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In remembrance of
Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II

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"Her Majesty The Queen's dedication and service to the country and the Commonwealth is truly humbling. It is with immense gratitude that we remember Her Majesty's impact on the borough."

Councillor Luke Mackenzie
Mayor of Basildon

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Basildon Borough joins the nation in mourning the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Borough of Basildon holds fond memories of Her Majesty The Queen – from Her Majesty's visit in 1999, in which she opened the Glass Bell Tower of St. Martin's, to the euphoric celebrations as part of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. These are and will be regarded in the history of the borough as very special days to be remembered.

As a mark of respect, flags at the council's town centre offices were flown at half-mast during the period of mourning.

Floral tributes were collected at various locations around the borough, and local people left messages of remembrance in a special book of condolence at the Basildon Centre.



WELCOME

This is my second introduction to our autumn edition of the magazine. Since my first draft, we have of course learnt of the terribly sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and the proclamation of a new monarch - King Charles III.

My deepest sympathy is extended to the Royal family for their loss of a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. The Mayor of Basildon, Councillor Luke Mackenzie dutifully proclaimed the new King in Basildon with Mr Simon Lister, Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.

In our last issue we highlighted the very special links that Basildon has with the Royal Family and we were of course privileged when the Queen opened the Bell Tower in St Martin's Square in 1999. In this issue we reflect on Her Majesty's life and passing with a special commemorative wrap, including photos from recent events and tributes.

We have also included a tribute to the very special weekend that we had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Both events - one joyous and one incredibly sad - have brought the community together. I was very touched when I read some of the lovely tributes across the borough - thank you to everyone who marked the proclamation and who took the time to lay flowers, sign our book or sign the online book of condolence. We will ensure that these are archived for posterity in accordance with palace wishes.

I do hope you enjoy this issue of the magazine. Please do get in touch with the team with any ideas and of course please do contact me by attending one of my Meet the Leader events which are advertised on my Facebook page @Cllr Andrew Baggott or email me: leader@basildon.gov.uk

Councillor Andrew Baggott
Leader of Basildon Council



SEPARATE FOOD & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS STARTING THIS OCTOBER

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Call 111 or go to 111.nhs.uk
They can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you are not sure what to do

IMPROVEMENT WORKS HAVE COMMENCED AT BASILDON'S BROOKE HOUSE

A series of improvement works are planned at Brooke House following a meeting of Basildon Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 22 June 2022.

Following the feedback and involvement from the residents of Brooke House on the new proposed plans, the exciting works have now commenced to improve the safety and accessibility of the block. Brooke House is home to more than 80 families and it's essential that it can meet the everyday needs of its community.

The works include infilling the open area beneath Brooke House to create a lobby with a new fully accessible entrance. In addition to an extension of the existing escape stairway to ground level and the introduction of a new lift providing access to the lift lobby and the new roof terrace. The works will also include associated repairs, refurbishment and decoration works throughout the building.

Although the works are modernising and refreshing the block, all works are being delivered with care and consideration to maintain the historical and cultural heritage of the building. Residents were consulted widely throughout the process.

Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal, Councillor Andrew Schrader said "We've committed millions of pounds to our Safe and Sound Estates Programme to help create clean and safe neighbourhoods. These works will improve the living experience for our residents there as well as improve its attractiveness to the wider borough."



COMING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE ENGLISH LESSONS TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Clarion Futures, Signpost and Basildon Council worked together to deliver a ten hour 'Improve your English' course at the Happy Hub, Eastgate Shopping Centre, to support Ukrainian refugees into employment in the borough.

Language was a significant barrier refugees faced when seeking employment and previously there were no courses available that addressed the vocabulary needed for the workplace.

Clarion Futures provide people with support, skills and employment opportunities and funded the course to support Ukrainian refugees into employment. Signpost - a charity based at the Advice Store giving ongoing support to those looking to find work - were commissioned to deliver the programme to our Ukrainian residents with employee Jenny Ibarra, Centre Manager, qualified as a languages teacher.

The teams worked together to create, write and deliver the programme to ensure that refugees can call Basildon home - a place to live, work and be happy.

Councillor Anthony Hedley, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Business Engagement said "The Advice Store is a fantastic asset for the community and has widely supported refugees that have moved to the borough, ensuring they have the support they need to build a life here."



BRAND NEW PLAY AREA OPENS IN WAT TYLER COUNTRY PARK

A brand new and fully inclusive play area has opened in Wat Tyler Country Park.

The selected design was shaped by residents during a public consultation earlier this year, and is packed with a whole variety of fun and inclusive features, being suitable for wheelchair users and children of all ages and abilities.

The new play area features an engaging combination of adventurous and enriching equipment, including musical areas, sand play areas, and a signature double slide.

It comes as part of the council's Play Review, a ten year programme of significant investment in our borough's play areas, which includes brand new ones that will be installed in both Lake Meadows and Northlands Park later this year.

The new play area was designed by Jupiter Play, with the project being funded by the council alongside part funding from Essex County Council's Short Breaks for Disabled Children Capital Fund.



POPULAR CLIMBING WALL RETURNS

The popular climbing wall at Basildon Sporting Village is reopening this autumn to add to the exciting and varied play offer at the facility.

The centre, operated by Everyone Active in partnership with Basildon Council, has appointed a new service provider, Rock Hub, to run the wall which is expected to open this autumn having been closed since the Covid-19 pandemic.

