



The Village Voice

Great Burstead & South Green Village Council



CALLING ON RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS HEARD ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VILLAGE

RESIDENTS WILL be aware of the large developments which are being constructed now in our village at Kennel Lane and along the Southend Road to which the Village Council objected as there is no planned improvement in infrastructure and a significant loss of the greenbelt. Larger developments are now in the planning pipeline.

The roads are at capacity now, we have no GP surgery, schools are over capacity, Basildon Hospital is fully stretched. There is no planned supporting infrastructure for roads, rail, schools, GP services, hospital service, policing, fire brigade, water supplies and sewerage provision. There is no improvement planned for parking at Grange Parade, even though the Village Council has for years, requested the removal of the recycling point to improve parking. The extra vehicles from approved developments and those pending approval will create extra pollution. Our Village will lose its identity and become an urban sprawl stretching far along the Southend Road. The effect on nature and wildlife will be felt for generations.

The Village Council is only a consultee regarding these large developments which means although we may raise concerns Basildon Borough Council makes all the final decisions on planning. If residents want to object to planning applications they must contact Basildon Borough Council. The Village Council will do its utmost to protect our village but we are calling on residents to make their views heard.

To comment on planning applications contact Basildon Borough Council **quoting the application number:**

Email: planning@basildon.gov.uk

Telephone: 01268 533333

Write: Planning Department, Basildon Borough Council, The Basildon Centre, St. Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1DL
e-planning – visit <https://www.basildon.gov.uk/eplanning> Here residents can register to comment on planning applications.

Basildon Borough Council Planning Committee meets fortnightly. If residents wish to attend to voice their concerns they must contact Basildon Borough Council to get permission to attend and must send in their comments in writing for the Planning Committee before they speak at a meeting. Please be aware only 5 residents can speak on any application. Please see: www.basildon.gov.uk to check Committee dates.

The following developments are underway or pending:

Maitland Lodge, Southend Road	47 houses	GRANTED
Land at Southend Road	99 houses	GRANTED
Fairview, Coxes Farm Road	76 bed care home	GRANTED
Land North of Kennel Lane	200 houses	GRANTED
Hygro Farm, Kennel Lane, CM11 2SU	5 houses	GRANTED
Ganels Road	10 houses	GRANTED
Oak Hill Farm	4 houses	GRANTED
Land at Greens Farm Lane, Billericay	310 houses	PENDING
Land East of Southend Road	1100 houses	PENDING
Land West of Southend Road	1500 houses	PENDING
Land at Outwood Common Road	315 houses	PENDING

The cumulative effect of these developments in our village will result in doubling the population with no new infrastructure on the horizon. No other area of the Basildon Borough has this level of planning on greenbelt. The total of new homes would be at least **3580**, which would equal at least **7160** more residents.

We are an historic village, village being the appropriate word. We are surrounded by greenbelt and a host of natural country walks, which its residents have enjoyed for generations. Residents should contact Basildon Borough Council if they are as concerned as the Village Council.



ST MARY MAGDALENE AND VILLAGE COUNCIL FETE 5TH JULY 2025

THIS YEAR the Village Council and St Mary Magdalene Church joined forces to put on a fabulous Fete in the beautiful grounds of the church.

Many residents came along to enjoy a day full of entertainment, good food and fun. In the church hall there was a scrumptious offering of food such as ploughman's lunch, cream teas, tempting cakes and scones.

Entertainment included the Tilbury Brass Band with a marvelous mix of music from the shows to classical. Some splendid classic cars were on display. The Mayflower Morris Men gave their usual enjoyable display of dancing and even got members of the public up to dance with them. Barleylands birds of prey display was well received, its amazing how the birds flew around the arena to the command of their handlers. Punch and Judy entertained the children giving three performances.

Stalls included: woodwork displays, the Billericay Archive, bric a brac, tombola and cakes. The most popular stall was the smash a plate. Attendees took delight in smashing crockery for a fee which went to the church charity.

There were bouncy castles and other stalls for the children.

Grange Parade retailers such as David's Quality Meats, Day Lewis, Fresh and Tasty, JB Florist, Jennings and Curtis greengrocers, South Grill, Tops Hair Fashions and Tylers Estates gave generously to the raffle.

A wonderful time was had by all.





ESSEX POLICE

Protecting and serving Essex

Essex Police can be contacted in various ways for non-urgent matters.

- **By phone by dialling 101**
- **Live chat via Essex Police website homepage: www.essex.police.uk**
- **Reporting via the website for things such as, stolen vehicles and antisocial behaviour**

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999



COMMUNITY SPECIAL CONSTABLE FOR OUR VILLAGE

HAVE YOU thought of becoming a Community Special Constable for our village. Here is some information from Essex Police:

Like all Special Constables, Community Special Constables want to help keep people safe. But Community Specials volunteer their time to help the people who live and work in their own towns or parishes.

