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WELCOME

This summer edition of our magazine marks a once in a lifetime occasion, the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen. As a borough we have marked the four day bank holiday with plenty of street parties, lighting of the Beacons and council sponsored Big Lunches. However you celebrated on the weekend, I hope you had the chance to catch up with friends, family and the community that you live in. In this issue you will find a four page pull out of Basildon's links with royalty and our next edition in September will include a full round up of all the activities that took place.

Following on from the elections in May, the council has moved from a committee system to a cabinet model and the new cabinet member portfolios are listed below. I am very clear that this administration will be one that listens to all our residents and we will start with the revisions that you want to make to the local plan. An early engagement exercise will be held this summer and I would like to hear what you want to see us deliver in that plan.

I know many of you will be struggling with rising costs and we have included some helpful information about reducing your fuel bills inside. However, if you are facing any financial difficulties, please do consider coming to see our community engagement officers who may be able to help. Please don't suffer in silence. There is support we can offer.

I do hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine, and we will be back with our next edition in September.



Councillor Andrew Baggott

Leader of Basildon Council

BASILDON COUNCIL INTRODUCES New Model For Decision-Making

The Leader and Cabinet form of governance will see the introduction of a Cabinet – a group of nine councillors who will collectively be responsible for the majority of the council's functions, with each Cabinet Member being responsible and accountable for a portfolio of council activity and specific services.

A list of these nine Cabinet Members and their respective portfolios can be found below:



Clir Andrew Baggott Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Public Order



Cllr Kevin Blake Cabinet Member for Environment and Carbon Reduction



Clir Anthony Hedley Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Business Engagement



Clir Jeff Henry Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts and Culture



Cllr Richard Moore Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure



Cllr Craig Rimmer Cabinet Member for Regeneration



Cllr Terri Sargent Cabinet Member for Communities



Clir Andrew Schrader Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal



Cllr Stuart Sullivan Cabinet Member for Resources and Commercial

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BOROUGH CELEBRATIONS FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The borough rejoiced in celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across the extended bank holiday weekend (2-5 June).

Activities included the lighting of Beacons, Big Jubilee Lunches and the planting of tree circles as part of the Queen's Green Canopy in borough parks across the five towns.

Mayor of Basildon, Councillor Luke Mackenzie, commented "What a wonderful weekend of activities to pay tribute to our Queen who ascended to the throne on 6 February 1952. No other monarch has reigned for 70 years so this was truly a once in a generation event."

Beacons were lit at 9.45pm in each of the following locations on Thursday 2 June:

- Basildon Gloucester Park
- Wickford Wickford Memorial Park
- Laindon Paddocks Community Hall, Pound Lane
- Pitsea Wat Tyler Country Park



Each beacon lighting ceremony was attended by members of the public and local dignitaries. The events included speeches, prayer commemorating the Jubilee and thanksgiving for HM The Queen's long service. The ceremonies also included the playing of pipes and drums piece 'Diu Regnare', the playing of the bugle called 'Her Majesty' and the choral piece 'Song for the Commonwealth' as the beacons were being lit.

The council also worked with community groups and parish councils to organise free Big Jubilee Lunches on Sunday 5 June.

This involved decorating parks to bring celebrations into the heart of the community for people to bring picnics and enjoy live entertainment.



THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The Queen's Green Canopy is a UK wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee by inviting people to plant a tree for the Jubilee. The council marked this by creating five commemorative tree circles across the borough:

Billericay – South Green Open Space Wickford – Nevendon Road Recreation Ground Basildon – Gloucester Park Laindon – Victoria Park

Pitsea - Northlands Park

The trees are all Prunus Avium's - a beautiful, pink leafed species of cherry tree, and 66 have been planted across the five locations.

Plaques to commemorate the occasion will be installed at each location, with the unveiling ceremonies at each of the five locations taking place later this year.

You can find out more about the Queen's Green Canopy and everything else going on across the borough as part of the Jubilee celebrations on our dedicated webpage at:

www.basildon.gov.uk/platinumjubilee

"The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a great opportunity for our borough to come together and celebrate such a special occasion as a community."

Councillor Andrew Baggott Leader of the Council



D-DAY VETERAN DON SHEPPARD HONOURED ON 102ND BIRTHDAY

Legendary Basildon resident Don Sheppard turned 102-years old earlier in May, and the milestone was recognised with a special event at Buttsbury Junior School.

The D-Day veteran who incredibly defended our country, visited the school alongside the Mayor of Basildon for a ceremony with over 500 students paying their tributes to a hero of our borough.

The Mayor of Basildon said a few words, before Don was presented with a cake by the students, and an apple tree was planted by the group in the grounds of the school.

The tree is coupled with a commemorative plaque, dated the 4th May 2022, explaining that the tree was planted to honour both Don's 102nd birthday and to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Don is one of four people, including Olympic star Max Whitlock, who have been granted Freedom of Entry to the Borough in recent years – and for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for us all, we salute you!

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"We've used a terrific local sculptor, which adds to the fantastic art within Basildon town centre created by Basildon people."

