



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Loughton Festival

In our events bulletin we have included some events which are part of, or associated with, the Festival. There are lots, lots more events, competitions and day courses at <http://www.loughtonfestival.org.uk/>



LRA NEWS

School Green, York Hill. This is Epping Forest land. A resident asked us about the sudden appearance of concrete inspection pit covers following some Thames Water work. Loughton Town Council have confirmed that the City of London are working closely with Thames Water to ensure that the covers are removed and the grass reinstated so that the area is returned to normal as soon as possible (this may involve protecting the reseeded area with temporary fencing for a short period).



Alderton Hill/ Alderton Hall Road junction. We've had another enquiry from a resident concerned about safety at this junction. County Highways turned down LRA Cllr Chris Pond's requests for a mini-roundabout; subsequently they have turned down his request for parking restrictions on the corners, which Chris is challenging.

We have managed to get a "ghost" island and improved signs, but we don't think that's enough.

Garages, Chequers Road. LRA Cllr Chris Roberts has reported fly-tipping on the garage site next to the railway line at least four occasions in the last two years. The District Council do clear the rubbish once it's reported.

CCTV is going to be covertly installed to monitor the site in an attempt to catch and prosecute any trespassers. In August 2016 the Council placed a moratorium on their future house-building programme, which includes the Chequers Road site. Although they've now decided to re-start the programme, construction may not start for some 18 months so Chris is pressing the Council to clear the site and to secure it against any further dumping.



Parking reviews (The Broadway area and Forest Road/Smarts Lane area)

- **Parking controls in Oakwood Hill.** A resident recently queried why these were being introduced. LRA Cllr Chris Pond replied that unfortunately the lack of controls there, and the relative cheapness of fares from Debden station, have made it a place for commuter parking, giving cause for concern on safety grounds. Banning parking altogether would have caused displacement into other residential streets, so



Pay & Display was proposed, with proper gaps for junctions, passing, and bus stops. The hope is that long distance commuters will be deterred by the charges, and travel instead from a station near where they live, and that as a consequence, Oakwood Hill will become safer.

- **Visitor permits.** Chris comments that anyone in the proposed parking zones may buy these (£10 for 10 all-day stays anywhere in the zone. You don't need a permit to park on your own drive) This isn't a money-generating scheme - NEPP do not make a profit or put cash into general Council coffers; any surplus simply goes towards parking improvements.
- **Business permits:** Chris also comments that all addresses in the zone, whether residents or resident businesses, are entitled to apply for parking permits - this is standard practice. Businesses are limited to those directly in the zones (so for example businesses in the High Road or The Broadway can't apply. There's a limit of two permits in each address. Businesses can also apply for visitor permits, and we will monitor this to check that the privilege is not abused.
- **York Hill area** residents objected to and rejected a Controlled Parking Zone in 2013. This means that NEPP will not even *consider* a new scheme for the York Hill area for another five years.

Remove the High Road traffic lights?

A resident commented that traffic had flowed better when they were out of action – could they be removed? LRA Cllr Chris Pond responded that he had discussed this some years ago with County Highways traffic engineers; the conclusion was that they were needed for the safety of pedestrians crossing the High Road and The Drive, and of articulated lorries turning into and out of The Drive (for themselves and for other road users). We would also be concerned about safety at night, with some drivers speeding down the High Road across the junction without regard for crossing traffic!

167 bus journeys. A resident asked whether it will be possible to do 2 journeys (for example to get from Debden to Ilford using the 20 and then the 167) for payment for a single journey? LRA Cllr Chris Pond replied that it was, as long as the buses involved were TfL services (whether or not in Essex) and as long as you touch in on the second bus within an hour of doing so on the first bus.



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>

How parking regulation works

– a [presentation](#) by NEPP to the District Council (page 7 onwards).

Nu-Bar. Full [report](#) on the District Council meeting that determined the end of late-night problems from this venue (item 58).

[We reported the outcome on March 8th. We are delighted that this nuisance has now ceased. Efforts are continuing to bring about the end of late-night disturbances from LuXe, High Road, and we will keep you in touch with these.]



Chigwell Lane roadworks by the District Council:

- County Highways agreed to temporary closure of a **Chigwell Lane** carriageway to install attenuation drainage which will protect tree roots of a nearby mature oak tree



- they also agreed the new **junction works with Abridge Road** could be completed this month (ahead of the rest) so the new traffic signals can be brought into use
- there have been **delays to the work** due to drainage design issues for works in the verge, and additional gas mains have been found which were not revealed by searches and on site investigations. The contractor is trying to reduce the impact of these delays.

Essex Police:

- **dangerous bike & motorbike riders** have been seen in various areas, including the Roding Valley Recreation Ground. The police will deal with these, and in the past have confiscated bikes, but they need to know who they are!
If you have information and/or photos, please email Chief Inspector Basford direct at lewis.basford@essex.pnn.police.uk
- **what's the Law on off-road bikes?**
This [leaflet](#) was produced by the West Midlands Police, but applies equally here.
- **crime in Loughton** is summarised in this [briefing note](#) supplied to a public meeting in February.
- **when to dial 999/ 101** - dial 999 when an offence has just happened or is happening and there is a chance of us finding someone nearby or still at the scene. Also where there is an imminent threat to life or property but which is not actually a crime.
Otherwise report at <https://www.essex.police.uk/> or ring 101.



