

## NEWS

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# School Report: Reading and poetry awards won

A PRIMARY school is celebrating after receiving national acclaim.

Year Two pupils at Burnham Primary School, in Dunkirk Road, have won a national competition for their Reading Gladiator project.

The school has been asked to share its project as part of a national scheme.

Pupils from Year Three to Year Six also won awards for their poetry in the Young Writers competition, with one pupil claiming the top prize. All the work has been published and a copy is in the school library.

As a result of the success

the school will be taking part in a parliamentary review to showcase the work, as one of only 14 schools from across the country invited.

The school has been asked to demonstrate how determined leadership and innovative thinking can turn around schools and highlight how individuals have become outstanding leaders in their field.

Headteacher Kelly Stock said: "Only 14 schools have been invited nationally and this is due to the school's rapid and significant improvements in the last two years."

"This is very exciting and we are delighted our staff

have been recognised for their hard work and determination to improve our school to be the best it can be."

■ The Standard is launching a new initiative called School Report.

Each week we will feature some of the best success stories from schools around the district to highlight the good work being done. These can be awards for pupils, teachers or school developments.

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■ **SUCCESS:** Burnham Primary School pupils have had their award winning poetry published



## Traveller site could grow to six pitches

A TRAVELLER site could be expanded.

Bill Cooper, of Green Planning Solutions, has applied for a six-caravan site at the junction of Captains Wood Road and Maypole Road.

The site has been recommended for approval by officers.

Mr Cooper owns the site.

He previously applied for permission for a single pitch with hardstanding and a utility room.

Maldon District Council refused permission but Mr Cooper won his appeal.

A report by council officers confirms the site "has not been occupied to-date and there are currently no mobile homes on site".

It added it was considered the development would be "acceptable in principle".

Both Wickham Bishops and Great Totham Parish Council objected to the plans. The plans will be decided on at a meeting in Maldon on Monday at 7.30pm at the council offices, in Princes Road.

# £20k sculpture trail for Riverside Park delayed

■ Council scheme to miss deadline but could use "innovative technology"

By Rebecca Creed

A RIVERSIDE woodland and sculpture trail could be delayed for months after Maldon District Council decided to reconsider plans for the £20,000 project.

The trail was chosen for Burnham's Riverside Park out of four options by councillors.

It was due to include works from artists from around the area and include opportunities to get schools involved with community planting.

It was also due to be completed by March, when the decision was made in July.

However this week the council confirmed it is looking again at what is possible.

Richard Holmes, the authority's director of customers and community, said: "The council is currently reviewing options for the creation of a sculpture trail in Riverside Park."

"These include utilising innovative new technology to enrich the visitor



■ **TRAIL:** Riverside Park in Burnham, where a £20,000 sculpture trail should have been completed this month. The project has now been delayed while other options are considered

experience in the park. We will also be undertaking new tree planting in the park but this will now happen

later in the year. We recognise this means the project will not be completed in the timescale initially proposed,

however, we are keen to achieve maximum value with the funds available."

No details on the new technology which could be used or a new date for completion of the project have been revealed.

In February last year Maldon District Council put forward proposals for a 21-metre sailing mast to be placed in Riverside Park using the money.

Residents and councillors questioned the scheme, prompting the council to withdraw the application and invite residents to put forward their own ideas instead.

More than 30 suggestions were made and a shortlist drawn up.

Other ideas on the shortlist included an observatory, an oyster sculpture and a pathway to paradise along the marina.

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## Subsiding house could be turned into 8 flats

A DETACHED house could be demolished and turned into eight flats.

Brodie Property Group Ltd want to raze the five bedroom house to the ground and build the apartments on Spital Road, Maldon.

The application states the plans have been

proposed as the existing house and garage are suffering from "acute subsidence".

It states: "This proposal ensures this site can be better and more sustainably used to contribute to the accommodation needs of the town."

The properties would each have two bedrooms.

The application added: "Emphasis has been placed upon providing smaller units to help meet demand for smaller affordable properties to help people get onto the property ladder or provide a suitable 'down

sizing' opportunity for people."

The flats range in size from 592sqft to 688sqft.

Most flats of this size are one bedroom although the application states the flats are "designed to maximise the habitable space for a comfortable living environment".