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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to announce that Stephen Baker has been co-opted onto Heybridge Basin Parish Council.

Stephen brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to the village. We look forward to his contributions as we continue to work on behalf of the community.

VILLAGE SIGN

The Heybridge Basin Village Sign has been temporarily removed due to concerns over its condition. Unfortunately, the wooden structure has started to rot and now poses a health and safety risk.

We are currently in the process of gathering quotes for repair or full replacement and are working as quickly as possible to ensure the sign can be re-erected in time for our Act of Remembrance in November.

ST GEORGE'S FIELD SPORTS UPDATE

Earlier this year, a new basketball hoop was installed at St George's Field, but sadly it was damaged shortly after installation and had to be removed in March for safety reasons. The Parish Council is exploring replacement options and hopes to have a new hoop in place soon.

In more positive news, the goal posts have now been successfully installed and are being well-used and well-looked after by local children and families. It's great to see the equipment being enjoyed by the community, and we thank everyone for using the space responsibly.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Members of the Parish Council recently met with South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) to discuss their rejection to our proposal to amend parking restrictions at the junctions of Lock Hill and Basin Road. SEPP's decision was based on a monitoring period carried out primarily during the **winter months**, when congestion is typically lower. HBPC challenged these findings, presenting **photographic evidence** as well as questioning whether the **existing restrictions are still fit for purpose**. Concerns were also raised around **emergency vehicle access**, though SEPP advised they believe access remains adequate.

Next Steps:

- HBPC will **continue collecting photographic evidence** showing the reality of parking pressures, particularly during busy periods.
- **Residents are welcome to submit their own photos** (with dates and times) to the Parish Council to support this effort.
- The Council has also requested **traffic cones from SEPP**, with the aim of **distributing them to residents** along the affected stretch to help manage visitor parking and improve access.

Contact us: 07526 474604 Email: Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk

TIMBER YARD

There is still no update from Maldon District Council on the two planning applications submitted by the developer for the former Timber Yard site:

- 13 houses submitted 20th August 2024
- Industrial estate submitted 6th November 2024

Both your Parish Council and District Councillors continue to push for a decision. We understand how important this matter is to residents and will share any updates as soon as they are received.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Banking Hub – Drop-in Information Session

Wednesday 8th October 2025

10:00am - 1:00pm at St George's Community Room

The last remaining bank on Maldon High Street is scheduled to close and a Banking Hub with representatives of five of the largest banks is set to open in the town. Come along to this informal session to learn more about the proposed Banking Hub in Maldon. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and explain how the hub will work. No need to book — just drop in!



Act of Remembrance

Saturday 8th November 2025

Gathering from 10:30am, Ceremony at 10:50am at the Village Sign

We invite you to stand with us in remembrance, reflection, and gratitude as we honor those who served. The Heybridge Primary School Choir will be joining us again for this moving occasion.



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