As a member of the local community, Community Specials know what is going on where they live. They understand the things that matter in their neighbourhoods. They use the police skills and experience they gain from being a Special Constable to support their community. This could be through being on patrol, responding to community concerns, offering advice, or catching criminals. Providing that reassuring presence for those who live or work in your area. Community Special Constables are volunteers; they don't get paid for their police work. But they are reimbursed for expenses. This includes costs like travel. Community Specials have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular police officers.

So if you've ever thought 'I don't see enough Bobbies on the beat where I live' or 'I think I could make a difference to my community' then we want to hear from you.

You will be given the training and support you need to prepare you in becoming a Community Special. The skills and tools to help you make a difference in your community.

For more information please see: www.essex.police.uk



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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

ST MARY Magdalene Great Burstead hold a Remembrance Service each year. All are welcome to attend. This year the date is: Sunday 9th November. The service is usually held at 10am. For further information please view online: greatburstead-church.co.uk

PAVEMENT AND BOLLARDS AT GRANGE PARADE OF SHOPS

FOR MANY years the Village Council has been liaising with Essex County Council about the state of the pavement especially outside the Tesco side of the shopping parade. Despite many requests for the pavement to be upgraded and even an offer from the Village Council of helping with funding we are awaiting Essex County Council's response.

The bollards have been knocked down by inconsiderate parking and may have been damaged by larger trucks delivering to the shops. Again we have alerted Essex County Council and offered to help with some funding. We will keep pressing for upgrades and replacements, we will be persistent.

The compactible bin has been moved at the Village Council's request to wider part of the pavement to allow pushchairs and disability buggies to pass by freely.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

AS IN previous years the Village Council has arranged to install the Christmas lights this year which looked so beautiful in Church Street in the trees around the Village sign and in the trees on the green opposite the shops last year. Although it is a bit early we wish all our residents a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



WHERE TO REPORT CONCERNS

THE VILLAGE Council is responsible for: Planning Consultee – responding to all planning applications including the Local Plan, Christmas Lights, Litter Picks, Village Fun Day and projects like the defibrillator, CCTV and compactible bin. If residents have concerns covered by Essex County

Council or Basildon Borough Council please log these on the responsible authority's website. This will ensure concerns are raised as quickly as possible. After logging a concern a reference number is given enabling residents to follow progress.

Relevant contact details are below:



Essex County Council

Highways (including potholes and bus stops),
Education, Social Services, Fire Services, Street Lighting
www.essex.gov.uk
Tel: 345 743 0430



Basildon Borough Council

Street Cleaning, Leisure & Recreation, Planning,
Licensing, Social Housing, Refuse Collection
www.basildon.gov.uk
Tel: 01268 533333

YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

Andrew.Baggott@members.basildon.gov.uk
kevin.blake@members.basildon.gov.uk
richard.moore@members.basildon.gov.uk

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

cllr.Richard.Moore@essex.gov.uk
cllr.anthony.hedley@essex.gov.uk

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER: 101

VILLAGE COUNCILLOR VACANCY

APPLICATIONS ARE invited from Members of the Public to become a Great Burstead and South Green Village Councillor. Why not apply? It's a great opportunity for you to have some input into the future of Great Burstead and South Green. Should you require any further information or to obtain an application form with full details of qualifying status, please visit our website www.greatbursteadsouthgreenparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Village Clerk, Mrs M Linwood: clerk@greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

VILLAGE COUNCIL meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at South Green Memorial Hall Committee Room starting at 7pm. Please note there is no meeting in August. The public and press are welcome to attend.



OUR FACEBOOK PAGE


THE VILLAGE Council has created a Facebook page to keep residents updated on our activities and events. Today communication has become easier for those who have access to the internet and we took this into account when making this decision. We hope residents will visit our Facebook page


and post a "like" there.

However, we know that many of our residents do not have access to the internet and with that in mind we will continue to produce the Village Voice in paper format to be delivered to all households in our parish.

Residents can find us on:

Village Council Website: www.greatbursteadsouthgreen-vc.gov.uk/

 Facebook – Great Burstead and South Green Village Council

 Twitter Account: [Twitter.com/GBSGVC](https://twitter.com/GBSGVC)

 Instagram: www.instagram.com/gbsgvc/

VILLAGE COUNCILLORS CONTACT DETAILS

Councillor Alan Boyce
Councillor Lesley Cowles (Planning Rep)
Councillor Suzy Crowe (Media Rep)
Councillor Marie Dear (Chair)
Councillor Raymond Jackson
Councillor David Sarbutt
Councillor Linda Thomas (Vice Chair)

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