Councillor Andrew Baggott Leader of the Council



TRIBUTE TO MARK THE HISTORIC OCCASION OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

Basildon's rich cultural heritage has been added to in the form of a new permanent display of public art in the town centre. A Bronze relief of HM The Queen is already taking pride of place on the outside of The Basildon Centre, being designed locally by born and bred Basildon sculptor Aden Hynes.

The unveiling of the sculpture and the associated commemorative plaque took place on Monday 30 May, being unveiled by The Lord Lieutenant of Essex in a ceremony with councillors and residents in attendance.

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY TO VISIT BASILDON

On Friday 8 July, Basildon will officially welcome the Baton as part of the final journey of the Queen's Baton Relay.

Birmingham 2022 is hosting the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – a journey which brings together and celebrates communities across the Commonwealth during the build up to the Games. In England, the Queen's Baton Relay will provide the opportunity for communities to experience the excitement for Birmingham 2022, as the 11 days of showstopping sport draws ever closer.

The Queen's Baton Relay is set to travel the length and breadth of England for a total of 29 days, before culminating with the Opening Ceremony for Birmingham 2022 on 28 July 2022. Kicking off on Thursday 2 June, the Baton spent four days in London, coinciding with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend. The Baton will then resume the international journey and return to England on Monday 4 July to commence a 25-day tour of the regions.

The schedule of activity for the Baton's time in Basildon includes schools being invited across the borough to celebrate at Basildon Sporting Village, with a range of sporting activities held throughout the day to reflect the Games.





Stephen Metcalfe, Member of Parliament for South Basildon and East Thurrock, commented: "Schoolchildren from across the borough will enjoy a day of sporting activities as the baton arrives. It will be a most enjoyable festive occasion and I wish to thank the Basildon organising committee for all their hard work in bringing the baton to the borough and wish everyone a wonderful, memorable day." To find out more, visit:

www.birmingham2022.com

NEWS 📢



ENERGY SAVING CLINIC FOR BOROUGH BUSINESSES

LoCASE (Low Carbon Across the South East), in partnership with Basildon Council, will host a free event for local business owners looking to save money on their energy bills, reduce their carbon footprint and work more efficiently.

The Energy Saving Clinic will be held at Wat Tyler Country Park, from 9am to 1pm, Tuesday 12 July 2022. If you can't make it from the start, don't worry, businesses can drop in throughout the session.

The event offers a great opportunity for business owners to discover grant funding that is available to support energy efficiency aims and objectives, as well as hearing from Basildon based businesses who have previously been supported by the LoCASE programme. If you run a local business, find out more and book your place online.

Visit www.basildonlocase.eventbrite.co.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW WARD BOUNDARIES

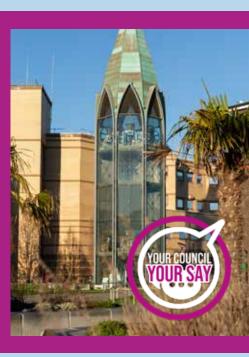
The Local Government Boundary Commission is conducting a review of ward boundaries for the borough of Basildon.

Local people and organisations are invited to help draw up new boundaries that reflect the local area. The Local Government Boundary Commission has conducted independent electoral reviews and has recommended new patterns of wards so that each councillor represents about the same number of residents.

To understand the borough's needs, The Local Government Boundary Commission has launched a consultation for Basildon where local people can submit their views.

The Commission has not yet proposed any new wards for Basildon. The consultation will collect your views on what you think of the current wards and where you think new ones should be. The consultation will close Monday 18 July.

Share your views online, visit: www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/34371





MORGAN SINDALL'S ENERGY CAFES OFFERING FREE Help and advice

Morgan Sindall Property Services (MSPS), the repairs and maintenance contractor for Basildon Borough Council, is delivering a programme of support and advice sessions to residents on energy awareness.

These sessions happen the first Wednesday of each month, from 11am to 12.30pm online via a platform of your choice, but can also be hosted in person locally at a time convenient to residents.

Lauren Kennett, Social Value Officer who runs the sessions has passed a Level 3 qualification in Energy Awareness with the National Energy Action, so is able to advise residents on the following:

- What to do if you're struggling to pay your energy bills
- Making sure your home is energy efficient
- Keeping your home free from condensation and mould growth
- The best boiler controls for heating your home efficiently
- Grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills
- Signposting for extra support to other agencies

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please contact CSRbox@morgansindall.com or call 07815025673



Have you witnessed Anti-social Behaviour in your area?

Please get in touch and report this confidentially to the council's Anti-social Behaviour team by either:

- Calling 01268 533333 option 4 then option 2
- Emailing a report to: asb@basildon.gov.uk
- You can also log a report at:

www5.basildon.gov.uk/report/AntiSocialBehaviour

Have you witnessed or been a victim of crime?

Report it as quickly as you can by:

- Calling **999** in an emergency or by calling **101** for a non-emergency; or
- Reporting it anonymously via Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or by doing so online at crimestoppers-uk.org





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Do you let an energy inefficient commercial property?

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Speak to our team today for specialist advice on what the regulations mean for your property and whether your tenant could be responsible for any of the work required.

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ENERGY SAVING TIPS, HELP AND ADVICE

Making small changes to our habits around the home can have a big impact on energy bills. Not only will you save money, but you will also help tackle climate change.

