

LRA NEWS

Controversial Draft Local Plan

- **District Council Cabinet meeting.** [Webcast](#) of the debate - watch your local Cllrs. The controversial aspect of the Plan is the number of sites in Loughton listed for possible development, including *Jessel & Rochford Greens*, *Lucton's field* (Borders Lane) and the car-parks at Loughton Station and on *Traps Hill*. (*italicised sites pictured*)
- **Plan approval** will be at the District Council full council meeting on Tuesday October 18th. [Agenda](#). You're welcome to attend or you'll be able to watch the [webcast](#) live, or after the meeting.
- **Public Consultation** will start end-October, for 6 weeks. The District Council will send you a leaflet about the Plan.
- **Loughton Life.** As soon after the full Council meeting as we can get it printed and distributed, we will deliver a newsletter to all Loughton households giving a summary of the key aspects and how to give the Council your views (we'll put the information, and suggested comments to send to the Council, on our website for you).
- **More information**
 - **display** at Loughton Library, Traps Hill, from Monday October 31st to Monday December 12th.
 - **District Council staff on hand** in Lopping Hall, High Road to answer questions on Monday November 7th, 3.30 – 8pm (*to be confirmed*).
 - **Meeting open to the public:** Tuesday November 29th: an extraordinary Town Council meeting and/or Town Meeting, Murray Hall, Borders Lane (*details to be confirmed*).
 - **Meeting: "Trees and Green Infrastructure" across the District.** Tuesday November 8th. Discussion on a strategy and action plan. A special event for the Loughton and Buckhurst Hill area. This workshop will be held in the evening at The Murray Hall; time to be confirmed.



Loughton Life deliverers – can you help, please? We have a few roads where we don't currently have a volunteer to deliver copies. If you could deliver in any of the following, please let me know at david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk (number of copies in brackets):

Cassis Court, Chigwell Lane (49)
Pyrles Lane (69)

Hanson Drive (134)
Mannock Drive (65)

Avondale Drive (127)
River Way (part) (58)

Broadway “surgery”. On September 24th half-a-dozen LRA Cllrs, led by Cllr Chris Roberts, held a surgery on The Broadway, talking to residents and shop-keepers about their problems. For residents and shop-keepers one key problem was parking; for shop-keepers rents and rates were also high on the list.



Alderton Hill pavement blocked by work on the old Roding Valley School tennis courts. The blockage seems to be unauthorised. This is a busy road and a main route to/from the school and Loughton station. LRA Cllr Judy Jennings took this up with the District Council, which has passed the matter onto the County Council as this is a Highways matter – we await a response.

The Uplands: displaced kerbstones. LRA Cllr Chris Pond took this problem up with County Highways, who say that: the next inspection for The Uplands is due this month; they are aware of a couple of kerb defects and these will be assessed and prioritised alongside any new defects in line with their maintenance strategy.

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>

Annual Bonfire & Firework Display. Saturday November 5th.

St. John the Baptist Church, Church Lane. Details in our *EVENTS* email.

Illegal Encampment

- Started **on Hillyfields**, Wednesday 14 September. The Town Council issued *Notice to Vacate* letters to the persons on site within the first hour of occupation. As this didn't have any effect, the Council appointed lawyers and went to court on September 30th (cost to them - and hence to Council-tax-payers - over £4,000, plus the staff time taken and the cost of clearing up the mess the travellers left behind).
- The trespassers moved over the weekend to District Council land at Jessel Green – the Council reacted as quickly as possible & a court possession hearing date is set for today (October 14th).

DVLA out and about in Loughton clamping cars their records show as untaxed like this one in Staples Road. Check your renewal before you go off on holiday!



Drug-taking / dealing.

- The police ask residents to [report any incidents](#) (wherever they occur) and to keep a diary listing the times and dates of any such gatherings, together with any other useful information such as the numbers involved, car registration etc., in order to better inform and focus the Police's response
- Three men, aged 27, 31 + 48, **charged with class A drugs offences** + remanded in custody following arrest. The police obtained a three-month "closure" order at a Debden address (this will control who can have access to a house where there has been criminal behaviour by some-one from outside the household). ht.ly/GGvK304X0e6

New Youth Club: Loughton Youth Centre. 106 Borders Lane (next to Murray Hall). Enquiries: spark@worthunlimited.co.uk or 020 8508 6743.

