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LRA's Loughton News is changing

You may have already noticed some changes such as these emails being easier to read on mobile phones and tablets.

One change is that, as David Linnell has handed on some of the behind-the-scenes jobs that support LRA, from next month these emails will be sent from a new email address:

LRA's Loughton News
loughtonnews@loughtonresidents.co.uk

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LRA NEWS



New Town Mayor

Loughton Town Council have announced our new mayor will be LRA Cllr Stella Murpy, and the deputy town mayor (in blue) will be Cllr Tessa Cochrane.

From [Loughton Town Council's press release](#):

After her election, Stella thanked members for electing her and expressed her gratitude to former Mayor, Councillor Murray, who would be a hard act to follow. She said 'I am sure that he would be looking forward to a break after attending over 120 events during the past year.'

Loughton's Town Mayor is elected annually in May by the Town Council. The mayor's role is to preside over meetings of the council, as well as representing the council at civic and ceremonial functions, such as the Remembrance Sunday parade and the annual Civic Service. [More](#)

District Plan Local Plan Update

The Epping Forest District Council Local Plan is now under scrutiny by the Planning Inspectorate in a series of hearings in Epping. LRA are continuing the fight against planned over-development in Loughton and Debden and for the preservation of Jessel Green.

The District Council disregarded local and national policies, submissions by respected bodies and consultation responses that many of you completed. Our Forest, local services,

transport and green spaces will all be under pressure from congestion and increased pollution if the plan for 1000+ new dwellings so close to the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation is approved.

LRA, the SaveJesselGreen group and Loughton Town Council also spoke at a hearing specifically for Loughton on the 11th June. [You can watch the session on Loughton here.](#)



The new Lidl store, replacing Homebase in 2020

LRA Cllr Chris Pond has had confirmation from Lidl that they intend to operate the store from 8am – 8pm (they would need to submit a planning application to operate outside those hours. Their alcohol licence application asks for 7am – 11pm, but that's their standard national approach, and cannot over-ride the permitted hours for the Loughton store). Chris has also asked them to route their delivery lorries away from the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation, and respect the Art Deco frontage of the 1923 bus garage.

High-rise housing at Loughton & Debden stations?

Transport for London (TfL) are proposing developments on their car parks rising to 12 storeys in Loughton and 13 storeys in Debden.

This was also examined on Tuesday 11th June as part of the Local Plan.

This seems ludicrous but their 141 page submission for the Planning Inspector suggests they are serious. Without asking for local opinion TfL tell us these sites *“would contribute positively towards the character of both Debden and Loughton without harming wider townscape, the amenity of neighbouring properties or heritage assets”*. They go on to say:



Loughton

“Development on the site has an opportunity to form its own distinct neighbourhood character while being respectful to the character of surrounding areas.”

Debden

“High density development in the form of taller buildings on the Debden station car park site will also contribute positively towards its character by marking the location of the station.”



The LRA Plans Group will oppose any such plans!

Licensing Applications

The LRA Plans Group and Loughton Town Council have objected to two new applications and have asked for earlier closing times than requested, because of the potential for customers and, in one case, delivery vehicles disturbing nearby residents (the High Road has flats above the shops).

Baylis Food & Wine, 159 High Road

They have applied to the District Council to extend their opening times and supply of alcohol times due to providing a new online service and delivery service. Proposed opening times are:

Monday to Thursday: 7am - 11pm (alcohol 8am – 11pm)

Friday to Saturday: 7am - 1am (alcohol 8am – 1am)

Sunday: 8 - 11pm (alcohol 10am – 11pm)

Wo Fat Restaurant, 270-272 High Road.

They have applied for supply of alcohol and provision of recorded music to midnight on Mondays to Saturdays (and until 11:30pm on Sundays).

Molen's Cafe, 209D/E High Road

A Planning Inspector has turned down an appeal by this café against a planning condition imposed by the District Council which prevents customers using the café's rear garden because of the level of disturbance this would cause to nearby residents.

The café's potential use of the garden has been a long-running saga; the firm nature of the Inspector's decision should mean that there will be no further threats to nearby residents' peaceful enjoyment of their gardens.