A range of courses are available for all abilities, including 'intro to climbing', and 'transition to outdoors', with the wall being available for birthday parties, holiday clubs, and youth groups.

The wall now features new equipment and holds, and climbing routes will be changed every four-six weeks to keep our adventurous residents entertained.

For any enquiries, please contact: info@rock-hub.co.uk

Councillor Jeff Henry, Basildon Council's Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts, and Culture, added: "It's brilliant news that the climbing wall is back to add another exciting dimension to the play offer at Basildon Sporting Village."



THE PANTO ADVENTURES OF PETER PAN

The Towngate Theatre is back this festive season with their high-flying panto for 2022-23, The Panto Adventures of Peter Pan! This swashbuckling spectacular promises to be even more breath-taking and magical than ever before - a Pan-tastic Adventure for all the family to enjoy!

Basildon's favourites, Simon Fielding, returns as their Co-Producer and Director, and the baddie everyone loves-to-hate - Sophie Ladds - will be back as the dastardly Captain Hook.

The Towngate's award-winning, critically-acclaimed pantomimes are renowned for their stunning scenery, colourful costumes, dazzling dancers and a fantastic live band at every performance. Each show is a non-stop, musical spectacular that is not to be missed!

With Peter Pan currently outselling all previous pantomimes, it is strongly recommended that audiences book early. Peter Pan runs from Wednesday 23 November 2022 - Monday 2 January 2023. Book tickets online at www.towngatetheatre.co.uk or call the Box Office on 01268 205 300.

EXPLORE CAREER AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT YOUR FUTURE 2022

Basildon Council has organised Your Future 2022 to provide careers information and advice to 15 to 19 year-olds in the borough. They will be able to meet representatives from colleges, other education providers and a wide range of employers.

The event is a chance to find out about apprenticeships, vocational training, job opportunities, higher education and more. Advice and support will be available to parents to help them support their children to take their next steps.

Your Future 2022 is taking place in the Towngate Theatre in St Martin's Square, Basildon, between 4pm and 7pm on Tuesday 18 October.

The event is free to attend and there's no need to book.



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ARE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION DETAILS UP TO DATE?

Complete your annual canvass form and return it to Basildon Council to avoid losing your voice on matters that affect you.

The form ensures that Basildon Council can keep the electoral register up to date. With local elections taking place next year, this is an important opportunity to make sure you can take part.

In October we will be issuing reminders to households who have not yet completed their form. It's important that residents respond as soon as possible, so we can make sure we have the right details on the electoral register for every address in the borough.

If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear on the form. If you want to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or review the instructions on the form. In any case, you will still need to complete the form and send it back to us.

People who have moved address recently are encouraged to check the details on the form carefully, as they may need updating.

Any residents who have any questions can contact the Electoral Services Team at Basildon Council on 01268 533333 or email elections@basildon.gov.uk



COST OF LIVING: ARE YOU OK?

As the cost of fuel, energy, food and other essentials continues to rise, many of us may start to feel under pressure.

If you are struggling with money, energy debt or the cost of essential services, you are not alone. It's important to know that support is available. We are here to help.

PERSONALISED SUPPORT

With expert knowledge of Basildon Council's council tax and benefits and housing services - the Community Engagement team can help with a range of issues.

Because advisors know the services inside out, there's a wide range of support the team can provide.

- **Managing your council tax payments**
- **Understanding how benefits work and which benefits you may be eligible for**
- **Assisting with Universal Credit and benefits applications**
- **Prescriptions, hearing aid batteries and emergency food parcels**
- **Referrals to relevant partner organisations for further support**

To book an informal, private conversation with the team, visit our website - www.basildon.gov.uk/communityengagement

OTHER SUPPORT

Cost of living payment - more than eight million households across the UK on means tested benefits will receive a payment of £650. The Department of Work and Pensions will make the payment in two lump sums - the first was made in July, the second will be made later in the year.



Pensioner cost of living payment
- All pensioner households will receive an extra £300 to help them cover the rising cost of energy this winter. This payment will go to pensioner households who receive the Winter Fuel Payment. It will come as a top-up to annual Winter Fuel Payments in November/December.

Disability cost of living payment
- People with disabilities will receive an extra £150 to help with the particular extra costs they face. This support will be given as a one-off payment in September.

CHECK WHAT BENEFITS YOU CAN GET

You might be eligible to claim benefits or increase your current benefits. You can use a benefits calculator to check your eligibility for a range of different benefits: www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators



Less waste means money saved

The average Essex household wastes **£60** a month by throwing away food that could have been eaten

To save food and money, visit lovesessex.org/foodwaste





BASILDON'S SWEETER SIDE

Supporting our bee population

Did you know that 97% of the food we eat relies on pollination? We're making sure our bees and our borough's other wildlife have the food sources and the habitats they need to thrive, through a number of different initiatives to improve our borough's biodiversity.

Whether you grow more pollinator friendly flowers in your garden, stop the use of pesticides and herbicides, or make your own bee hotel, each small change you make will collectively make a big impact on climate change.

Wat Tyler Country Park has some new features to support our local pollinators and to provide new habitats for the bees.

Solitary bee habitats, made from rotting wood, have been built and are getting lots of attention from bees looking to lay and seal their eggs, ready to hatch the following spring.

