



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Please OTE for your LRA candidates on May 5th.

We have an excellent group of candidates standing for the Town and District Councils.

We hope you've had a copy of our manifesto –
in any case, all the details are on our website at <http://www.loughtonresidents.co.uk/>

**LOOK OUT FOR LOUGHTON FESTIVAL EVENTS
THIS MONTH - see our *EVENTS email!***



LRA NEWS

Nu-Bar. Following yet another late-night incident in the High Road, Nu-Bar's premises licence was suspended pending a review, which will take place at 10am on Tuesday May 3rd at the District Council offices in Epping.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend (but cannot speak unless they put in a submission within the time laid down).

[LRA's submission](#)

[Police statement.](#)

[District Council press release.](#)



Waste, overcrowding, over-parking. Residents complained to the District Council about local problems, and asked LRA Cllr Caroline Pond for help. She liaised with the Council, who investigated the ownership and occupation of the properties concerned – as a result the group of young men who were causing many of the problems have now moved out.

Parking:

- **Torrington Drive & Gardens.** The District Council has put in a planning application for 56 off-street parking facilities in Torrington Drive. (LRA has been battling since 2008 to get the District Council to get on with a parking scheme – a Residents Parking Zone (RPZ) - for the roads round The Broadway; this is finally underway). We understand that, because of saturation by commuters, Torrington Drive and Torrington Gardens will have priority for an RPZ this autumn, covering just these two roads, ahead of proposals for other roads in the area. We have [written to residents.](#)

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- **Loughton Station car-park.** Following a couple of complaints, LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been in touch with NCP, who run this car park. They say that you have 20 minutes, either in the kiss-and-ride area between the station and Sainsbury car-parks, or in the main car park. In the latter case, the 20 minutes is to find a space and buy your ticket; if you exceed this time, even by a matter of seconds, you will receive a penalty notice (the timing is managed by ANPR cameras at the entrance and exit).

[Once you've set it up, it's easy to pay on your mobile phone.]



Abandoned car. After residents' reports to the District Council produced no action about an apparently-abandoned car left by some-one who'd moved away in an area where parking was already very tight, a resident contacted LRA Cllr David Wixley. David followed this up with the Council, who placed a warning sticker on the car – soon afterwards the owner returned and took the car away.

Roads

- **potholes in The Drive.** County Highways had refused to repair the numerous potholes in the centre of the High Road and in The Drive. LRA Cllr Chris Pond intervened, and has now got agreement to repairs in The Drive (promised by the end of June).
- **ramp at north end of Forest Road:** this has deteriorated again. LRA Cllr Chris Pond raised it with County Highways, who have promised repairs by end-June.

Graffiti, Nursery Road. LRA Cllr Caroline Pond has been in touch with Loughton Town Council, who have now removed the graffiti from the back of a bench.

Rubbish, Chigwell Lane. A resident reported that when the travellers moved out they left quantities of rubbish behind. LRA Cllr Caroline Pond contacted the District Council, who have been in touch with the landowners (Highways England). We will keep an eye on this.

LOCAL NEWS

FOR LOCAL EVENTS SEE SEPARATE EMAIL

Check ahead for events in red, which need to be booked in advance!

FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>

Monday 2nd - Bank Holiday.

- **Parking.** Remember that NEPP wardens now work on Bank Holidays and that, unless the sign says that charges don't apply, they do!
- **if you're unwell** over the bank holiday, NHS 111 is available 24/7 to offer medical advice and help when it isn't an emergency.



PCC Election 2016:
Essex



Police & Crime Commissioner elections, May 5th.

You can see the candidates' and their statements at

<https://policinginsight.com/elections-2016/pcc-election-2016-essex/>

New Local Plan: once again the District Council has fallen further behind its own timetable, and risks financial and other penalties as a result. The public consultation due July - September will be delayed. These delays could have very serious consequences for the Town, as developers may be able to argue successfully that current restrictions on inappropriate developments no longer apply!

