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We hope the Spring finds you well. Christmas now seems a long way off but we would like thank everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre on 30th November . The event was a huge success and this was due to the hard work of all the community groups involved. This year's event is planned for November 29th, so watch this space !!



The Council is also delighted to announce it has supported many local groups with grants this past year which has helped these groups to deliver important services to residents. Please see the Parish website or contact the office for more information on grants available.

With community safety in mind the Council is continuing to roll out LED street lights for all Parish Council owned street lights which are placed on unadopted roads, and have budgeted for more this coming year.

We hope you have a fabulous (and warm!) Spring/Summer and we'll be back for our next edition this Autumn/Winter.



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HULLBRIDGE'S *Council News*



By Nicola Harding, Clerk of Hullbridge Parish Council

Hullbridge Parish Council has been hard at work throughout 2024-25, continuing to enhance our village for everyone. Key efforts have included the ongoing maintenance of the nature reserve and allotments, ensuring these green spaces remain beautiful and accessible for residents. The Council has also kept public toilets clean and open, while providing and maintaining the popular hanging baskets and flower displays that brighten up our village.

Looking ahead, the Precept for Hullbridge Parish Council for 2025-26 is set at £252,417, which equates to an increase of just £3.31 per year, or 6p per week for a Band D property. This small rise will continue to support all of the above as well as essential projects planned for 2025, including CCTV upgrades at Pooles Lane Car Park and the installation of a speed sign along Lower Road.

At a recent Full Council meeting, Hullbridge Parish Councillors unanimously agreed not to claim any allowances for their work. Instead, they will continue to volunteer their time and efforts for the benefit of the village.

This decision reflects the Council's dedication to maintaining public spaces, improving safety, and enhancing the overall quality of life in our community. By working together, we can ensure that Hullbridge remains a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your continued support!

Deniz Borg - HPC Chair 2016-2018

The Parish Council offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Deniz Borg, who has sadly passed away. Deniz was a strong voice on the Parish Council and a dedicated public servant who spent his tenure working for us all in Hullbridge. He will be sorely missed.



Every edition of Hullbridge For You will include the *Fun for all!* section, featuring wordsearches, puzzles, and other activities! Search below for twelve Spring themed words.

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April Butterfly Rainbow
Birds Flowers Spring
Bloom Garden Sunshine
Bunny May Warm



Hullbridge Library Opening Hours

We have been working for some months to discover if there is a way for the opening hours of our library to be extended.

If you are a user of the library you will already know that Kelly and Sarah make it a very popular, happy and welcoming place to be, with many varied and stimulating events taking place regularly. If you aren't currently a user, hopefully this will encourage you to visit to meet up with other residents at the coffee mornings, choose a book or CD, use the computer, take part in the events for children/adults or simply sit and read the paper - whichever suits your needs and wishes best.

Supported by local residents, we have started a petition which already has many signatures and are currently waiting for this to be presented to Essex County Council by our District/County Councillor. We are also engaging with our local MP to try to raise the petition's profile. We are very grateful for all this support.

If you haven't already done so, please do sign the petition either via the QR code at the bottom of the page or pop into the Parish Office and please, of course, do pop into the library....



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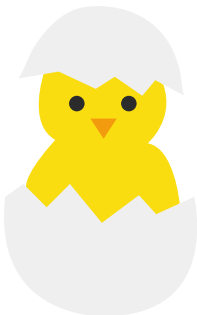
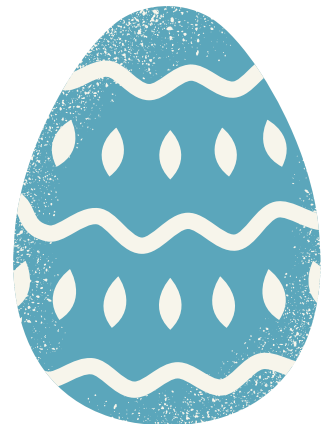


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Christmas Parcels 2024

In 2024 the Parish Council delivered 300 Christmas Parcels with the support of the Green Star Co-op .