A brownfield site area has been created and left to go to nature, made up of industrial waste including hardcore, rubble, sand, and crushed glass, to supply vital shelter for wildlife over winter.

A green roof has also been added to buildings in the park, filled with nectar friendly plants to offer bees plenty of food sources.



We're providing 12 bee hotels to Lake Meadows, Gloucester Park and Wickford Memorial park's community groups, to provide vital habitat and food sources for our wildlife in need.

But what are bee hotels? Bee hotels are wooden house-like structures with different size holes drilled in, providing a location for different bee egg species to be laid.

Bee hotels and bee planters are important to not only provide a home for the eggs of pollinating species, but also reduce the risk of extinction to our bees.

We spoke to Basildon beekeeper Matt, to learn more about pollinators and how to care for bees. Matt's top tips were:

- Try and plant more particularly flowering plants for pollinators.
- Leave a wild strip at the end of your garden around two-foot. This will create a habitat corridor for other pollinators and wildlife, such as hedgehogs and bats, and will increase insect activity.
- Despite many people thinking swarms are dangerous, this is in fact not the case. Bees swarm when they need to find a new home; making them quite docile due to carrying honey and pollen to take to their new nest.
- If you come across a swarm, don't panic and don't disrupt the bees. Please contact a local beekeeper or your local bee association.



"One in three mouthfuls of our food depends on pollination. Bees and our other pollinators are crucial in keeping life going – and we're doing our best to support them here in Basildon."

Councillor Jeff Henry

Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts & Culture





SAFE AND SOUND ESTATES

Our Safe and Sound Estates programme will transform our estates across the borough to create better places for our residents to live.

Significant investment is happening in our estates to build thriving communities – with the first stop being Felmores.

Works have started on the estate already, including conducting on the spot estate repairs, housing repairs, completing consultation with residents around waste and recycling facilities, with other works taking place across the estate to make it better meet the needs of the community.

We're also engaging with residents about significant works for the medium and longer term – including improved security through lighting and CCTV, demolishing unused garages and extending existing parking spaces, plus lots of other transformative works on the estate.

OUR SUCCESSFUL ESTATE IMPROVEMENT EVENTS

As part of our works in Felmores, we ran a series of community events through August with various teams from across the council as well as partner organisations, to engage with the estate's residents on a wide range of topics.

The last event of these was a brilliant, free Family Fun Day in the heart of the estate to bring the community together for a day of celebration, with face painting, inflatable fun, and hotdogs for all!

One of our partners there was Essex Fire and Rescue Service, who even brought a fire engine down for the kids to enjoy – and you can see how much fun was had in our pictures from the day.



RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Meet Mandy and Lisa, who are part of the council's Resident Involvement Team.

They have been in Felmores since the first community event, offering any help and advice that residents might need.

The team have also been informing residents about the ways they can get involved in influencing the services and decisions made by the council in the area they live, including influencing decision making on the Felmores estate.

If you might be interested in finding out more, visit: www.basildon.gov.uk/residentinvolvement



PRIDE TEAMS CLEANING UP FELMORES

Our Pride Teams were the first of our council services to start work in Felmores during August, and they've been hard at work on the estate since.

The teams have been completing various jobs to make the estate a tidier, more attractive area, with their works including de-weeding, trimming hedges, and giving the area a general clean.

"Our borough-wide Safe & Sound programme will transform our estates across the borough, and our significant works that have just started in Felmores are demonstrably already bringing the community together in a positive way."

Councillor Andrew Schrader
Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal

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SMALL BUSINESSES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Basildon aims to become carbon net-zero by 2050 and eco-friendly small businesses operating across the borough are helping us get there by making sustainable choices. We spoke to two entrepreneurs of these small yet vital businesses in our borough.

NIC-ECO BILLERICAY

Nic-ECO Billericay refill hub was set up by Nicola to help people play a part in making the world a better place, after she found herself becoming more aware of the 'hidden nasties' contained in everyday products.

Nic-ECO refill hub offers refillable household cleaning, laundry and haircare products, made in the UK that are free from parabens & sulphates, are vegan and cruelty free, as well as being kinder to both us and our planet. Many of us want to reduce our impact on the environment and we can all do this by making small changes such as refilling our bottles to reduce plastic waste.



Did you know that a low percentage of plastics are recycled, the rest goes to landfill, incineration or are simply dumped? Plastic poses a threat to the climate, with greenhouse gases released as it slowly breaks down. How can you make a difference? Start small and build up. You can visit Nic-ECO refill hub in Billericay and start making a difference, one bottle at a time.

www.nic-eco.co.uk | 07758 891687

MOE EDUCATION

MOE Education pride themselves on sourcing the most sustainable, robust, and eco-friendly products on the market to promote outdoor education. All of the equipment is designed to be recycled and reduce waste.

MOE Education go by the following ethos 'we believe in the power of outdoor education and never letting our children lose their connection with nature'. They believe this is vital to ensure children can always find exciting adventures and joy in the outside world and for this to stay with them into adulthood. The equipment supports children's areas of learning following an Early Years Foundation Stage, Forest School, Montessori and Curiosity Approach, and is designed to challenge and develop learning through natural discovery.

MOE Education sell to preschools, nurseries, schools and direct to homes, and are proud to have supplied equipment to many councils, the NHS and national trust.

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CONVERSATION WITH...

