



# HEYBRIDGE BASIN

## Parish Council

Welcome to the latest edition of the Heybridge Basin Parish Council Newsletter.

### PRECEPT

The Parish Council's Precept is the portion of your Council Tax that is used to fund local services, projects and day-to-day running costs within Heybridge Basin. For the financial year **2025/26**, the Council has set its Precept at **£29,000**, which represents a **4.92% reduction** compared to last year's figure of £30,500. This reflects the Council's continued focus on careful budgeting while maintaining the services and improvements that benefit the community.

### DAISY MEADOW GARDENER

We are pleased to confirm that a gardener has now been successfully appointed within Daisy Meadow Car Park. The contract will run from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, with the option to extend or renew, subject to performance and the Council's future requirements. This appointment will help ensure the car park remains tidy, well-presented and welcoming for residents and visitors

### VILLAGE SIGN

The Parish Council would like to thank residents for their patience while work was carried out on the village sign. The previous sign was found to be in a dangerous condition and, for safety reasons, had to be removed. The sign and surrounding flowerbed have now been replaced and are already making a positive difference to the entrance to the village. Thank you to everyone involved in helping to deliver this improvement for the community.



### SALT BAGS AVAILABLE

Salt bags are still available to residents to help keep paths, driveways and pavements safe during icy and frosty weather. The scheme is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to request a bag, please contact the Clerk and, if stock is available, delivery will be arranged.

Contact us: 07526 474604

Email: [Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk)

## PARKING EVIDENCE

As part of the Parish Council's ongoing work with the South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP), residents are reminded that photographic evidence continues to be collected to support a review of parking arrangements around Lock Hill and Basin Road. Photos showing parking issues, particularly during busy periods are extremely helpful. Please ensure images include the date and time they were taken, as this allows patterns and peak pressures to be properly demonstrated. All evidence received will be used to support the Council's ongoing discussions with SEPP.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON

It was lovely to see so many residents come together for this year's Christmas Light Switch-On, which was a fantastic success and a real highlight of the festive season. Thanks go to the choir for providing wonderful entertainment, and to the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare and serve refreshments and help the event run smoothly. Following the success of the event, the Council hopes to make the Christmas Light Switch-On an annual community tradition in Heybridge Basin.



## DOG FOULING – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Dog fouling continues to be reported in parts of the village. While Maldon District Council does not have a dedicated Dog Warden, residents can help by reporting incidents online. Reports made via the Maldon District Council website allow the District Council to gather information and identify problem areas, which may then enable them to carry out targeted patrols in the future. The more reports that are received, the better the chance of enforcement action being taken, so residents are encouraged to log any dog fouling they encounter.

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

The Parish Council would like to remind residents that everyone working on its behalf including employees, self-employed contractors and volunteers is entitled to be treated with dignity, courtesy and respect. The Council operates a zero-tolerance approach to abuse, intimidation, bullying or harassment in any form. Such behaviour is not acceptable and, where appropriate, may be reported to the relevant authorities. Heybridge Basin Parish Council is committed to equality of opportunity and to providing a safe and respectful working environment for all.

Further information on Council policies is available on the Parish Council website.

**To keep up to date with Parish Council activities, Minutes are published on our website monthly.**