



# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## *Great Burstead and South Green*



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Village Council Virtual Meetings  
Tuesday 5th May, 1st June

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**A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS**



### NEW TREES ON THE GREEN

Residents will be glad to hear that at the Village Council has funded the replacement of 2 maple trees on the green. The Billericay Tree Wardens managed the project and planted the maples. The maples are - An Acer October Glory Maple tree- (Acer rubrum) with stunning autumn red

foliage & Acer Princeton Gold (Acer platanoides) a golden-leaved Norway Maple – Both were planted as “standards” on the weekend 20th February. The Village Council is grateful to the Billericay Tree Wardens.

### MOHAMED JAVED FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

With great sadness Village Councillors learnt of the sad passing of Mohamed Javed early this year. Mohamed served as Chairman of the Village Council for 10 years being one of its founding members. After retiring from the Village Council Mohamed then served as our Transport Representative for 10 years. Mohamed will be greatly missed. Our sympathy and condolences to Mohamed's family.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL TREE WARDENS

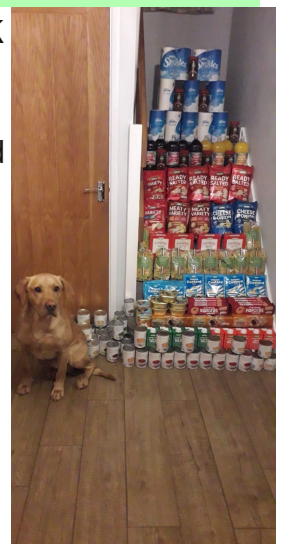
We are fortunate as our village has many beautiful trees making the surroundings green and pleasant. There are a wide variety of trees from elm to ash including many ancient oaks. Some of these trees are protected by a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) which means lopping or managing these trees requires permission from Basildon Borough Council.

Are you interested in preserving our trees for future generations to enjoy their shade and shelter? Would you be willing to keep an eye on these emblems of nature?

The Village Council would like residents who are interested to form a Great Burstead and South Green Tree Warden Group. If you would like to be a local volunteer Tree Warden please contact our Clerk who will supply the information needed to start a group, to identify trees and the correct procedure to protect and manage trees in our village.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK DONATION £100 OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

The Village Council decided at its December virtual meeting to donate £100 worth of food to the Billericay Food Bank at Christmas. Cllr Suzy Crowe managed buying appropriate non-perishable items of food for delivery to the Food Bank.



## COMMUNITY POLICING

PC Newman attended our February meeting to share key messages and reach out to members of the community, especially those who do not have the internet. Areas of concern were vaccination fraud and scams. The COVID-19 Vaccine is free and bank details will never be requested by the NHS. With non-internet users in mind Cllrs M Dear and B Chapman offered to put posters up on our two notice boards and retailers at Grange Parade have kindly displayed relevant posters. Cllr S Crowe offered to display police information on our twitter pages and our Clerk will update our website accordingly. Cllr J Dear offered to include this article in our Village Voice.

Information is also available via the Essex Police Facebook page 'Essex Police – Basildon District' and the Twitter page 'Essex Police – Billericay & Wickford'. Essex Police also have a 'Live chat' facility available via their website between 7am – 11pm where members of the public can discuss concerns directly with a PC. For more information please visit: [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic the Village Council arranged the usual festive lights display at the shopping parade in Grange Road. The lights twinkled and brought cheer to our residents.

## BENCH - MEMORIAL HALL BUS STOP

As concerned residents reported the damaged bench at the bus stop near the Memorial Hall the Village Council decided it should be replaced. The Village Council will fund the new bench and liaise with Basildon Borough Council who will manage the installation of the bench. The bench will match the existing low maintenance benches the Village Council already funded on the green. It will be a welcome resting place for residents going to and from the green and local shops.

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## LOCAL ELECTIONS

**THURSDAY 6TH MAY, 2021**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[basildon.gov.uk/article/6596/Basildon-Borough-Council-Election-Thursday-6-May-2021](http://basildon.gov.uk/article/6596/Basildon-Borough-Council-Election-Thursday-6-May-2021)

HM Government

**NHS**



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**

Sites for Coronavirus (Covid-19) information :

### GOVERNMENT

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### NHS

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

### ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

[www.essex.gov.uk/topic/coronavirus](http://www.essex.gov.uk/topic/coronavirus)

### BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

[www.basildon.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.basildon.gov.uk/coronavirus)