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE, HEAD OF PREVENTION

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging people to take fire safety precautions in their home to remain as safe as possible. We spoke with Head of Prevention, Will Newman, to understand how important prevention measures are and how we can keep our homes safe while keeping costs down.

Tell us about your role with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service.

I spent 18 years working for Essex police in various roles and during the pandemic I managed the Multi Agency Information Cell which co-ordinated all Covid-19 related activities for Essex. This re-introduced me to Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, and I saw an exciting opportunity to move into this new role - Head of Prevention.

I truly have the best job in Essex and have gained a vast amount of knowledge, skills and the ability to make a difference amongst the community. With an extremely passionate team, we are working to make Essex County Fire and Rescue Service the best across the UK.

We work under four pillars - Live Safe, Be Road Safe, Be Water Safe and Education and Specialist intervention.



What key safety measures should people consider in their homes?

Fire alarms save lives and are the first line of defence in an emergency. Check the batteries in your alarms, testing them regularly to ensure they are working on each floor of your home.

It is a good idea to have an evacuation plan too. Practice regularly to ensure you know what to do and how to get you and your loved ones out in an emergency. Test the evacuation plan at night, making sure there is a clear passageway to escape.



You offer home visits for people unsure about how to protect their homes. Tell us about those.

Our home visits help us identify people's needs and ways to assist them. We carefully identify risks to fire and risks to escape to make their home safer.

We know your home is important to you, so we offer personalised services and products. People may need a different type of alarm to meet sensory needs, for example Wi-Fi enabled, vibration pads or flashing lights, and we ensure we are accommodating to these needs.

Finally, we all want to keep safe, what's the one thing we should all do right now?

We offer Home Fire Safety Checks to everyone free of charge - book yours by emailing home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk

We also launched the 'National Online Home Safety Self-Assessment' in late August, a free service to give advice on how to protect your home or be referred for a more detailed in-person check www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/

'Firestoppers' is a new service from Crimestoppers that gives local people a voice. If you see something that doesn't feel right, call Firestoppers anonymously on **0800 169 5558**. Officers from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service will investigate the problem.



THE QUEEN'S BATON RELAY VISITED BASILDON, ON ITS 16TH OFFICIAL YEAR

On Friday 8 July, Basildon officially welcomed the Queen's Baton Relay at Basildon's Sporting Village, in its final journey before the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay began at Buckingham Palace on 7 October 2021, when The Queen placed Her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton and passed it to four-time Paralympic gold medallist Kadeena Cox, who had the honour of being the first of thousands of Baton bearers to carry the Baton.

Since then, it has travelled via land, air and sea, with more than 180 communities in England experiencing the Queen's Baton on a route spanning 2,500 miles (4,000 kilometres). From energetic cities and historic market towns, to rolling countryside and rugged coastline, Basildon welcomed the Baton as part of the historic event with Colin Jackson and Ryan Donnelly as our Batonbearers, bringing together our community on this incredibly special Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, made even more poignant by Her Majesty's sad passing in September.



Basildon's Commonwealth Games Celebration Event saw approximately 270 children from Primary and Secondary Schools across the Basildon Borough cheer on the Queen's Baton, with a range of sporting activities held throughout the day to reflect the Games, including Gymnastics, Netball, Rugby and Table Tennis.

For more information on the Queen's Baton Relay, visit:

www.birmingham2022.com/queens-baton-relay



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022



CELEBRATION SPECIAL EDITION KEEPSAKE



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"Whether you've celebrated at the beacon lighting, a jubilee lunch or street party, it was truly remarkable to see communities unite as one and carry on the legacy for generations to come."

Councillor Andrew Baggott
Leader of Basildon Council





CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

This summer we celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of her service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

We would like to thank everyone for getting involved in celebrations across the borough. Together we marked an incredible milestone in our shared history. We have pulled together a small selection of images from the memorable celebrations at various locations and events in the borough.

On Thursday 2 June, over 1,500 beacons were lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. Beacons were lit across the borough including in the following locations:

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





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.

Street parties took place across the borough celebrating Her Majesty's The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - a truly once in a generation event.





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SMALL CHANGES BIG IMPACT

On Monday 3 October, our separate food and garden waste collections service will start.

Unless you live in a home that doesn't currently receive a food and garden waste collection service, you should have received a delivery from us in recent weeks. A 5-litre kitchen caddy and a 23-litre outdoor caddy, plus 50 kitchen caddy liners.

Food waste will be collected on a weekly basis, with garden waste now being collected fortnightly from your usual point on the same day as glass recycling.

HOW DO THE NEW BINS WORK?

Your new 5 litre indoor caddy is for your kitchen, to put all your food waste into ready to be recycled. Once it's full, you will need to transfer the food waste to your outdoor 23 litre caddy, which has a lockable lid to keep it closed and sealed.

On the day of collection, which will be your usual collection day, you will need to place your 23-litre outdoor caddy at the edge of your property. Our brilliant recycling crews will then collect, dispose of the food waste, and return your food caddy to the edge of your property.

WASTE AND RECYCLING ROADSHOWS TOUR ACROSS THE BOROUGH

We've been running a series of roadshows across the borough to inform residents about our separated service, as well as answer any waste related questions you may have.

Our Waste and Recycling Project Team have been engaging with residents in each town and spreading the word as best we can.