Unplugging chargers and standby

- Unplug all chargers when not in use, especially any that have display lights
- Turn off tablets, laptops and consoles as soon as you stop using them, and ideally unplug them

Lighting

- Avoid turning the lights on during the day unless you need them
- Make sure that everyone turns off every light when leaving a room and you can save up to £15 a year
- You can save up to £3 per year for every traditional halogen bulb you switch to a similarly bright LED bulb, equivalent to around 5kg of CO2 emissions

Hot drinks

• Only fill your kettle with the water you need for the number of drinks you are making at the time. This small trick can save around £6 a year.



Keeping it clean

- You can save energy and money by only running your washing machine when full, using the eco mode, and washing at 30 degrees whenever possible
- Only use your dishwasher once full and use the eco setting

Heating

- Only heat the rooms you use
- Try turning the thermostat down degree by degree to find a comfortable temperature – each degree can typically save around £80 a year

To find out more about our Small Changes, Big Impact Campaign visit: **www.basildon.gov.uk/climate**



HELP AND ADVICE British gas energy trust

If you're struggling with money and energy debt, you are not alone. British Gas Energy Trust is an independent charitable trust set up to support families and individuals who are struggling to pay their bills across England, Wales and Scotland, no matter which energy company you are with. **How they help:**

- Free resources to help get support and benefits you may be entitled to
- They fund frontline advice services in local communities providing free 1-2-1 money, benefits, and energy efficiency advice

They also run a direct access energy debt programme – awarding grants to households that remove energy debt, fund emergency fuel credit and provide boiler replacements Find out more at

www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk

Council tax rebat

On 3 February 2022, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced two schemes to help with rising energy bills. Find out more about the Government's Council Tax Rebate, when you receive a payment and how to claim. Please visit our website for more information www.basildon.gov.uk/rebate

Community Engagement Team at Basildon Council

For financial and debt support, you can book an appointment through the online form at **www.basildon.gov.uk/ communityengagement** or call **01268 533 333**

"There are lots of little things we can do to save energy and reduce carbon emissions around the home. Small things each of us can do that when added together can make a big impact."

Councillor Kevin Blake Cabinet Member for Environment and Carbon Reduction



Households across the borough will soon be receiving new food waste indoor kitchen and outdoor caddies in time for a weekly collection starting this autumn. The change is part of the council's waste strategy which aims to deliver a greener, more efficient service for residents.

DOD WASTE ONLY

Each household will receive a 23-litre outdoor caddy and a 5-litre kitchen caddy for indoor use, and 50 kitchen caddy liners this summer.

From this autumn your separate food and garden waste service will begin:

- Food waste will be collected weekly from your usual point on your usual day
- Garden waste will now be collected fortnightly from your usual point on the same day as glass waste
- Food waste will no longer be accepted in your green wheeled bin
- Food waste will be collected weekly by a new fleet of purpose-built electric vehicles

Have your say on how we collect mixed dry recyclables, black sack and bulky waste in the future. Consultation coming soon, further information will be available on our website **www.basildon.gov.uk**



A CONVERSATION WITH... OUR NEW BIODIVERSITY OFFICER JOSH CHILDS

Basildon resident Josh Childs joined our team recently as the council's Biodiversity Officer. We spoke to Josh to find out a bit more about his role and the person behind it.

What sort of work do you do?

My job centres around trying to improve the biodiversity across the Basildon borough, to benefit the wildlife and residents' enjoyment of our outdoors.

I'm currently working on the 26-acre extension to Wickford Memorial Park. It's exciting because we're transforming former playing fields into a vibrant nature reserve with lots of different elements that will look really attractive and greatly benefit climate change. We've planted over 3500 trees on the site already with a community orchard being planted later this year, a new wildlife meadow, inland ponds have been installed with aquatic plants, plus we've installed a new corridor between the park and the extension so it's much more accessible.

You care about improving biodiversity - why should other people?

With biodiversity, once we've lost it, it's hard to recreate what it once was. We'd lose all our lovely green spaces; we'd lose our wildlife and pollinators and we'd lose all our food that relies on pollination.

Try and do your bit, even if it's only little, we can all try to be a little more eco-conscious. You can look to buy environmentally friendly packaging, planting pollinator friendly flowers, or helping out in your local green spaces... even just taking a watering can and giving a street tree some life. In a modern world, it's a good feeling knowing that you're doing something that genuinely helps to improve our environment for future generations.

> "We are also working hard to become a carbon net-zero authority by 2030 with a borough target of achieving carbon net-zero status by 2050."

Councillor Kevin Blake Cabinet Member for Environment and Carbon Reduction



SMALL BUSINESSES LEADING THE WAY



THE SUSTAINABILITY STORE

Basildon aims to become carbon net-zero by 2050 and our eco-friendly small businesses operating across the borough are helping us get there. We spoke to three local entrepreneurs to find out more.

18 months ago, Alexandra and mum Paula decided they had had enough of seeing so much plastic waste and wanted to reduce the amount of single use plastic they used as a household. They soon realised that this was easier said than done, as a lot of plastic isn't recyclable. After learning about refill shops and wishing for one nearby, they decided to open their own.

