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School Report: Reading and poetry awards won

A PRIMARY school is celebrating after receiving na-

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

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 pupils claiming the top prize. All the work has been published and a copy is in the school library

As a result of the success

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

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

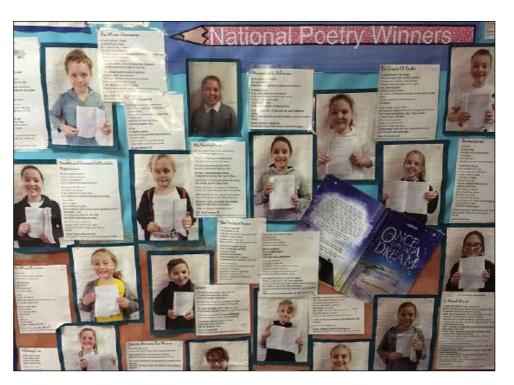
have been recognised for their hard work and determination to improve our school to be the best it can be."

■ 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. To take part, e-mail mbs

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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

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

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 However this week the council con-

firmed it is looking again at what is

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

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

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

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 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".