Loughton Town Council's busy year! Find out more [here](#).

Essex County Council's Social Care programmes – what's happening? Find out [here](#).

The Council is putting a brave face on its struggles to cope after the financial cuts
– and a group of social care providers are suing the Council for allegedly not paying them enough.

The Broadway: Street Trading Consent granted by the District Council to Mr L Campbell for a Caribbean Food & Soft Drinks stall, Tuesdays & Fridays 10am - 4pm and Saturdays 10am - 3.00pm.

Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow: latest Board [papers](#)

Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone : latest Board [papers](#)

Highway match-funding. Epping Forest District Council will partly match-fund (adding 15%) local Essex County Council highway schemes.

The Council has approved capital funding of £50,000 to secure additional funding for highways schemes approved through the Epping Forest Local Highway Panel.

[While we welcome any extra funding, and will push for scheme in Loughton, this is a drop in the ocean compared with past lack of proper funding by the County & District Councils.]



Planning breach houses to be demolished: two Chigwell residents have been fined £880 (not £8,800 as in the press release) and were ordered to demolish a partly-constructed house built without planning permission. [More](#).

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Interested in cricket?

We have **Loughton Cricket Club** in the centre of the Town, with a splendid ground and clubhouse (Church Hill/ Traps Hill).

Introductory sessions for [boys](#), and [girls](#), and [adults](#) (13 & older):

- **for boys:** 6 – 8pm on Fridays April 21st, April 28th & May 5th
- **for girls:** 6 - 8pm on Tuesdays April 25th & May 2nd

or if you'd just like to **[come along and watch the cricket!](#)** [More](#) about the Club..

There's also [South Loughton Cricket Club](#) on Roding Road.



Want to move to a smaller council home? The District Council's downsizing scheme has incentives to help you make the move. <http://ow.ly/gIH030aLj45>



Can you do better? Will you be the Loughton Festival Photographer of the Year? John Price is organising a walk on 29 April so that people can take photos and enter the competition, or you can send in your favourite photo of Epping Forest. The best will be selected for an



exhibition in Loughton Library, and any sold will raise money for charity. <http://www.loughtonfestival.org/2017-COMPETITIONS.html>

Need help getting active? If you want to increase your activity and fitness, meet new friends and stay motivated, the District Council's new *Active Living* programme is for you! [Sign up](#) to receive one-to-one motivational support for a whole year and up to 6 months of free activities.



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HELP WANTED

Sunday May 28th. HOWZAT! Cricket and Fayre at the cricket ground, Traps Hill/ The Uplands. 10am – 6pm. Games, stalls, amusements. Volunteers required for this event and STALLS booking is now open. Email loughtonfestivalmarket@hotmail.com for more information. Poster: <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/C8qAdwBWAAEcNhq.jpg>

Administrative Assistant/ Planning & Licensing Committee Clerk needed by Loughton Town Council – [details](#) (apply by April 20th)

Deer casualties in the Forest. If you find a deer casualty, please report the location to the Forest Keepers on 020 8532 1010 (24 hours) – and please stick to the 40mph speed limit in the Forest as if you hit a deer you may well come off badly!



Police Local Community Meetings (LCM) – give your views. At present there's one every 8 weeks alternating between the Police area of Brentwood District and Epping Forest District. EFNW would like your views on improving the meetings - ideas and suggestions to mike.compton1@btinternet.com.

Summer youth work. Do you want to help make a difference to the lives of young people this summer? The County Youth Service are looking for enthusiastic support staff to help run this year's National Citizen Service in the school summer holidays. [More](#)

GENERAL

Easter

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



Don't waste time - plan ahead to make the most of your long weekend - <http://ow.ly/h3KH30aLOh7>

National Trust Woodford & District Centre summer coach outings (open to non-members)

- **11 May:** Syon Park House and Gardens, Kew
- **22 May:** Nymans, near Haywards Heath
- **6 July:** Ingatestone Hall (p.m. only)
- **20 July:** Bodiam Castle and Battle of Britain Memorial, Capel Le Ferne

Depart Sir James Hawkey Hall or Homebase, Loughton.

For details and booking, please telephone Brenda Bates on 01708 765215.

Burglar alarms & CCTV

- **If you have an alarm fitted to your home** – make sure that it is fitted with a 20-minute cut-off device, and register a key holder with the Council. You can download a key holder information form [here](#):
- **Get a burglar alarm.** Don't wait until you are burgled - increase your security now and start up a NHW group if you haven't already done so. What are you waiting for? [EFNW]



- **Do It Yourself?** A resident recently emailed EFNW to say he had fitted an alarm and CCTV at home. Whereas years ago these had to be professionally and expensively installed, upgrading home security is now not that expensive; with some basic DIY skills and a few basic tools the alarm and CCTV were easy to fit.

Orange email closure: the addresses affected are: **please let us know your new email address**

Orange.net	Orangehome.co.uk	Wanadoo.co.uk	Freeserve.co.uk	Fsnet.co.uk
Fsbusiness.co.uk	Fslife.co.uk	Fsmail.net	Fsworld.co.uk	

If you haven't been notified, please check with your provider -

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NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday April 28th.

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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