The Sustainability Store is a refill shop based inside Summerhill Garden Centre, CM11 2UJ, where customers bring their own containers and bottles to fill up on household liquids, dried food, spices and so much more. The store also stocks locally produced items in support of other local producers and businesses. The expert team are always on hand to help customers reduce their waste and live more sustainably. www.thesustainabilitystore.co.uk



ESSEX BICYCLES

Many of us are taking up cycling as a sustainable form of transport - or just to get out and get active. Whether customers are considering investing in a new bicycle or looking to repair their old set of wheels, Essex Bicycles guarantees you a warm welcome, professional advice and expert repairs.

Being a family run business, Husband and wife team Stuart and Steph value great customer service and are proud to be the only independent bicycle shop in Basildon. They offer a variety of services such as bicycle repairs, sales, bespoke wheel building and even customisation.

www.essexbicycles.com 01268 552484

THE TREEHOUSE CLUB

The Treehouse Club Forestry Nursery offers early years education like no other. Children spend most of their time learning through natural discovery and exciting adventures, with a keen focus on children's wellbeing. Equipment is wooden and all-natural, and rooms are designed to bring the outdoors in, creating a calming, welcoming environment for children to learn and play.

The team work hard to reduce waste and respect the environment, using bamboo cloths, eco eggs for washing and recycling waste wherever possible. The team have swapped disposable wipes for bamboo face cloths, and flannels for drying hands instead of using paper towels.

The Treehouse Club has an inclusive learning approach, with full time and part time sessions available at locations across the borough.

www.thetreehouseclub.co.uk | 01277 402018



A CONVERSATION WITH GROUND CONTROL

Based in Billericay, Ground Control provides landscaping and grounds maintenance services to more than 50,000 commercial properties across the UK. Sustainability is at the heart of everything they do and the company became carbon neutral in 2021. But they are not stopping there. We spoke to Sophie Stevens, Ground Control's Head of Environment and Sustainability to find out more.

Tell us about your role with Ground Control

As Head of Environment and Sustainability, I am responsible for ensuring we are meeting our legal and client environmental obligations at site level through to driving forward our sustainability agenda which includes our journey from carbon neutrality to carbon net zero, biodiversity enhancement, ensuring we manage materials responsibly and delivering social value.

Basildon Borough is alming to become carbon net zero by 2050 – how are Ground Control continuing to tackle emissions?

Having achieved carbon neutrality in 2021 we are on course to become carbon net zero. Although we are very proud of our carbon neutrality, we recognise that this doesn't go far enough in our carbon journey as neutrality focuses on the electricity we use and the fossil fuels we burn in our vehicles and plant which makes up just 5% of our carbon emission throughout our operations.



You recently became a Certified B Corporation – what does this mean for you and your customers?

We are incredibly proud of our B Corp accreditation, this means we are verified by B Lab to meet high standards of social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability. The certification addresses the entirety of a business' operations and covers five impact areas governance, workers, community, environment and customers. The process is rigorous, with applicants required to reach a score over 80 while providing evidence of socially and environmentally responsible practices relating to energy supplies, waste and water use, worker compensation, diversity and corporate transparency.

You won the Queens Award for Enterprise: Innovation in 2021. How is technology helping you business grow?

Our software systems allow our field teams to deliver work for our clients efficiently whilst minimising the routes we travel, thereby minimising vehicle carbon emissions. Technology allows us to grow the business sustainably and rapidly whilst delivering great results.

We all want to do our bit to tackie climate change. What advice would you give to make a small but meaningful lifestyle change?

The biggest change we can make is swapping energy companies to renewable providers.

A meaningful change we can make is changing petrol and diesel cars to electric vehicles. Ground Control is proud to operate one of the largest fleets of Tesla's in Europe and we are soon taking delivery of electric vans for our operational teams.

A great tool to understand your environmental footprint and how to reduce it is the WWF Footprint Calculator **https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/**

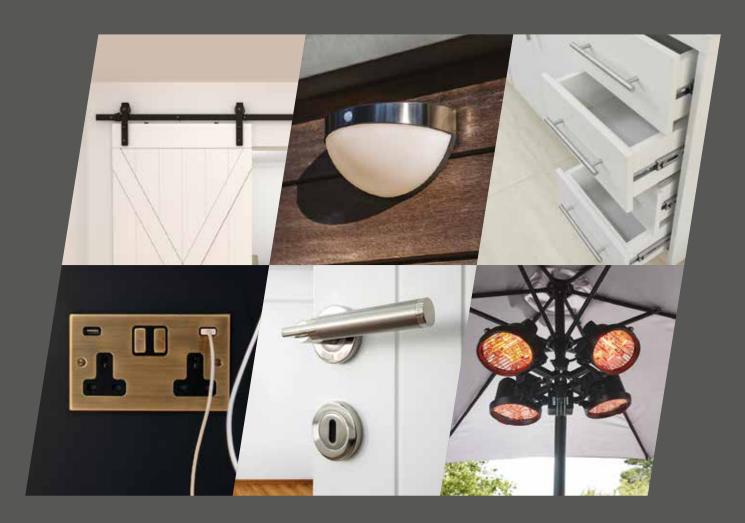
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REDISCOVERING THE BOROUGH'S ROYAL PAST THIS PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR

This summer the borough celebrated our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years since Her Majesty ascended to the throne following the death of her father King George VI.

