



Harlow Youth Council and Young Essex Assembly members Sophie, Matt and Sam join the Maples Woods clean-up project with Harlow 'Street Scene Champs' and residents from The Maples.

The Street Scene Champs invited the youth councillors along to one of their community projects. Harlow Council set up the 'Street Scene Champs' project in 2005. Originally the young people were recruited to help the council tackle environmental crime by reporting graffiti and fly tipping and in return the young people would earn reward points, which could be exchanged for vouchers.

The young people became so enthusiastic about improving the town that they wanted to do even more. The 'Street Scene Champs' have been involved in community clean-ups, clearing ponds, woods and streams of litter and have undertaken environmental work at the nature reserve.