Any resident aged 80 and over qualifies, so please contact the Parish Office if you or anyone you know now qualifies for our list for 2025.

Please note if you have previously received a parcel, you will automatically be on this year's list!



☀ **Exciting News from Hullbridge Parish Council!** ☀

We're delighted to continue supporting the development of a Men's Shed in Hullbridge! This fantastic initiative will provide a welcoming space for men to connect, share skills, and work on projects together.

📢 Can You Help?

We're looking for members to join and a suitable venue to host this community project. If you're interested or know of a potential location, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch!

Parish Office 01702 232038 Clerk@hullbridge-pc.gov.uk

Poppies for Remembrance

Following the installation of the ironworks on the memorial, the Parish Council will be looking to involve residents and Community Groups to make poppies to decorate the village for this year's Remembrance Service.

More details will be available later in the year on our Facebook page/Website or stop by the Parish Office!



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Hullbridge Parish Council's

Environment and Open Spaces



The Environment and Open Spaces Committee has had a busy and productive year, focusing on maintaining and improving the natural environment of Hullbridge, while prioritising sustainability and community engagement.

The Parish Council is dedicated to reducing its carbon footprint and enhancing biodiversity. Below are several initiatives that aim to create a greener, healthier village for all.



Continued planting efforts, adding more native and pollinator-friendly plants to local areas to help boost biodiversity. We're also committed to sustainable practices, with the introduction of water harvesting at the Parish Office to reduce water consumption and ensure that plants and green spaces can be cared for efficiently during drier months.



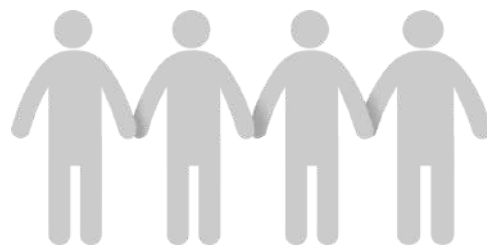
The introduction of the Parish Council's free dog waste bag initiative in Kendal Park Nature Reserve. Providing these bags at key locations, we aim to help dog owners keep the nature reserve clean and maintain a safe, pleasant environment for everyone to enjoy. We hope to also assist local community groups with Spring litter-picking events and encourage residents to take part, as it's a great way to contribute to the local environment while meeting neighbours and making Hullbridge shine!



For those passionate about gardening and enhancing their front gardens, the Best Kept Front Garden competition has returned this summer. The competition has been rebranded as the Bee'st Kept Front Garden competition, in recognition of the importance of insect-friendly planting. We encourage residents to incorporate flowers and plants that attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.



Community Reports



Parkinson's Cafe

Parkinson's Cafe Hullbridge invites individuals with Parkinsons and their carers to join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11am to 1pm at the Free Church, Lower Road, Hullbridge.

Our welcoming space offers a chance to share experiences, seek advice on wellbeing, and connect with helpful resources. We provide two hours of quizzes, tea, coffee, cake, and great company. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we also host an exercise class for those who are less mobile. Special guests occasionally join us too!

For further information, please contact Colin Rickards, (Chairperson) www.parkinsonscafe.co.uk 07742 828810

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VE Day Celebrations - 10th May from 7pm

Live Aid 40th Anniversary - 12th July 1pm

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Every Friday 1-3.30pm at the HCA



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Friday 11 /25 April - Needle Felt

Friday 16th May - Lady Birds Singing Group

Friday 20th June - Alpaca Antics at Cracknells

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Good Friday Service - 18th April 10.30am

Messy Easter - 19th April 1-3.30pm

Easter Sunday Service - 20th April 10.30am

Friday Lunch Club - midday 18th Apr, May 30th, June 27th, July 25th

Family Fun Day - Saturday 5th July

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Saturday 5th July - 80's night Free Entry, register at the bar.

Sunday 24th August - Summer BBQ & live music - Free entry

Friday 31st October - Halloween Family Party -

Free Entry , register at the bar.

For more information contact the club 07872 062735



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