Her Majesty has gone on to reign longer than any other British Monarch in history and become a beloved figure around the world.

During her reign, Basildon itself has grown from a new town into an economic hub of south Essex. The rest of the borough's main towns in Billericay, Wickford, Pitsea, and Laindon have each developed an identity of their own.

To mark the occasion, we have taken a trip down memory lane.

Our thanks to Basildon Borough Heritage for its help in compiling the content for this special commemorative pull out.







Her Majesty The Queen first visited Basildon in the spring of 1999 to open the world's first glass bell tower, which we now know as St Martin's Bell Tower.

Residents crowded St Martin's Square on March 12 to catch a glimpse of the monarch accompanied by the late Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip.

The visit was requested by Canon Lionel Webber, who was rector of St Martin's Church and the church council.

He said the visit marked Basildon's coming of age in its golden anniversary year.

Mr Webber, who was a Queen's chaplain, said at the time: "It's a great honour for the town to welcome the Queen during its 50th anniversary. I am absolutely over the moon that one of her chaplains is welcoming the sovereign into his parish."

Duchess of Kent visiting the Marconi Factory - 1982

H.R.H. Katharine, Duchess of Kent, visits the Marconi Avionics factory at Christopher Martin Road. This was her second engagement of the day having earlier opened the new regional Burns Unit at St. Andrews Hospital in Billericay.



Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visit Basildon Sporting Village – October 2018

The crowds were out in force to see the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrive at the Basildon Sporting Village for a visit in October 2018.



Other notable visits by royals to the borough include:

- March 4, 1960 Prince Phillip visit to Carreras (cigarette factory near Burnt Mills) and the New Town.
- May 2, 1986: Princess Anne visited Billericay to officially open Archer House, the Abbeyfield property beside Emmanuel Church in Laindon Road. The Princess arrived by a helicopter of the Queen's flight which landed on Sun Corner.
- November 1990: Just six weeks after Her Grace The Duchess of Norfolk opened a new day care unit at St Luke's Hospice in Nethermayne, Basildon, Princess Diana flew in for a second royal visit landing in a RAF Wessex helicopter of the Queen's Flight in Gloucester Park.



ROYAL CONNECTIONS TO OUR PARKS

Our parks are the jewel in the crown of our borough so it is fitting that some of them are closely linked to the monarchy. "Basildon has a longstanding connection to the royal family since the birth of our town back in 1948. I'm sure they would be proud of our jubilant celebrations for this year's Jubilee."

Councillor Luke Mackenzie Mayor of Basildon

Gloucester Park, Basildon

Gloucester Park in Basildon is named after the Duke of Gloucester, who opened the park in 1957.

In the 1970s a six-acre (24,000 m2) artificial fishing lake was made in the park.

The Basildon Sporting Village was built on the northern edge of the park, initially serving as a training camp for the Japanese swim team at the London 2012 Olympics. It is now best known as the home of South Essex Gymnastic Club, where Olympic gold medallist Max Whitlock trains. The Basildon Sporting Village was officially opened by the Duke of Gloucester in 2011.





Howard Diamond Jubilee Park, Pitsea

In 2012, Howard Park in Pitsea was officially renamed Howard Diamond Jubilee Park to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee that year.

Prior to this, it had been dedicated to the people of Pitsea in 1947 by Mr Harold George Howard, a generous benefactor to the community, a local businessman and founder of Howards Dairies.

He dedicated the land as an open space and handed the park to Billericay Urban District Council in 1951. It was then passed to Basildon Urban District Council when the new town was developed.

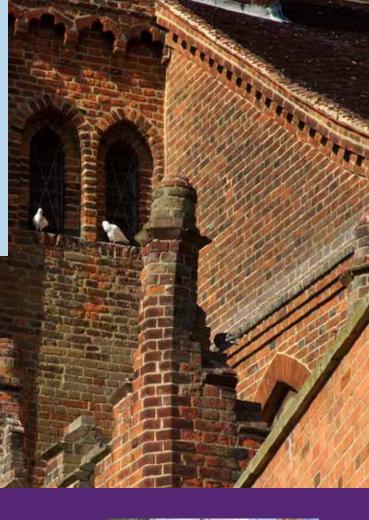
Jubilee Clock, Billericay

The clock on St Mary Magdalen Church in the High Street was originally affixed to the tower in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

It was paid for by public subscription as well as parish funds, but after 109 years of being the central timepiece of the town it was in need of some maintenance.

At the end of 2006, the clock stopped and on-site repairs failed to solve the issues. Engineers decided that it was necessary to completely remove the clock and send it to Derby for repair and Basildon Council agreed to fund the work.









SEPARATE FOOD & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS COMING THIS AUTUMN

Food waste makes up over a third of what goes to landfill in Basildon – this has a massive impact on the borough's recycling rate and carbon footprint.

A separate collection of all food waste to help reduce this impact is coming this autumn.

New containers to separate your food waste for collection will arrive on your doorstep this summer. Garden waste will be moving to fortnightly collections.