Rear of 165 High Road

The District Council's local planning committee refused permission for a one-storey roof extension to provide an extra 2 one-bedroom penthouse flats, as an addition to the 5-storey building being erected on the site.

The LRA Plans Group and the Town Council objected because the approved building was already too high and out-of-keeping with the "human" scale of the High Road, particularly as it would be opposite the green open space of Standard Green.



Can you help us occasionally at LRA's

Farmers' Market?

Thank you for being a member. LRA is 100% run by volunteers, so could you help a little more?

Could you help on the bookstall, and meet your fellow friendly residents!

Do you have a spare hour, on the occasional Sunday?

We have regular helpers on our bookstall, but sometimes we need a little bit of extra help when running short of volunteers. This involves just looking after the bookstall and taking money for books sold.

It's all rather easy - we won't ask you to do much and there are always other LRA volunteers on duty to take questions on LRA and town matters, and you never know who you might bump into!

Markets are held on the second Sunday of every month but you don't need to be available every month. For a chat (with no obligation) please [email Jill](#)

Could you help with a car?

Could you help move our tables and stands a short distance to the High Road on LRA's Farmers Market days?

We have regular volunteers for this, but do need reserve help for when our regulars are unavailable. A hatchback car is sufficient to pick up the materials and drop them off on Sunday market days (at 8am) and/or the reverse in the afternoon (after 1:30pm).

It's a quick job, and markets are held on the second Sunday of every month but you don't need to be available every month. For a chat (with no obligation) please [email Jill](#)

MORE LRA NEWS

District Council moving to North Weald

We've had several questions about if/when the District Council will be moving to North Weald. This is probably about 2-4 years down the line, and the intention is to move only back office staff. Meetings and democratic services will remain in Epping.

LRA Cllrs will be keeping an eye on this process, as there are doubts about its viability. Much also depends on what happens about the St Johns Rd Epping development and what Historic England think of proposed changes to the existing civic offices.

Oakwood Hill District Council depot opening hours.

Following a successful campaign by local residents and the LRA to save a green space by Marlescroft Way, the District Council have extended opening hours at their nearby Oakwood Hill depot. Grounds maintenance staff and other depot users will have access from 0700 -1800 Monday to Friday and 0700-1300 on Saturday. Staff will be parking on the roads in the estate across Oakwood Hill. Residents are concerned that this will mean extra

disturbance at anti-social hours.

LRA Cllrs Chris Roberts and Chris Pond argued for changes to the proposals, but the majority (of non-Loughton Cllrs) approved them. However the Council did make some changes which may help residents. Chris Roberts asks people living near the depot to keep him updated about the effects of the increasing use of this site.

Cleaning up the retail park!

LRA Cllr Chris Roberts complained twice in writing to the District Council Portfolioholder about the rubbish and mess after every weekend, as bins were never emptied on a Saturday. We are pleased that bigger and better bins have now been installed across the entire park and hope there'll be no more rubbish overflowing onto the pavements.

Chigwell Lane Changes

Approved works will reduce the northbound lane to a single carriageway under the M11 bridge, to protect vehicles which have exited the M11 heading towards Chigwell. There have been several accidents here. The 3 Loughton Cllrs all objected because of the extra congestion this would cause, but were overruled on safety grounds.

Further north on the A1168, a scheme is being considered for protection (possibly by improved signage) for the right turn into Station Approach.

The Town Council has sought better pedestrian crossing facilities across the A1168 at the Landmark building. Cllr. Mohindra has requested measures to prevent damage to the Broadway central reservation from vehicle overrun.



Etheridge Road

We spotted local residents' Facebook posts about an overflowing dog-poo bin in Etheridge Road. LRA Cllr David Wixley took it up with the District Council, who cleared it within 24 hours.

You can [email reports](#) of overflowing bins and other waste collection problems to the District Council or call them on 01992 564608.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS ARE [HERE](#)

Police act on obstructions

Local residents in Loughton raised concerns about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Local officers attended on June 3rd and issued tickets to offending vehicles.

It's only a police matter if the pavement/walkway is fully obstructed.

- if it's parked on double yellow lines or if it's partly on the pavement but you can still get a buggy/wheelchair past it's unlikely to be a matter for the police and will be a matter for the parking partnership officers.
- if it's parked on the pavement and is obstructing it to a point that a buggy/wheelchair can't get past then the chances are it's something the police can assist with.