- **Halloween Party.** 6 - 8pm. Monday October 31st.
- **Mondays & Thursdays during term time:** 3.30 - 5.30pm.



Free half-term BMX, sk8 & in-line skating event +new caving experience! Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill. October 27th & 28th. [More.](#)



Mike and Gill Evans. This Loughton couple have been given the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Gold Badge for many years of fundraising – you may have met them at the occasional RNLi stalls at the north end of our Farmers markets in the High Road. [More.](#)
(Photo: Epping Forest *Guardian*)

Loughton Health Centre: latest Patient Group [minutes](#). *And see Help Wanted below.*

2016 Christmas Window Competition. The Town Council invites all Loughton's businesses to decorate their shop windows in a Christmas-themed design for automatic entry to this special Christmas competition. [More.](#)



Last year's winners

District Council

- **Planning application fees.** The Council is increasing the householder pre-application advice fee to £80, including VAT (£120 incl. VAT for listed buildings) so their costs are recovered directly from the landowner or developer, and aren't a general cost to the Council-Tax-payer.
- **All highway related pre-application advice** must be sought from [Essex County Council](#) direct.
- **Council tenants downsizing:** since 27 July 2015, 34 downsizing payments had been made in the sum of £77,000 releasing 43 bedrooms. This included £17,000 in removal expenses.

Foxes – suspicious deaths in Loughton. It is illegal to poison foxes.

- **If you find a fox** which you suspect has been poisoned, please can report it to the Government's Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme hotline on 0800 321 600 and us on 0300 1234 999.
- **Report a sick, injured or poisoned pet** at 0300 1234 999 or log an enquiry at [My RSPCA](#).

Motorists, dog walkers and visitors – beware!

The rutting season has begun. During the deer mating season, please be extra careful. [Advice.](#) Report accidents to 0208 532 1010.



Abandoned vehicle, Woodredon Hill. You may have wondered why it took so long for the City of London to remove this vehicle - the vehicle's chassis was badly damaged and therefore could not be moved without road closures and safety precautions in place.

Secondary school places. Earlier this year, LRA objected strongly to moves by the District Council to remove covenants protecting land in Loughton which could have been used for a new school – at the time neither the County Council nor the District Council would agree that a new school was likely to be needed.

Now Conservative Cllr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, is saying: "The demand for secondary school places in the Loughton area is expected to rise dramatically over the next decade as a result of local development and larger year groups coming through."

As a result, Essex County Council wants to expand West Hatch High School from a seven form entry school (1,050 pupils) to a nine form entry school (1,350 pupils), with a new sports hall. "The creation of 60 new Year 7 places per year at West Hatch High School from 2018, together with plans to expand Roding Valley High School by 30 Year 7 places per year, would help meet that demand."

(note: this wording strongly suggests that the expansion will not be enough to cope with all the extra demand)..

Subject to consultation, final approval and planning processes, building work should start in September 2017 and be completed a year later. [More.](#)

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Get an allotment The benefits of an allotment: [National Allotments Society.](#)

- **Loughton Potato Ground:** www.loughtonpotatoground.com
- **Roding Road Allotment & Leisure Gardens Association:**
www.rodinroadallotments.co.uk
- **Willingale Road Allotments:** Shirley Haynes
(Loughton Town Council: 020 8508 4200)
- **River Housing site** (borders of Loughton & Buckhurst Hill): Julie Willis on 07870347713



Free digital training courses for small business owners and employees: do you want to improve your impact in the marketplace? Essex Libraries has just the thing for you. The online *Google Digital Garage* programme provides a host of digital skills enabling you to boost your online presence and market yourself online successfully. Contact [Loughton Library](#), Traps Hill - 0345 603 7628 - to sign up.



Free entry into Use Local Directory for Epping Forest area businesses and groups – please email johnmahoney@uwclub.net

Photography: interested? Why not join [Loughton Camera Club.](#) Exhibition now on at [Loughton Library](#), Traps Hill.



