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Dear Residents,

It has been a year of continued investment in our village spaces, and strengthening the foundations of our community. I would like to thank all residents for your ongoing support and engagement, which remains vital to the work of the Village Council, as well as the support and work by our village councillors. I would also like to thank Liz, our village clerk, for her continued hard work and enthusiasm in supporting our village.

Council Personnel and Governance

We currently have three councillor vacancies, and with the upcoming devolution process in 2027, we are keen to strengthen the council with residents who are passionate about protecting Mountnessing's future.

Key Achievements This Year

Several projects have been successfully delivered:

- Locality Fund Improvements – Funding secured for the installation of a new kissing gate behind the windmill on Coronation Field. A new fence has also been installed around the Thoby Lane pond. We are also currently working with St Giles Church to install an additional unit for rural residents.
- National Lottery Grant – A new climbing wall for Coronation Field, installed in time for the school summer holidays.
- Bus Shelter Refurbishment – All village bus shelters were refurbished in October 2025.
- Subway Refurbishment – improvements to the A12 subway with new lighting and signage.
- Traveller incursion – bollards have been installed following the incursion last year.

- Cricket Facilities – We have taken the bookings process back in-house for hire of the cricket facilities.

Community Events and Engagement

- VE-Day Commemoration – A well-attended and meaningful event for the village.

- Village Litter Pick – Held on 13th July 2025, with councillors and residents working together to keep our village clean.

- Christmas in the Village – Lights on the green and Village Hall were installed, with beautiful baubles decorated by members of the Forget Me Not Club.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Mountney Close Play Area Refurbishment and Coronation Field Play Area Upgrade – Following discussions with Brentwood Borough Council, funding has been identified to refurbish the play area. We continue to liaise with Brentwood Borough Council on this. We also have our newly in-house weekly safety inspections carried out by trained inspector Dean McDermid.

- Dog Waste Bin Installation – A new bin is planned for Burnthouse Lane following resident requests.

- Notice board – Installation of notice board within Blossom Park

- Grass verges on Roman Road – We continue to work closely with Essex Highways on improvements to the grass verges.

Planning Activity

We have seen a significant rise in planning applications, especially within the village. Key applications include:

- Taylor Wimpey development behind The Hillway

- Proposed solar farm at Fitzwalters

- Change of use at 269 Roman Road

We continued to review and comment on all applications where appropriate, which can be reviewed on the Brentwood Planning Portal. A successful outcome was achieved on the Taylor Wimpey development, following a public consultation.

Looking Ahead

With local government reform on the horizon, the coming years will be pivotal for Mountnessing. Our priority remains protecting the character of the village while ensuring facilities, safety, and community spaces continue to be improved.

Thank you once again for your support, involvement, and pride in our village. I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Kirsty Dale

Chair, Mountnessing Village Council