This photo below shows a perfect example of the type of obstruction they can issue a fixed penalty notice for.

Given the pressure of other issues, these often have to take priority over parking.



Lincoln Hall, 125 High Road

The District Council have received an application to demolish the hall and replace it with a purpose designed pre-school building for 120 children for Chrysalis Pre-school (who are limited to 70 children in the existing hall).



[See the plans and give your views](#) (Application Number EPF/0730/19).

Staples Road parking

Following the introduction of residents' parking on Kings Green (by the War Memorial), residents of Shaftesbury at the western end of Staples Road have gained the 70% support necessary for a residents' scheme there [EFNW]

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

LRA Cllr Chris Pond was asked by a resident whether there are plans to introduce on-road charging points for electric vehicles.

Chris followed up with the County Council who advised there are no immediate plans from ECC to install electric vehicle charge points in Loughton.

The County Council is looking at various ideas for supporting electric vehicle charging infrastructure and what role they might play in terms of supporting the growth of a reliable charging infrastructure, especially in light of improving battery technology. On-street charging is one of the options that they have looked into but the wider implications and a number of drawbacks, in particular the liabilities that come with additional street infrastructure, long-term maintenance and operational reliability issues at a time of severe financial pressure mean they do not currently have plans to roll out the installation of on-street charging widely. However, they are considering whether it might be possible to test this concept at a very limited number of sites that have already been assessed, before considering the wider implications across the County.

Loughton Cricket Club Ground

Loughton is very fortunate to have its cricket ground in within the town itself. After very long-drawn out negotiations, Loughton Town Council's solicitors have confirmed that the Freehold Transfer of the land to the Town Council was completed on 13 May 2019 and the Cricket Club's lease on 15 May 2019. This is an important open site and we hope this transfer will safeguard it for future generations possibly by making it a *Field in Trust*.

LED lights... an idea too bright?

LED lights are energy efficient, but the Hills Amenity Society are concerned about the replacement of soft yellow bulbs in street-lights with harsh white LEDs in Stony Path, York Hill, Baldwins Hill, Forest Way and at the corner of Queens Road and Pump Hill.

They are raising this with County Highways, supported by LRA Cllr Chris Pond.

Staples Road was converted last week and residents now say the lights are so bright they can't sleep.

Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow

The hospital has issued a [summary](#) of current performance and future plans.

GENERAL

Loughton Festival

The programme for this year's end-May-June events is available [here](#).

This is an annual festival, organised entirely by volunteers and most of our events will raise money for local charities and good causes. This year the work of Accuro, a charity that supports people with disabilities and their families, will be highlighted



Loughton Festival

VAEF, Haven House Hospice and Neighbourhood Watch will also be supported. One of the Quiz Nights will support a local wildlife group in the Epping Forest District.



Jessel Green Community Fun Day

On Sunday 30 June, the Jessel Green Community Fun Day with all sorts of activities is taking place.

In addition to all the usual bouncy castles, inflatables and 18' climbing wall, there will be bungee trampolines for children, fun fair rides, horse and carriage rides and a children's entertainer. A free soft play area for the under 5s will also be provided close to the tea tent.

More from the [Town Council](#) and the [Jessel Green Community Fun Day website](#).

Loughton Open Garden Scheme.

This will take place on the weekend of 22 and 23 June 2019 to coincide with the flower festival taking place at St John the Baptist Church, Church Hill, Loughton. All proceeds will go direct to St Clare Hospice. Willingale Road Allotments have been included in the scheme and open on Saturday 22 June from 10am – 4pm (refreshments will be provided with all donations given to St Clare Hospice).

For more information, please contact St Clare's Community Fundraising Manager, Dani by [email](#) or calling 01279 773738.

OFFERS AND HELP AVAILABLE



Foodbank Co-ordinator needed

Epping Forest Foodbank are looking for a highly relational, motivated and organised candidate to join their committed, passionate and enthusiastic volunteer team. This position involves volunteer recruitment, implementing training and coordinating volunteer rotas, with the support of the Project Manager and other key volunteers. [More](#)

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