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Trick or Treat Sanctuary

For many older people, the custom of trick or treat on Halloween can effect how safe they feel in their homes. In an effort to help its older residents, CHP organised an evening of safety at a nearby sheltered scheme where tenants could retreat from the possibility of antisocial behaviour.

The move came after Acting Chief Inspector Cummings of Essex Police asked CHP's Quality of Life team to run a pilot scheme that would provide vulnerable residents in North West Chelmsford with a place of safety.

Working with CHP's Supported Housing team an event was organised for 40 people at Napier Court where activities and a fish supper was available for those who wanted to spend an evening without the trick or treaters knocking on the door.

Terri Cochrane, Quality of Life Manager at CHP, said: "Halloween, although great fun for many, can be a source of intimidation. We take the wellbeing of our residents very seriously and want to thank Chelmsford Borough Council for funding the event."

Ruth Sorrell, a resident in the area for over 70 years, said: "This is a lovely idea, and I hope it will be available to us again next year".

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