We will continue to run these moving forward, to find out when we're next in your area, please visit:

www.basildon.gov.uk/roadshows

If others on your street or estate have received our caddy delivery and you feel we may have missed your property, please contact our Waste and Recycling team at: **recycling@basildon.gov.uk**

For a full list of FAQ's and everything you need to know about the service, please visit: **www.basildon.gov.uk/foodandgarden**



SEPARATE FOOD & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS STARTING THIS OCTOBER

Food waste makes up a staggering 36% of what goes in our black sacks, meaning 36% of our waste is going to landfill rather than being recycled.

That's why we're launching a new separated food and garden waste collection service from Monday 3 October.

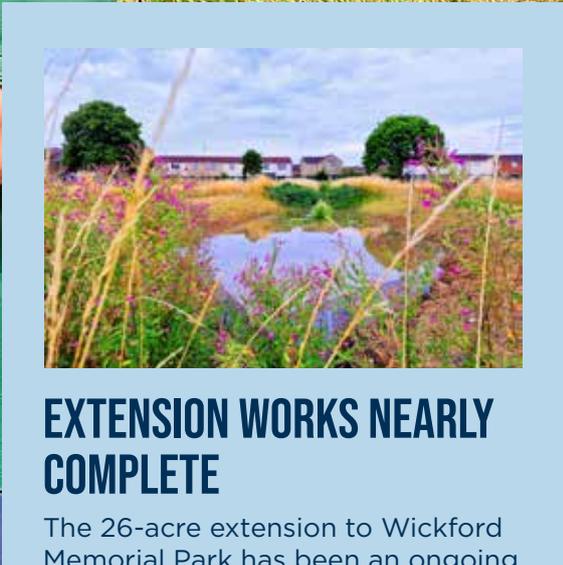
A separate collection of all food waste will make a big impact on improving our borough's recycling rate and carbon footprint, helping Basildon become carbon net-zero by 2050.

New containers to separate your food waste, plus liners, and an information leaflet explaining the changes in full should have arrived on your doorstep ahead of the new service starting. Find out all you need to know about the changes at: www.basildon.gov.uk/foodandgarden



 **Basildon recycles**


Basildon Council



REWILDING OUR GREEN SPACES

We're rewilding areas of open space across our borough to make them more attractive and healthier places for all. And when we say all – we don't just mean for our residents – we mean for our borough's wildlife and plant life too.

There's a number of exciting initiatives happening across our borough to support our green and growing - here's just a couple of them.

CREATING THE BRAND NEW LEGACY PARK NATURE ZONE

We're taking an underutilised area of green space within Legacy Park, Pitsea to create an exciting new site – the Legacy Park Nature Zone.

The project will see lots of different elements added to enhance the biodiversity and attractiveness of the site.

Wildlife ponds will be installed to create a food and drink source for an array of wildlife and birds. Hedge rows will also create shelter for a variety of species as well as a wildlife corridors for species to move between different habitats.

The transformative works have started this month, and will be completed around spring next year.

EXTENSION WORKS NEARLY COMPLETE

The 26-acre extension to Wickford Memorial Park has been an ongoing project since the start of 2021, to transform the former playing fields into a diverse nature reserve, that we now call the Beauchamps Meadow.

After fencing was removed and a new biodiverse corridor was created between the park and extension site, 3500 trees were planted back in March 2021 with the help of volunteers from the brilliant Friends of Wickford Memorial Park. The group then helped us plant 12 feature trees through the route of the extension to create a new parkland area.

In July this year, two inline ponds were installed featuring 20 species of native aquatic plants, and this September we have created a hectare of wildflower meadow ready for planting season early next year.

The last element to the extension will be the planting of over 200 fruit trees of local heritage varieties later this year, with the site being managed and maintained by the council moving forwards.



MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTHLANDS PARK

Lots of exciting improvements have taken place at Northlands Park to improve the visitor experience.

We've built a new bridge across the fishing lake, which means a full, scenic lap can now be completed of the park. That walk would be on newly resurfaced footpaths, with 1372 square metres of footpath improvements this year.

The fishing experience has been improved too, with over a dozen new angling swims to fish from, with tree surgery having taken place to make sure no lines get caught in the branches. Plus, the viewing platform with views across the lake has also been restored.

There's also new wildflower areas to greet you on entry to the park, and a new Jubilee tree circle to commemorate this year's historic Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

"We're blessed with brilliant parks and open spaces, and these exciting projects are creating even better spaces for our residents of all ages to enjoy."

Councillor Jeff Henry

Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts & Culture



IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY ACROSS THE BOROUGH

Our Community Safety Wardens service launched in June to tackle anti-social behaviour across our estates, town centres, and our parks.

Our new teams of wardens are patrolling across the borough seven days a week, until 2am each day to be able to really make a difference.

They will be engaging with the local community to build positive relationships across problem areas to discourage and reduce crime. If you see them when out and about, why not have a chat to them – they're friendly and they're here to be part of the community.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDENS

Paul and Mohammed started working with the council in June as two of our new wardens - and they're really enjoying getting to work in Basildon's outdoors. We spoke to Paul to find out how he's getting on exploring our borough and helping our communities.



