



HEYBRIDGE BASIN

Parish Council

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

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Following the Statutory Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 20th May, Councillor Robert Bryson was elected Chair, and Councillor Marion Hobden as Vice Chair for the year ahead. Below is the schedule of meetings for 2025/2026. Agendas will be posted on the parish noticeboards and websites the Wednesday prior to each meeting.

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Tuesday 24 th June | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 15 th July | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 9 th September | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 14 th October | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 18 th November | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 16 th December | 6:30pm (If needed) | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 13 th January | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 10 th February | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 17 th March | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 21 st April | 6:30pm | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 28 th April | 6:30pm (Annual Parish Assembly) | St George's Community Room |
| Tuesday 19 th May | 6:30pm (Annual Statutory Meeting) | St George's Community Room |

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council and are inviting applications from anyone interested in joining us. Parish Councillors play an important role in representing the community, making decisions on local issues, and helping to shape the future of the village. Application forms are available on our website, or you can contact the Clerk at Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk to request a copy. The deadline to apply is Tuesday 17th June 2025.

PARKING REGULATIONS

We have received a response from South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) regarding our application to change the parking regulations along Basin Road (Daisy Meadow Car Park to The Jolly Sailor). The aim of the application was to ensure clear access for emergency vehicles and to prevent resident's driveways from being obstructed by visitor parking during busy periods. SEPP has unfortunately rejected our application providing several reasons and concluding that there is not a major parking issue. This decision was made without any prior discussion with the Parish Council.

In response, we have written to SEPP highlighting the flaws in their assessment and have formally requested a face-to-face meeting to discuss the matter further. This remains an important issue, and we are committed to finding a solution.

DAISY MEADOW GARDEN

Work is progressing well on the garden areas within Daisy Meadow carpark. Some of the large planters at the entrance are now in place and ready to be planted, with more to be ordered in the coming weeks.

This is an ongoing project, and we are looking for **Volunteers** to help with weeding, watering and planting. If you would like to get involved, please contact the project lead, Councillor Marion Hobden - marionhobden@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk



BIRD BOX SUCCESS STORY

Six bird boxes in Daisy Meadow Car Park have been successfully used this season by house sparrows, blue tits, and great tits. It's great to see local wildlife thriving in the area.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 8th May, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day with singing from Heybridge Primary School Choir, family games, and Fish 'n' Chips from local pubs.

Air Raid Jive danced and taught the audience 'The Lambeth Walk,' followed by Julia Plumb Quinn singing 1940s-style songs. We ended the day by lighting the beacon, joining communities across the country.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated—we raised £280 for the Royal British Legion, with more contributions online.



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