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Member of the Local Area Highways Panel



Updates

- **Prom Park EV Buggy** - The Parks Team has recently taken delivery of a new electric vehicle to use in Prom Park. The new buggy, which replaces a diesel vehicle, will be used to carry machinery for grounds maintenance tasks such as mowing and strimming and for general tasks such as bin emptying. Replacing a diesel vehicle with an electric one is not only better for the environment and reduce our carbon emissions, but it will also make sure that the park remains a tranquil attraction for everyone to enjoy. It delivers our pledge “Be an authority that leads by example” from our Climate Action Strategy, click on the link to find out more. We are looking to ask school children to help name the buggy!
- **Air Quality Action Plan Funding Success** – We are really pleased to advise that we have been successful in obtaining grant funding of £129,000 from DEFRA. Our grant funding will be used to help us deliver the measures set out in the Market Hill Air Quality Action Plan. Officers will now begin a scoping exercise setting out the project, after which we’ll be able to feedback to Members with more details on our next steps.
- ***New* Maldon District For Business Newsletter** - This is the first new newsletter for businesses, which has replaced the Sense of Place newsletter. You can find out more here.
- **Thames Barge Trust** – We are pleased to hear today from the Thames Sailing Barge Trust (TSBT), that they have been awarded £19,600 by Trinity House to support the training scheme the Trust operates. This provides training in traditional seafaring skills, Barge maintenance, Mates and ultimately skippers.
- **Coronation Webpage** – We have created a webpage Coronation of King Charles III - Visit Maldon District where we will add details of events as we receive them, and announce any plans that we have once they have been agreed. There is also a link for residents to apply for a road closure for their street parties on Sunday 7th.
- **Coronation Website** - The official Coronation website is now live and can be found at <https://coronation.gov.uk/> This site include information on how to get involved and prepare for the Coronation
- **Update on Swan Housing Association** - Sanctuary’s business combination with Swan Housing Association has completed and Swan is now a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Sanctuary Housing Association. Swan continues to operate as a standalone operation while we work through integration. Therefore, you should continue to raise enquiries relating to Swan and Sanctuary via your usual method at each organisation. David Soothill, a director at Sanctuary, has assumed responsibility of Swan as MD and can be reached at dsoothill@swan.org.uk.
- **ECC’s Holiday school meal vouchers return for February Half-Term** – You can find out more here [Holiday school meal vouchers return for February Half-Term - Essex County Council](#).

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