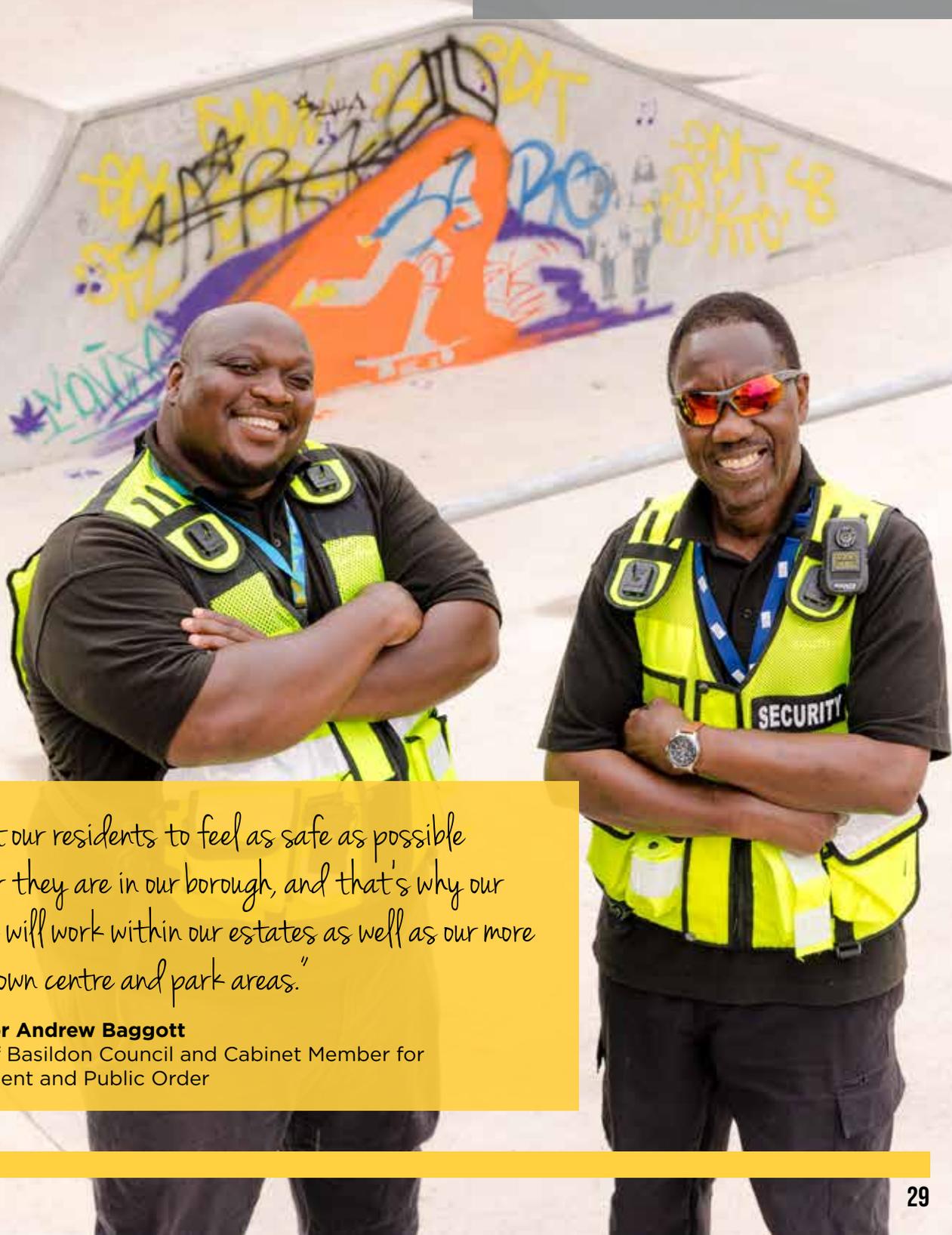
"I've realised how great Basildon's open spaces are since working here, so its nice to be able to explore Basildon's each day. I have a few favourites – I really like Gloucester Park and Lake Meadows because of the landscaping, cleanliness, and the interactions with members of the public and retailers.

Our role is to be a presence – to support the police, council, and members of the community to make Basildon a safer place for all. We are there to respond to any anti-social behaviour that's reported, and to tackle any that we encounter on our patrols."



"I recently came across an elderly lady who was frightened to walk around one of the parks. I introduced myself, reassured her, and she walked a circuit around the park before I met her again as she walked out. I really enjoy interactions like that, because even though they're small things, they can have a big impact on people's lives.

I want us to be able to interact with the community and have as many positive outcomes as we can. I want members of the public to feel confident when going to the shops, seeing neighbours, or when their children are playing outside, and know that if they see us, we are there to support them."



"We want our residents to feel as safe as possible wherever they are in our borough, and that's why our wardens will work within our estates as well as our more public town centre and park areas."

Councillor Andrew Baggott

Leader of Basildon Council and Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Public Order



EAST SQUARE COMES TO LIFE

New dining and entertainment opportunities are coming to Basildon.

EMPIRE CINEMAS

A brand-new state-of-the-art luxury cinema is set to open this year in Basildon Town Centre.

Empire Cinemas have more than a dozen locations around the UK, bringing customers comfortable seating, crystal clear sound systems and the latest digital projection technology.

Empire Cinemas in Basildon will have ten screens showing the latest blockbusters, art-house classics and Event cinema performances. It will house the largest screen in Essex, premium seating options, as well as accessible 'sensory friendly' and 'parent and baby', Empire Jnrs and Empire Seniors screenings to ensure everyone can enjoy a trip to the cinema.

