



Gary

What book are you reading?
The End Game David Baldacci

What's top of your bucket list?
To get his helicopter license

First record you bought?
I'm Bad - LL Cool J

The last film you saw?
Rampage

Favourite place to visit in Suffolk?
Melton (outside Woodbridge)

Where do you like to go on holiday?
Malta



Hadleigh Co-op sits in the heart of the High Street. From the outside, it has the look of the regular country store. Inside it opens into a large, recently refurbished store.

A part of the East of England Co-op, which this year is celebrating its 150th anniversary, the Hadleigh store is one of the oldest in the area. Founded in 1868, the East of England Co-op today employs over 4,000 colleagues at 230 stores and branches across the region.

Gary, the manager of Hadleigh Co-op, has been in post for 31 years. A good number of the team are long-term employees, something Gary works hard to achieve, ensuring members and customers receive great, friendly service.

The East of England Co-op is owned by over 280,000 members – made up of customers, colleagues and local communities, who each have an equal say in how the business is run and what local good causes the Co-op supports. They also each earn a dividend – or 'divi' as it's affectionately known.

Well-known for its multi-award winning Sourced Locally initiative, the East of England Co-op works with over 100 local producers, providing customers with thousands of products. Gary says; "We have a great range of local produce in store, everything from fruits and meat to preserves, bread, beers and chocolate. Our strawberries come from a farm just four miles away, and we have a great range of chocolate produced less than 5 minutes from the store – you can't get much more local than that."

Gary lives locally and "lots of lovely local regulars" sums up his appreciation of Hadleigh. He welcomes feedback and likes to hear any recommendations and suggestions for products or services customers would like to see in store.

Thanks, Gary, and team.



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