Planning & Licensing matters

- **alcohol licences.** On March 1st the District Council heard and approved two applications for alcohol licences – we had to chase up the non-appearance of [the minutes](#), which have only recently appeared on the Council website
 - **Molens, High Road.** An extension of the licensed area to cover the interior, but *not* the garden or the smoking area at the front. Conditions were imposed to protect neighbours' interests.
 - **Morrisons, High Road.** Revised licensed hours are 6am – midnight (not the same as opening hours).
- **enforcement:** Planning Enforcement section took direct action to remove advertising panels and supported boarding erected by Directional Media next to the Underground bridge, Chigwell Lane; the signs have re-appeared and the Council will be taking direct action again and will prosecute if necessary.
- **Burton Road development:** the Council proposes to call the two new blocks of Council flats “Churchill Court”, in recognition of the former nearby Sir Winston Churchill pub, and “Davis Court” after the late former district & town councillor & District Council Chairman, Joan Davis. These were suggested by Loughton Town Council, and if either is not accepted LRA Cllr Chris Pond has suggested “Nelson Court”.

Parking: the following **High Road service roads** will become Pay & Display later this year (we don't yet have a date for the equipment installation, line painting etc):

- NW side from 1m NE of the SW building line of number 268 for 62m, north-easterly
- both halves of Brooklyn Parade.

Grants by Loughton Town Council.

- **Friends of Epping Forest** £581 for nest box camera & laptop
- **Grow Garden Project** £5,421 for fencing for new community allotment (Pyrles Lane)
- **Loughton Arts Centre** £650 for prizes for art competition.

Loughton Festival events in May.

See their [website](#)
or our email *EVENTS* bulletin.

Interested in amateur dramatics?



LADS are holding a new members' evening on 25th May. If you'd like to come along, please get in touch.

lads.chairman@gmail.com

Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society

<http://www.lads.org.uk/>

Woman fined for fungi-picking in Epping Forest - this is not allowed.

Please contact 020 8532 1010 if you see fungi picking going on.

Epping Forest Conservators [article](#):

Grass-cutting. If you're wondering why the results of Council grass cutting is looking a bit haphazard in places, LRA Cllr Carol Davies has let me know that it's due to the recent heavy rain – in some places the ground is very saturated, making grass cutting with heavy mowers difficult.

THE LOUGHTON FESTIVAL
MAY 1ST - 4TH JUNE 2016

NATURE WALKS CLASSIC MOTORBIKE SHOW LASER TAG TOURNAMENT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT & MORE!

LOUGHTON BAKE-OFF ART AUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY & SKETCHING COMPETITION RADIO ROADSHOWS

LIVE MUSIC CONCERTS KIDS' EVENTS HISTORICAL TALKS

RAISING FUNDS FOR: CIG

A celebration of arts, culture and community

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For the full programme and more info, please go to www.loughtonfestival.org.uk

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Epping Forest walk in aid of McMillan Cancer on Sunday May 22nd. 10am. Start and finish at Butlers Retreat. Choose your distance - you can choose your route and repeat it until you get to your target distance. See www.justgiving.com/forest-walk-run - sign up in the message part, enter your name and choose whether you're running, walking or jogging.

BBC Antiques Roadshow at Audley End

On Thursday 26 May, 9.30 to 4.30pm, BBC One's *Antiques Roadshow* visits Audley End House and Gardens, near Saffron Walden.

Everyone is welcome to bring along their treasures to the filming day with no pre-registration, tickets or appointments required. There's information on attending and what to do if you require help with large or heavy items [here](#).



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Can't get to the Library?

If you know some-one who can't get to the library, the library's volunteers can deliver books and audio books to them. 0345 603 7628.

"**Back to Hockey**" sessions for men and women. Starts Tuesday May 10th. See *EVENTS* email.

Coach Trip Saturday August 20th to the Church of St Kyneburgha (Castor Church) (ancient grade I listed building, regarded as among the top 100 churches in England.), Longthorpe Tower (one of the most complete and important sets of 14th-century domestic wall paintings) and Peterborough Cathedral. Herts & Essex Architectural Society (HEARS).