A spokesperson from Empire Cinemas said: "At Empire Cinemas we strive to deliver the ultimate cinema experience. We have a passion for film and a drive to push the cinema experience to new and exciting levels. There's something for everyone at Empire Cinemas in Basildon and we can't wait to welcome you through our doors."



KASPA'S DESSERTS

Kaspas's is getting ready to open its doors this autumn as part of the East Square cinema development.

Kaspas's has more than 100 restaurants around the UK, providing a huge range of hot and cold desserts under one roof. Their menu boasts a mouth-watering selection of ice creams, gelatos, waffles, crepes, milkshakes, sundaes, smoothies and more.

A spokesperson from Kaspas's said: "We are really excited about opening our latest Kaspas's store in Basildon! At Kaspas's Desserts, our mission is to create an environment where enjoying authentic desserts with family and friends is an unforgettable experience – so we can't wait to bring our mouth-watering selection of artisan gelatos, waffles, crepes, milkshakes, smoothies and sundaes to the people of Basildon! See you there!"

NANDO'S

Nando's brings its unique brand of flame-grilled peri-peri chicken to a new restaurant on the East Square cinema development, with a new restaurant opening by the end of 2022.

Nando's has more than 1200 restaurants worldwide, offering a delicious menu of peri-peri chicken with popular range of sides and accompaniments in a uniquely themed setting.

A spokesperson from Nando's said: "Nando's is very excited to be opening a new restaurant in East Square. We are relocating after successfully trading in Basildon since 2008 and look forward to being part of the new restaurant and leisure location in the town centre. The new restaurant will have 100 covers, a unique Nando's design and will open later this year."



"I am so excited that Empire Cinemas, Kaspas and Nando's have partnered with Basildon Council to deliver incredible cinema and dining experiences to the heart of Basildon Town Centre."

Councillor Craig Rimmer
Cabinet Member for Regeneration



BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN

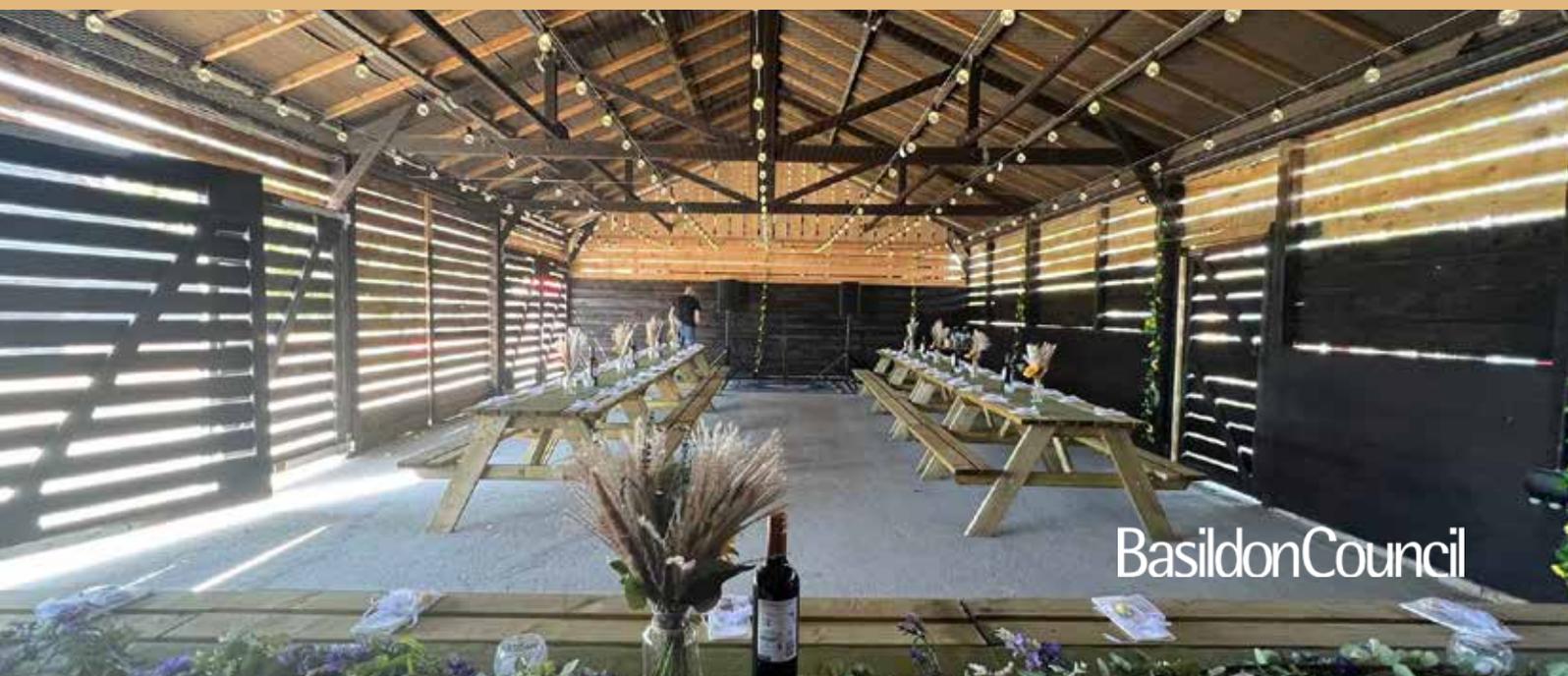


THE ASH & WILLOW, A BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE SPACE FOR YOUR WEDDING, BIRTHDAY OR ANY SPECIAL CELEBRATION

The stunning Dutch Barn is a hireable space that brings the outdoors in with a seamless transition to the beautiful village green. It can be hired in full or the option to accommodate small or larger events. The Willow & The Ash come with seating, lighting, and electric points. Available for hire during the day and evening.

