



# HEYBRIDGE BASIN

## Parish Council

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

### PRECEPT

The Precept is a local tax collected by Parish Councils to fund their operations and services. It forms part of your overall Council Tax payments and ensures that the Parish Council can meet its annual budgetary requirements. We are pleased to inform you that the annual budget for the financial year 2025/26 has been set at £30,500, representing a 3.18% decrease compared to the current year's precept for 2024/25.



### BASKETBALL HOOP AND GOAL POSTS

Residents may have noticed the new basketball equipment at St George's field. It's wonderful to see the equipment being put to good use. A thank you to our Clerk, Gemma, for securing funding through Tesco Stronger Starts and for her collaboration with Maldon District Council (MDC) to bring this project to life.

Following the removal of the original goal posts due to their poor condition, the Council has decided to purchase new goal posts without external funding. A new position has been agreed with Maldon District Council. Installation is expected in the next few months.

### MEMORIAL POST

The turning post, which was originally built with the intention of serving as a memorial post is now ready for use. It will provide a meaningful way to commemorate loved ones and create a lasting connection to our village. The terms and conditions and application form are available on our website.

### DAISY MEADOW CAR PARK

The raised bed on the left side of the car park has been planted with a variety of bee and wildlife friendly plants. These are beginning to flourish and will soon provide an attractive border. The daffodils are looking great and should flower soon. Thank you to the residents who helped plant and donate greenery.

### NO MOW MAY

Following Essex Wildlife Trust's advice, the Parish Council is implementing a "No Mow May" policy this spring. In support of local biodiversity, we have instructed our ground maintenance contractor to pause mowing in key areas such as Daisy Meadow Car Park and around St George's Church. Residents are encouraged to consider adopting this approach on their own properties, helping to create a haven for wildlife in our community.



## PARKING REGULATIONS

After extensive consultations, the Council submitted a 30-page application for changes to South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP), in September 2024. SEPP has acknowledged receipt, but a decision may take up to 12 months. Updates will be shared when available.

## TIMBER YARD

Maldon District Council's decision on the Timber Yard housing development (13 houses) was expected by 31st January but has been delayed to allow additional information from the developer.

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Defibrillator training sessions covering basic life-saving skills are available for residents at St George's Community room. Spaces are limited to 8 attendees per session.

### Training Dates:

- Wednesday, 5th March at 7:15 pm (1 space left)
- Wednesday, 12th March at 7:15 pm (7 spaces left)

To book, contact the Clerk. If these dates don't suit, we can add you to the waiting list.

## VE DAY 80 COMMEMORATIONS:



## WHO WILL LIGHT THE BEACON?

We are inviting nominations for a young person to light the beacon at 9:15pm. Encouraging the next generation to promote peace is essential.

📧 Send nominations (name, reason, and contact details) to [Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk) by Sunday, 9th March 2025. (Nominees must be 18+.

## CAKE COMPETITION

We would like to invite bakers of all ages to take part in our Cake Competition! Entries will be judged on taste, presentation, and creativity, with winners announced at the event.

### Categories:

- 🍊 **Adults (16 & over):** National VE Day Orange & Ginger Cake (*recipe provided upon entry*)
- 🍰 **Secondary School:** Victoria Sponge
- 🍩 **Primary School:** VE Day-Themed Cupcakes

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