

Our 70th anniversary

A year of celebrations



2023 was a special year as we marked our Platinum Jubilee, celebrating 70 years of helping people to buy their own homes and save for their future.

As Richard Doe mentioned in his welcome message, 1953 was the year when our Society began its journey.

It was March 3rd – during the era of the baby boomers - that our foundations were created when a group of local business people came together, united a community and established the Harpenden Building Society.

This pioneering group overcame adversity and believed the community deserved support to be able to buy local homes and to save for their future. Our Society was built upon the vision of helping customers achieve their ambitions, to serve our members and strive to help them secure their financial future so that their dreams and aspirations were made possible.

We've come a long way since our inception in 1953 and we continue to maintain our traditional values as we look to the future and to the next 70 years... whatever they may bring.

To help celebrate our 70th anniversary, we held a Head Office party where all colleagues came together over pizza and cake to help mark this momentous occasion.

In addition, the Society held a quiz night for all our colleagues to join. Over 40 attended for a fun evening of quizzing with food, lots of chocolate, sweets, and drinks on offer. Team names were either building society or number 70 inspired. 'Mutually Magnificent' were crowned the winning team on the night.

Furthermore, we also committed to achieving over 70 hours of colleague volunteering throughout the year. We exceeded this target ending the year with over 300 hours spent supporting some fantastic causes.



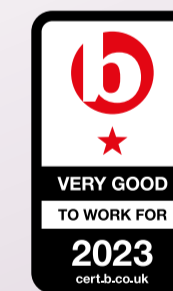
A FEW LOVELY AWARDS...

Last year, we had even more to celebrate with awards and accreditations.

For the first time, we participated in the Best Companies employee engagement survey and were thrilled to achieve a 'Very Good to Work For' accreditation.

Moreover, in 2023, we won the 'Best Local Building Society' category at the prestigious What Mortgage Awards for a 9th consecutive year, which is an incredible achievement. Alongside this, we were also proud to win the 'Best Junior/Children's Savings Provider' in the Personal Finance Awards.

These are great achievements and something we are very proud of. However, we do not intend to stop there. We can't wait to build on this moving forward and keep improving. The hard work never stops.



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