



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

If you're one of our volunteer newsletter deliverers:

because the District Council will be starting a consultation on the new [Local Plan](#) at the end of October, we have switched over our *Townwide* and *Members'-only* newsletters so that we can let all residents know about the new Plan, and how to make their views known. The next *Members'-only* edition will be out in the next couple of weeks, and the *Townwide* will appear at the end of October. Thanks for your help!

Hear Chris Pond welcome BBC Radio Essex's Essex Quest programme at LRA's Farmers Market last Sunday www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p045lwmv#play (2½ hours in)



Housing list: a member contacted us because his son wanted to get on the list but cannot use a computer – which the District Council system now requires. LRA Cllr Chris Roberts sorted out the difficulty.

Land by Staples Hill Path (runs up from the Drive). LRA Cllr Caroline Pond followed up a resident's comment about the eyesore created by litter here. Unfortunately as it is private land it cannot be cleared by the District Council, and they have inspected it and say it is not harmful enough to public health for them to serve a notice on the owners. We will ask the owners to clear the litter.

Nu-Bar, 153 High Road, is putting out adverts on a display board obstructing the traffic island on Old Station Road outside their premises, and we have asked the District Council to take appropriate action.



Burney Drive reconstruction. We are dismayed and disappointed, as residents will be, that County Highways have yet again failed to deliver on their promises. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been chasing this urgent work, and has now heard that the “scheme will not be delivered this financial year as it has become apparent to Highways that significant investigation and design works will be required to find the most suitable carriageway treatment solutions for this section of road.” [More.](#)

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>

Langston Road retail park. The District Council has announced tenants (so far) as *Next, Aldi, Smyths Toys, Mothercare, TJX(UK) Ltd, and Hobbycraft.* These cover over 50% of the Retail Park sales area. Opening expected September 2017.



In the meantime, please support The Broadway's shops!

We are pleased to support the work of The Broadway Town Centre Partnership, which has published a new guide to this local shopping centre, which contains lots of independent traders.

[Click here to view](#) the brochure and street map (made available by Loughton Town Council).

Hopper fares on TfL buses: make a journey using pay as you go on a bus or tram, and you can make a second bus or tram journey for free within one hour of first touching in.

Bus consultation. In 2015 Essex County Council began a thorough review of its financial support for those local bus services that it pays for across the County. This current consultation looks at 70 services across Essex where the current contract ends in 2017. The local services included are:

- 240/250, Debden Broadway via Loughton Station to Waltham Abbey and Waltham Cross
- 418B which runs from Loughton Station to Harlow via Abridge, Theydon Bois and Epping (eves Mon – Sat & all day Suns & Bank Holidays).

There are two options for each service: to make no changes to the current timetable or to provide a reduced timetable.



Classic cars & cream teas. Thanks to LRA Cllr Howard Kauffman & all those who helped last Sunday to organise a splendid display on Standard Green, High Road, including to the District Council and the Forest Conservators for giving permission. We hope to see more events on the Green.



Loughton Town Council

- **design this year's official Christmas Card:** any age. Open now - closes November 9th. Details [here](#).
- **Church Hill bench.** One of the Council's benches was removed earlier this year when the new Sainsbury's store was built. It has recently been replaced by the developers on the grassed area known as Bus Garage Green (which the Town Council put to rights some years ago, and now looks after)
- **bus shelters.** The Town Council is considering installing two new bus shelters in Traps Hill outside the Loughton Cricket Club and Loughton Library, at around £4,000 each.



- **Best Allotment in Loughton 2016** - [prizewinners](#)
- **bus 167** terminating at Loughton Station: see the Council's objection to TfL [here](#) (pages 8 & 9)
- **CCTV on Oakwood Hill estate**: the Town Council is objecting to the District Council's proposal to save money by removing CCTV cameras.



Planning matters

- **Royal Oak**, Forest Road/ Smarts Lane. Some residents are dismayed by the poor level of parking provision proposed, and the loss of some roadside spaces. Unfortunately, the way in which successive national Governments have laid down the law on planning applications means that parking tends to have a relatively low weight in the final decision. Other factors will therefore be more important. The LRA Plans Group will be considering residents' comments – it's been suggested that the number of flats, and the height and bulk of the proposed buildings, would constitute significant overdevelopment of the site, & that the result would be wholly out-of-character with the Victorian surroundings (see LRA News Special for 03 09 16). We have established that the footpath running through the site *will* be retained.
- **LuXe**, 126 High Road. The application to replace the current building with a block of flats will be decided at a [District Council meeting](#) in Loughton on September 21st – it has an Officer recommendation for approval. Rebuilding would mean the end of the problems caused for residents by the current illegal night-club use. The applicant's agent has offered "If it would please the council we can introduce olive green tiles to the ground floor to reflect the original public house (as highlighted by the Loughton and District Historical Society)". He is also quoted as rejecting the possibility of retaining & restoring the current façade.
- **Vere Road**. Five separate areas of District Council-owned land at Vere Road (north of The Broadway) are currently used to provide either Council garages or public car parking spaces. The Council intends to redevelop them to provide around 96 public parking spaces (compared to the current 63 spaces) and 10 new affordable rented properties. Local LRA Cllrs are broadly in support. [More](#) (item 15)
- **Burton Road development**. We understand the site has been cleared ready for groundworks.



