Created by local artist Sarah Bracey, the piece consists of two mosaic moths and a butterfly – each decorated in a unique way to reflect elements of Harlow.

The two moths and central butterfly take their inspiration from Harlow's abundance of green spaces, and elements of the urban environment. Three pieces have been used as a nod to famous Three Flying Ducks, that many British households had on their living room walls during the fifties and sixties.

Sarah said: "I wanted to create a piece of artwork that had a strong connection with the history of the local area. Moths and butterflies are an important part of Harlow's heritage – reflected in the names of local pubs such as The Garden Tiger (featured above middle). Mosaic design also features heavily in Harlow Town – both due to the Roman settlements and during the building of the New Town."

A collaborative project, Sarah used designs created by local school children and members of the public in the artwork - collected during a free workshop during February half term.

Sarah continued: "It was important that the local community contributed to the artwork to give them ownership, so we held a free art workshop at The Harvey Centre in February and I was able to use the designs created during this as part of the final design."

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Bryan Young, Centre Manager at The Harvey Centre, said: "We're delighted to have unveiled this piece at The Harvey Centre. Eye-catching and unique, it incorporates so many elements of Harlow and it's great that the public were able to be a part of it."

The project will also feature in the *Community Creates* exhibition at Parndon Mill from the beginning of July.

For more information, visit www.theharveycentre.com or
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Notes to Editors:

The Harvey Centre

The Harvey Centre is Harlow's top leisure and retail destination, with a selection of places to eat and drink including BB's Coffee and Muffins, Papa's, Munchies Cakes, Café Harvey and Burger King. The Centre is also home to big name brands including Primark, Argos, BHS, Game and HMV as well as a host of exciting independent retailers. For more information, visit www.theharveycentre.com or follow us on Facebook (HarveyCentreHarlow) and Twitter (@HarveyCentre).