Find out more about how you can be prepared for the changes on our website **www.basildon.gov.uk/foodandgarden** or follow our social media channels.





INCREASING THE BEAUTY OF OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Our parks are the beating heart of our borough, being places to relax and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and smells of nature. We've introduced a few additions that will enhance these aspects, making them more colourful and attractive to visitors, and make them healthier places to reside in too.

We're improving the biodiversity within Gloucester Park, and across Basildon as a result, by Saying No To The Mow in certain, specific areas.

We're still cutting all the areas you would want us to around all the footpaths and facility areas. These are places you may relax for a picnic or kick a ball around, but in some of the more uninhabited areas we're letting it grow a bit more.

Why are we doing it? Well... the leaves, nectar and pollen from blooming flowers provide a vital food source and habitat for wildlife, especially pollinators. Around 97% of our country's wildflowers have been lost in the last 60 years, and currently there is a decline in suitable habitats across the park.

Stunning red pole cattle have been brought into Mill Meadows in recent weeks to start their early spring graze and they're important to help us maintain the 90-acre nature reserve through the warmer months.

The cows target the thick lush grass for grazing, which then gives the chance for the finer grasses and the wildflowers to come through, which are great for pollinators.

Using the cows rather than machinery to manage the reserve means there's less of a carbon footprint, there's less impact on the soil, and as a bonus - they fit into the landscape much better.



BEAUTIFUL TREE CIRCLES TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE

Five beautiful tree circles have already started blossoming in parks and open spaces across our borough to create a lasting memory of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer.

The circles have been planted in Gloucester Park, Basildon, South Green Open Space, Billericay, Nevendon Road Recreation Ground, Wickford, Victoria Park, Laindon, and Northlands Park, Pitsea.

The trees are a species named Prunus Avium's, a beautiful, pink leafed cherry tree, and 66 have been planted across the five locations.

WILDFLOWER MEADOWS ACROSS THE Borough

You may have noticed them starting to bloom already, but stunning meadows have been created in our open spaces within Lake Meadows, Cranfield Park, Wickford Memorial Park, Kent View Road, Northlands Park and Gloucester Park.

You might also have spotted our wildflower seed mix on roundabouts within the borough, a sight which has become a feature of our borough over the sunnier months in recent years.

"We want to make our parks more enjoyable places to visit, but not just for us residents, we want our wildlife and plant life to be able to enjoy them to the fullest too."

Councillor Jeff Henry Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts and Culture





OUR ASPIRING TOWN CENTRE

Two pieces of eye catching, and historic artwork are now on display in East Square for everyone to enjoy.

The lenticular screen which allows two contrasting images to change and move as you walk past the screen, creating an illusion, has been installed in East Square.

Architect Pollard Thomas Edwards included the screen within his designs for the East Square complex and is the first of its kind in the borough. Shaun Badham, a local artist coordinated the screen working with Basildon Heritage Group and local schools. The screen includes areas from across Basildon Borough through our parks and open spaces, war memorials, churches, high streets and much more.

Side one is shown in black and white and highlights Basildon's past and present heritage. These images create a landscape showing an alternative skyline of Basildon. Involving local heritage groups and individuals, suggestions were made to include in the alternative skyline of Basildon.

Side two is multicoloured and highlights Basildon's key areas of natural beauty. We are extremely proud of the work completed by ten local primary schools including: Ryedene, Lee Chapel, Millhouse, Fairhouse, Pionner, Janet Duke, Noak Bridge, Great Berry, Northlands and Ghyllgrove School and heritage groups to create the design.

Accompanying the screen is a series of QR codes which bring the artwork to life, including an audio history tour narrated by local people. For more information on the project, please visit **www.radionproject.com**

APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

South Essex College is holding an activity day focusing on engineering apprenticeships for school leavers. The college has a number of apprenticeship vacancies to fill with companies such as Pura Foods, Gardeners Aerospace and CNH industrial.

The event will take place on Wednesday 6 July 2022, 9.30am to 12.30pm at the college's Luckyn Lane campus in Basildon.

An apprenticeship offers you the chance to earn while you learn, many of the employers the college works with provide fantastic long term career opportunities. They are looking for enthusiastic, motivated young people to join their apprenticeship programmes.

You can even apply for live vacancies at the event supported by the college's talented and helpful team.

Register to attend the event via the college's website:

www.southessex.ac.uk/events

For more information about the event, email:

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One of Basildon's oldest pieces of art, Man Aspires, was designed by sculptor A. J. Poole and created from wire and aluminium. During its time in storage, Man Aspires was cleaned to ensure its longevity.

It was removed from its original home in 2019 and stored securely during the construction of the brand new 10-screen cinema in East Square. With exterior construction on the site now complete, Man Aspires was reinstated overlooking the square in May.

"We know Basildon's arts and culture is so important to our residents, and that's why these artworks are now taking pride of place in the heart of Basildon town centre."

Councillor Jeff Henry Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts and Culture



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Members' Allowances 1 April 2021 to Present

The key elements of the Members' Allowance Scheme are set on the basis of an Independent Remuneration Panel, appointed by the council. These allowances are under currently under review. 1. The table below details the allowances and expenses paid to Members from 1 April 2021 to the end of March 2022.

