

QUEEN AT HARLOW NEW TOWN:

Five-year-old Sarah Anderson welcomes the Queen to Harlow, the up-and-coming town where a fifth of the population are five-and-unders. Architect Mr. Frederick Gibbard explains the layout from the top of the Hags Tower, before the Queen and Prince Philip inspect it at close quarters. They visit the six-roomed home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ralph at Little Parndon, one of Harlow's "neighbourhoods", and then call on Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Smith, also of Little Parndon. These "neighbourhoods" are not mere suburbs - they are active communities, each with its own community centre run by a local association, and its own shops.

After seeing where the people live, the Royal visitors go on to see where many of them work - a metal factory producing silver and certain other specialised metals. A novel way of inspecting a factory - but then, Harlow New Town believes in new ideas!