[Details.](#) [Booking form.](#)



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Call us on
0345 603 7628

to find out about the Home Library Service
or visit
www.essex.gov.uk/libraries

Essex County Council

HELP WANTED

Lopping Hall is a key Loughton venue in the High Road. After major refurbishment the Directors (formerly Trustees) of the Lopping Endowment Trust are looking to move forward. Would you like to be a Director? Elections will take place during the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 11th (8pm at Lopping Hall). [Nomination form.](#) [Information.](#)



New Trustees wanted for CAB! Can you help an important local charity? They serve the community at Loughton & Waltham Abbey (Epping branch due to reopen soon), providing advice and information to about 3,000 clients a year. [More.](#)

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Epping Forest
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Volunteer photographers needed by Loughton Festival on various days this month. <https://www.facebook.com/loughtonfestival/posts/1073577306034474>

Girlguiding units in Loughton are desperately in need of more adult volunteers to help keep their Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units running. They need people who can help at weekly meetings to give girls a space where they can build their confidence, raise their aspirations and have fantastic fun. [More.](#)



Wanted - Tutor for Gardening/Horticulture course. September 2016 – July 2017. 2 – 2½ hours per week (term time only). Buckhurst Hill Community Association. [More.](#)



Off road and road motorcyclists are being detected driving dangerously on safety cameras across the county. Road policing officers need help from members of the public who may recognise them or the bikes they're riding, which have false plates. driving.complaints@essex.pnn.police.uk or anonymously at Crimestoppers (0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org) [More.](#)

GENERAL

EU Referendum. You do not need to register for the EU Referendum if you have already received a poll card for the upcoming Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Local Elections on 5 May 2016. If you are on the Electoral Register you will be included in all Elections and Referendums. You only need to register for the EU Referendum if you have moved after 18 April 2016, in which case you need to do so by Tuesday 7th June 2016

Contacting Essex Police. EFNW report that the new (national) reporting system takes too long. So if you want to pass on information to Essex Police use 101 or email hub.office.efd.brentwood@essex.pnn.police.uk (emails are read only in office hours, Monday to Friday, but the email goes directly through to Loughton Police Station).



Scams etc

- The [little book of Big Scams](#), produced by the Met. Please share it and help people avoid being conned. [EFNW]
- **Fraudulent texts.** If you get a text messages, purporting to be from your bank, saying a new direct debit has been set up and asking you to contact the bank on a number provided if this hasn't been authorised. When you ring, they ask you for personal details.....Always call your bank using a number from a bank statement or a verified source, not from a text.

The Brunel Museum hosts all sorts of musical and theatrical events, and tells the story of one of the world's great engineering dynasties. Brunel organised the world's first underground concert party here in 1827. Open seven days a week 10am – 5pm (later for special events). Near Rotherhithe tunnel. Come by boat 10.45am Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays or by walking tour Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. See [guided walking tour](#) from Bermondsey or Embankment tube stations. Entry £6 (£4 concessions). Children under 16 free.



Entry to Great Eastern launch ramps: free. Brunel Museum, Railway Avenue, Rotherhithe, SE16 4LF. 020 7231 3840. info@brunel-museum.org.uk www.brunel-museum.org.uk/



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FACEBOOK: Like and Follow our Facebook page by going to www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents

NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday May 13th.
2. In the process of drafting these items and sending them by email, some links to websites or email addresses can be broken; you can get round this by right-clicking on the link and then clicking "open" or, if this does not work, by cutting and pasting the address into an email or browser as appropriate.
3. If a web address doesn't work, or anything else is wrong, please let us know at david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk

4. LRA gives no warranty about, and will take no responsibility for, items or services offered – purchasers/users should make their own enquiries, and will be acting at their own risk.
5. To enlarge a picture, click on it and then drag one of the corners outwards
6. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch

David Linnell

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