2. It should be noted that members are appointed to posts with special responsibilities at the Annual Council Meeting in May each year and therefore the schedule of allowances received reflects special responsibilities from 1 April 2021 to the Annual Council Meeting on 27 May 2021 and from the Annual Council Meeting onwards.

3. Further details regarding additional expenses paid to members are available on the council's website.

Name of Councillor	Basic Allowance	IT Allowance	Deputy Mayor Allowance	Mayor's Allowance	Special Responsbility Allowance	Special Responsbility Allowance 2	Additional Expenses	Total
Cllr Davida Ademuyiwa	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	1376.13	0.00	327.00	7905.75
Clir Yetunde Adeshile	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	1651.23	1651.23	0.00	9505.08
Clir Stuart Allen	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6970.92
Cllr Chris Allen	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	231.85	0.00	83.38	6517.85
Clir Andrew Baggott	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	15138.52	5564.38	0.00	27671.82
Cllr Kevin Blake	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	63.78	550.41	0.00	7585.11
Cllr Eunice Brockman	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0:00	6970.92
Clir Adele Brown	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	1779.23	0.00	0.00	8750.15
Clir Malcolm Buckley	6520.92	450.00	D.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0,00	6970.92
Clir Gary Canham	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	1651.23	4128.19	0:00	11982.04
Clir David Dadds	6520.92	450.00	0.00	8256.28	1651.23	0.00	0.00	16878.43
Cllr Allan Davies	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	1312.94	0.00	0.00	8283.86
Clir Jack Ferguson	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	3024.71	0.00	0.00	9995.63
Clir Hazel Green	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6970.92
Cllr David Harrison	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	471.83	915.02	0,00	8357.77
Cllr Alex Harrison	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6202.62
Clir Anthony Hedley	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	4953,70	4953.70	0.00	16878.32
Clir Jeff Henry	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	1651.23	0.00	0.00	8622.15
Clir Peter Holliman	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	80.19	0.00	0.00	7051.11
Clir George Jeffery	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	2201.65	0.00	0.00	9172.57
Cllr Pauline Kettle	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	101.67	0.00	0.00	7072.59
Cllr David Kirkman	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6970.92
Cllr Daniel Lawrence	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	8256.28	0.00	59.00	15286.20
Clir Melissa McGeorge	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	406.69	101.67	0.00	7479.28
Cllr Luke Mackenzie	6520.92	450.00	1376.13	0.00	4128.19	0.00	0.00	12475.24
Cllr Elaine McDonald	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6970.92
Cllr Richard Moore	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	4953.70	0.00	0.00	11924.62
Clir Carole Morris	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	9734.08	0.00	0.00	16705.00
Cllr Don Morris	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6970.92
Clir Patricia Reid	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	550.41	0.00	0.00	7521.33
Cllr Craig Rimmer	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	5055.37	550.41	0.00	12576.70
Cllr Val Robbins	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6202.62
Clir Terry Sargent	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	4953.70	0.00	0.00	11924.62
Clir John Scarola	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	254.15	0.00	0.00	7225.07
Cllr Andrew Schrader	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	4953.70	1651.23	0.00	13575.85
Cllr Kerry Smith	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	916.82	1830.05	0.00	9717.79
Cllr Stuart Sullivan	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	4953.70	0.00	0.00	11924.62
Clir Stuart Terson	4329.75	298.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.00	4651.54
Cllr Philip Turner	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	420.23	0.00	0.00	7391.15
Clir Terry Webb	2173.64	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.00	2346.64
Cllr Kevin Wingfield	5802.22	400.40	0.00	0.00	1651.23	1378.13	0.00	9229.95
Clir Maryam Yaqub	6520.92	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6970.92
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WHAT'S ON...



FRIENDS OF GREAT BERRY

Friends of Great Berry are a group of volunteers working to enrich the community through plants and make Langdon Hills a greener place, encouraging nature and wildlife to thrive. Every **Thursday 10am to 12pm**, join in for a craft and coffee morning.

If you would like more information on either of these events, search Friends of Great Berry Community Group on Facebook.

CHALLENGE 22 AT WAT TYLER COUNTRY PARK

Join us at Wat Tyler Country Park for 22 things to do over the summer holidays. Get involved with popular activities such as pond dipping, soft archery, kite making, pop bottle rockets, trails and various crafts.

Find out more on Facebook: search Wat Tyler Country Park.



MILL MEADOWS SOCIETY FAYRE

Folk Music (2 Acts), Dance Display, Morris Dancers, Remus Horse Sanctuary, hot and cold food and drink, beer and wine from Billericay Brewing Company, Chapel Street Kitchen, Milling Demonstration, Forest School, and many side stalls with games and local produce.

The Fayre is being organised jointly by Billericay Town Rotary and the Mill Meadows Society. **Sunday, 11 September, 11am to 4pm.**



BASILDON AND PITSEA CARNIVAL

Come along to Basildon and Pitsea Carnival taking place on **Saturday 23 July 2022 from 11.30am to 6pm** at Northlands Park.

Have fun at the fair with music, food stalls, arts and crafts, go-karts and live entertainment. There is something for all the family to enjoy.



