



HEYBRIDGE BASIN

Parish Council

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

COUNCIL INFORMATION

At the Statutory Council Meeting of Heybridge Basin Parish Council held on Monday 20th May, members reappointed Martyn Hodges as Chair along with Rob Bryson as Vice Chair for the municipal year. Please see below the schedule of meetings for the year 2024/2025. Agendas are posted on the noticeboards and websites the Wednesday before each meeting.

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 18 th June	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 16 th July	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 10 th September	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 15 th October	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 19 th November	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 17 th December	6:30pm (If needed)	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 14 th January	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 11 th February	6:30pm	The Lock Team Room
Tuesday 18 th March	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 22 nd April	6:30pm	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 29 th April	7:00pm (Annual Parish Assembly)	The Lock Tea Room
Tuesday 20 th May	6:30pm (Annual Statutory Meeting)	The Lock Tea Room

DAISY MEADOW CAR PARK (DMCP)

The Parish Council are pleased to announce the completion of the re-surfacing of the access road and would like to thank residents for their patience whilst this work was underway and the increased on-street parking.

The next phase of the car park project is to plant areas within the car park with plants that will attract a variety of wildlife, insects and invertebrates as well as improving the visual impact of the car park.

Plans are being put in place to make the old toilet block into a garden area with native trees, shrubs, plants, and bulbs. The raised bed at the far end will form a natural corridor for plants, trees, and wildlife.

Looking at the area between the bottom of the car park and the canal, plans could be to sympathetically trim back the damaged branches of the existing trees and remove rubbish, as well as possibly leaving an area of cut logs/branches for invertebrates.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

We are looking for a couple of people to volunteer and join our Community Speed Watch Group.

No previous experience needed as training will be provided. If this is something you are interested in, please email Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk for more information.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The Heybridge Basin Defib Fund has purchased new lockable cabinets for the two defibrillators at The Jolly Sailor and St George's Community Hall. Access is gained, as before, by phoning 999. The ambulance service will give the PIN code to the person calling as well as ensuring an ambulance is on its way to the casualty.

WHO CAN CREATE THE BEST BUG HOTEL IN THEIR GARDEN?

Heybridge Basin Parish Council have recently adopted a Biodiversity policy which can be found on the Parish Council website. In order to support and increase the biodiversity within the village, the Parish Council is excited to launch a Nature Competition aimed at the young people within the village.

There will be two age categories – up to age 11 (primary school) and 11 and over (secondary school), with a prize for the winner from each category. The entries will be judged on 6th July at the Regatta. If you would like to take part, or would like more information please email Clerk@heybridgebasinpc.org.uk

D-DAY 80

Thursday 6th June saw the Parish Council host their event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The event commenced at 4:30pm with singing from the Heybridge Primary School Choir, followed by games and activities for the whole family. Both The Jolly Sailor, and The Ship served Fish 'n' Chips, with The Lock Tearoom serving hot drinks and ice creams.

After a short break, the event reconvened with singing from the wonderful Belinda Hunt, followed by the lighting of the beacon at 9:15pm along with all the other beacons across the country.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to those who volunteered their time to help with the event – your help was greatly appreciated. Another thank you to those who donated, we were able to raise an amazing £330.42 for the Royal British Legion plus any online donations through the QR code.