HELP WANTED

Independent Examiner needed. Each year the LRA accounts have to be examined by an independent person (who may be an LRA member) with the relevant ability and experience. An examination is a less onerous form of scrutiny than an audit. Our long-serving and much-appreciated Examiner is now standing down, so if you have financial and/or accounting experience and would like to help, please contact david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk



Re-usable A4 paper wanted.

I get through a lot of “scrap” paper, despite my efforts to avoid printing things out. If you have a supply (1,000 sheets or more) of clean, white A4 paper printed on only one side (and not confidential) I’d be interested (david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

Loughton Health Centre: help needed. The partnership will lose over £100,000 of income because NHS England has decided to centralise some of the services which the surgery provides for patients. If you’re a patient and would like to help by emailing NHS England to express your concern and give your support to the partnership, please email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk and we’ll pass your details to a member of the Patients Group who can advise you on what to say.

Nominate your Citizen of the Year! Epping Forest District Council’s Citizen of the Year Awards recognises people in the community who go above and beyond and make positive changes in our district. If you know an individual or a team who make a real difference why not nominate them for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year or Team of the Year. [More.](#)



National Cyber Crime Survey to learn about people’s awareness of online safety and experiences of cybercrime. The results will help police forces gain a better idea of the challenges they are facing. Please complete the [questionnaire](#).

GENERAL

Halloween

- **The police** will be doing as much as they can over Halloween, but recent reductions in their strength mean they will need as much help as possible from residents – and parents can help by preventing problems arising!
- [advice for parents](#) from *Essex Watch*
- **Poster:** [No Trick or Treat](#) to put in your window
- **Youth Club event**, Borders Lane – see *Local News* above
- **Bats and Hallowe’en:** In October, bats crop up in shops, pubs and homes. Bats are more than a decoration. They play a vital role in our environment but their populations have suffered severe declines during the last century. Please visit www.bats.org.uk/pages/halloween.html to transform your Halloween celebrations into something positive for bats and help BCT fundraise for bats.

Sorry!



No trick or treaters





Going to Nandos? You may get a parking ticket if you park outside ToppsTiles or Majestic (Station Road) even if they're closed - check the sign! See <http://tinyurl.com/jhy3rxo> and MoneySavingsExpert's [advice](#) on how to fight parking fines.



Epping Forest- please don't pick the fungi! The fungi season is just starting. Remember, look but don't touch. No collecting allowed. [More.](#)



Essex Gritters prepare for winter.

- **Winter officially begins** for highways maintenance engineers on Monday 24 October so expect to see the County Council's fleet of gritters out and about on 'dry runs' rehearsing the main salt-spreading routes.
- **View winter salting routes and salt bin location online**
- **More information** on all aspects of winter preparation at the Council



Protect your child online (provided in relation to bullying but relevant more widely).

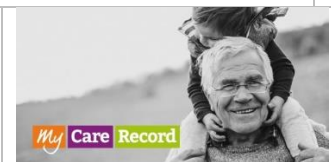
National Jazz Archive. Loughton Library, Traps Hill.

- **The Alan Barnes Quintet** are playing our next Loughton fundraiser on Saturday October 22nd. Tickets here: <http://ow.ly/EHtD304Jirf>
- **Get the Newsletter**
- **New Guide to the Archive.** To make it easier to explore their collections and website, the Archive has compiled a *Guide to the Archive*. It outlines the main holdings at Loughton, explains how to search the online catalogue and the digitised material on the website. Download a copy [here](#).



Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs). DFGs are a statutory provision available to private home owners and private tenants with disabilities enabling them to remain independent at home. Referrals for DFGs are made to the District Council by Occupational Therapists. [More.](#)

My Care Record aims to avoid unnecessary clinical tests; also to provide health and care professionals directly involved in your care with access to the most up-to-date information about you. At first, this only applies to patients in particular areas of Herts & Essex who are being treated at the Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust A&E dept in Harlow. [More.](#)



Windows 10:

- **Updates:** a recent update completely overrode any system changes you might have previously made, and you will have to do them all again. Particularly check your permissions with regard to Cortana, 'she' wants permission to access everything from your emails to your private documents and that information will be stored on the cloud. [EFNW]
- **How to get a screenshot:** go to the Windows icon at the bottom-left of your screen; scroll down the list of apps to *Windows accessories*. Click on the downwards arrow and select *Snipping tool*.





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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 Saturday October 29th.
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

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