FREE PARK RUN

Every Saturday at 9am, a free 5km timed run for adults and a weekly free 2k timed event for juniors. Come along and join in whatever your pace!

- Northlands Park, Felmores Road, Basildon, Essex SS13 1SD
- Lake Meadows Park, Radford Way, Billericay, Essex CM12 OBW
- Wickford Memorial Park, Wickford SS11 8HU



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BASILDON PRIDE FESTIVAL 2022

Get ready for the biggest Basildon Pride Festival yet on **Saturay 3 September.**

Enjoy great live acts, delicious food, interesting talks and fun for the whole family. Join the march at 11am from the Santander building, Basildon Town Centre, to the Basildon Pride festival site in Gloucester Park. If you would like to find out more, please visit **www.basildonpride.co.uk**



WASTE AND RECYCLING ROADSHOWS

Come talk to your Basildon Council Waste and Recycling Service about....

- Upcoming separate food and garden waste collections coming this autumn
- The council's waste and recycling consultation
- How reducing waste and increasing recycling makes a big difference to the environment

All available roadshows can be found at: **www.basildon.gov.uk/roadshows**



SHOTGATE PARISH COUNCIL OPEN AIR THEATRE

Go along for an evening of open air theatre, licensed bar & refreshments in Shotgate Park.

Shotgate's first ever Open Air Theatre. Bring your own picnics, blankets or folding chairs. **Friday 29 July, from 6:30pm to 10pm**. Tickets are £10 each and can be purchased on Eventbrite through searching Shotgate Parish council open air theatre.



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Come along and give bowls a try! The first session is completely free.

The membership fee is £20 per year and mat fee for the evening session will be £4 per night.

For further information, please call Carol Taylor on **07930323514**. We hope to see you very soon!

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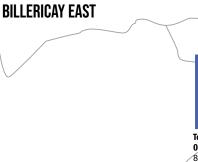
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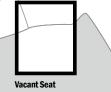
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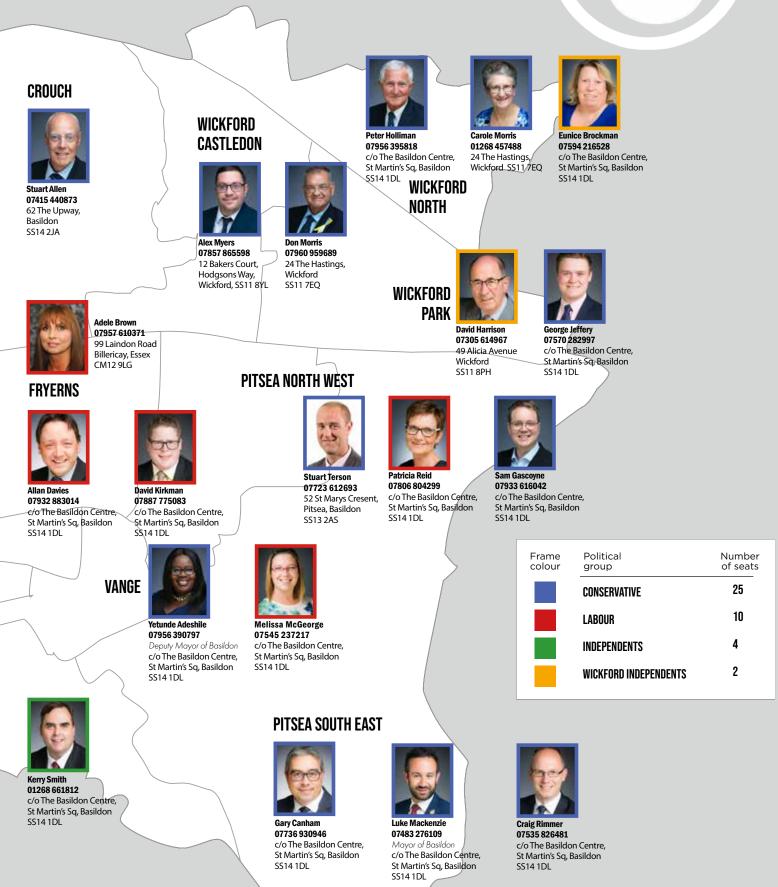
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If you think you have the qualities to take on this challenging role, we would like to hear from you.

You must be aged 18 or over, ideally live or work in Basildon borough, and understand the area and some of the issues facing it. You should be impartial, have a good standing in the community, and support the council's goals of being accountable, open, principled and committed to equal opportunities.

We are unable to consider anyone who is, or has been within the last five years, a member, co-opted member or officer of Basildon Borough Council or any of the Local (Town, Parish, Village) Councils within the borough; or is a relative or close friend of a member, co-opted member or officer of Basildon Borough Council or any of the Local Councils within the borough.

Independent Persons are entitled to a payment of £1,304 pa under the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

To find out more and/or request an information pack and application form, please call Paul Burkinshaw, Monitoring Officer, on 01268 207972, or email standards@basildon.gov.uk. You can also write to: Monitoring Officer, The Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex SS14 1DL. You should complete and return the form by 29 July 2022. Interviews of shortlisted applicants will take place in early September 2022.



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