Wat Tyler Country Park, in Pitsea, is a peaceful countryside retreat with purpose-built eco hire spaces of all sizes with free easy access parking.

Enquire via email wattylerenquiries@basildon.gov.uk, or call us on **01268 208090** to find out more. www.wattylercountrypark.org.uk



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WHAT'S ON...



DRIVE-IN TODDLER FIREWORKS AT BARLEYLANDS

Enjoy an evening of entertainment from within your car at Barleylands' Drive-in Toddler Fireworks display! The event will kick off at 5pm with the host Bam Bam (you may recognise him from the Britain's Got Talent semi-finals) – the little ones just love him! The evening will end with a stunning, child-friendly firework display.

Thursday 3 November – Sunday 6 November 4:30pm

Please visit www.barleylands.co.uk for more information



CIRCUS WONDERLAND

2022 is one of our most exciting years with acts performing from all around the world. We are bringing you a Cuban carnival, drums, hair hanging, fast duo skating and Cuba's famous New Revolution Boys.

This is a show not to be missed!

Thursday 15 September – Sunday 9 October, Sun Corner, Billericay. www.circus-wonderland.co.uk

circusworldentertainments@hotmail.co.uk



FREE PARKRUN

Saturday at 9am; timed, 5km walk, jog or run - whatever your pace! Northlands Park, Lake Meadows & Wickford Memorial Park.

Junior Parkrun: Sunday at 9am; timed, 2km event for juniors aged 4 - 14. Northlands Park & Lake Meadows Park

To find out more information, visit **www.parkrun.org.uk**



WILLOW PARK SHORT MAT BOWLING AT LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Come along and give bowls a try! New members are welcome as well as experienced players. 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.

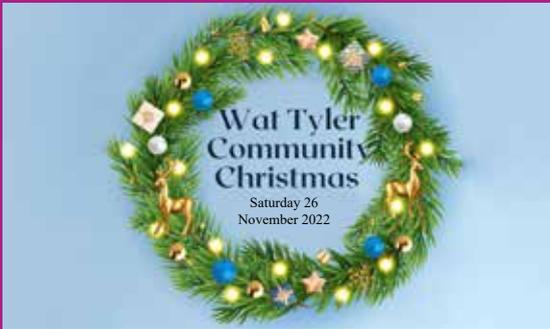
For further information, please call Carol Taylor on 07930323514



BASILDON BOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

If you are aged between 12 - 24 and interested in learning a new language and meeting young people from Basildon's twin towns of Heiligenhaus in Germany and Meaux in France, then why not get involved with Basildon Borough town twinning. The project aims to create friendships across international borders.

Please email: BasildonTwin@gmail.com



WAT TYLER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

This Christmas we invite you to come along and enjoy Wat Tyler Country Park for our Community Christmas Event. Expect a craft market, grotto and elves workshop, stalls and festive refreshments!

Saturday 26 November from 10am-4pm.



SPOOKY NIGHTS AT BARLEYLANDS FARM

2022 will see the return of the very popular Spooky Nights at Barleylands Farm! Running the event over three nights, enjoy the brilliant Skittleman disco, toddler fairground rides, spooky walks and safe trick or treating around The Village.

Thursday 27 October - Saturday 29 October, please visit www.barleylands.co.uk to find out more



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENTS ACROSS THE BOROUGH

The Royal British Legion will be holding events across the borough in each of the five towns.

Join us as we mark Remembrance Sunday, remembering those who lost their lives during the First World War as well as in more recent conflicts.

Sunday 13 November.



BILLERICAY ROUND TABLE FIREWORKS "BACK WITH A BANG"

The biggest fireworks display in Essex as well as a bonfire, food, and general firework festivities!

Saturday 5 November, Lake Meadows, Billericay. Gates open 5:00pm, fireworks start at 7.30pm.

To buy tickets, please visit: www.billericayfireworks.co.uk



OCTOBERFEST AT THE PLACE

Come along to Oktoberfest at The Place in Pitsea! Have fun with live music from The Stein Meister's band, selection of German beers and a night out with friends! Tickets priced at £10 - Adults only event.

Saturday 22 October 7pm - 11.30pm

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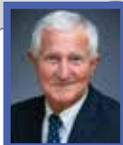
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	LABOUR	10
	INDEPENDENTS	5
	WICKFORD INDEPENDENTS	2

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If you would like to sign up to a session, please contact CSRbox@morgansindall.com



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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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Earlier in the year, communities came together to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee - marking 70 years of her service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

A number of ceremonial beacons were lit across the borough to mark the start of a weekend of celebration. On the Sunday, families and neighbours took celebrations out into the streets with community lunches and street parties in honour of Her Majesty. It was a truly joyous occasion, and one which will long be remembered.

While feelings of celebration and joy were replaced with feelings of sorrow and sadness at the news of The Queen's passing, it was clear Her Majesty continues to hold a special place in the borough's heart.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family during this difficult time. We hope they are able to take solace and comfort in how highly Her Majesty was thought of by the people of Basildon.



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