Lopping Hall – Chairman's [report](#) for 2016 AGM – what's been done so far to renovate the hall, and what's in the pipeline.



Loughton Station Approach. We gather that the local County Cllr, Mrs Valerie Metcalfe, has managed to obtain agreement to bollards being placed on the centre "island" in front of Loughton Station, to stop the dangerous and unsightly practice of parking vehicles there.

Looking after the Forest; the Superintendent's latest [report](#).

You are hear: sound and a sense of place.

Essex sound and video archive: Essex Record Office touring exhibition at Loughton Library, Traps Hill till September 26th.
<http://www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/you-are-hear/>



Parents: you can now [apply for secondary school places](#) for next year.

Proposed Parliamentary Constituency Boundary changes:

the current draft proposals will have no effect on the Epping Forest Constituency boundaries.

Do you get the Council Tax 25% “single resident” discount?

- **Letter.** The District Council is currently reviewing their records. If you’re on the list, you will receive a letter asking you to confirm your current circumstances online before September 30th – you may be fined if you don’t reply! [More](#).
- **If you’re entitled to, but don’t get the discount:** contact the Council (01992 564000)



Clearing up the garden? Recently a Loughton family had a narrow escape after trees were felled in the garden behind theirs. Those responsible decided to get rid of the remains by setting fire to them: “The fire soon swiftly spread and became difficult to control, resulting in my husband and our neighbour having to turn hoses on the fire to prevent it catching our fences and sheds. Our fence became too hot to touch at one point. The fire brigade were called and dealt with the spread of the fire properly.” *If you are thinking of having a bonfire, please check safety – and consider your neighbours, who may be about to put out their washing!*

Have you confirmed your voting details? If not, the District Council has sent your household a reminder (in an envelope marked ‘Do not ignore this’, it is not junk mail!) Even if there have been no changes to your household, by law you *still* need to respond to confirm your details by September 19th – it’s easy to do so [online](#), by freephone or text message.



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

One Business [Briefing](#) – the magazine for businesses bringing news, advice and information from around the Epping Forest District. Includes Protecting Your Business; Epping Forest Tourism Conference details (October 16th) & new tourism website; CRATE (a new home in Loughton for 36 creative workspaces); and much more..



Worried about building work or working after hours? Contact the District Council (ring 01992 564000 in working hours & ask for Planning Enforcement). They will see if planning permission is needed and will not reveal who contacted them. Don’t leave it till it’s finished or it may be too late!



Visit Epping Forest museum

- Admission to the museum is **free**.
- It is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
- See what’s on at [Epping Forest District Museum](#)
- [Epping Forest District Museum brochure](#)

Advice & support for young people aged 13-19: contact [Spark](#) on 020 8508 6743. This month, [Spark](#) are moving into the Loughton Youth Centre, Borders Lane (next to the Murray Hall).



streetlife.com
the local social network

Streetlife [Loughton](#) is a website for local people – you can ask questions, find traders and help others do the same.

Back to school? Ensure smartphones, cameras, iPods, tablets and other gadgets are registered on [Immobilise](http://www.immobilise.com), recording the make, model, and any serial codes. For smartphones add the IMEI number (for mobiles just key in *#06# on the handset to display the IMEI). Then if recovered when lost or stolen the owner can be identified!



Find local voluntary & community support services easily at www.eppingforestfrontline.org.uk

New Choir Members for Davenant Community Choir – tenors especially welcome. No auditions, just the opportunity to enjoy everything from oratorio to songs from the shows to jazz. Buckhurst Hill Primary School, Lower Queen's Road 7.15 – 9.15pm every Thursday evening during term time. Parking available. Pauline Reeves 0208 5089597 or pauline.reeves@hotmail.co.uk



HELP WANTED



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 Festival 2017. Sue is now starting to compile the Loughton Festival programme for May 2017, and would like to hear from any local organisations who would like to include an event or talk as a Loughton Festival event.

This includes any businesses running events for the community and are willing to become a festival sponsor. [More.](#)



Drug dealing: a request from our local police - they often receive information about people smoking cannabis in the street or in cars, but what they find most useful is information about drug dealers particularly if they are selling Class A drugs including: heroin (diamorphine), cocaine (including crack), methadone, ecstasy (MDMA), LSD and Class B drugs which includes amphetamines and barbiturates.

No point telling them where someone was hours ago - they need to know names, addresses, car types and registration numbers and if you know dealers are always at a particular place at a regular time each week, please let them know that too. [EFNW]

Loughton Festival 2017. It is looking like we are going to have a scaled down version of the Loughton Festival next May unless volunteers come forward now to help organise events and perhaps help find some sponsors. Interested? loughtonfestival@aol.com please.



Donations needed for youth work charity in Loughton: can you help, please?

They want a small sofa and a coffee table to go in their new counselling room, pictures for walls, just ikea type canvases or something similar, a metal A-frame display board for the forecourt, paint, sandpaper and paintbrushes!!

If you can help, please email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk and we'll pass your message on.

Epping Forest Visitor Centre, High Beach, is open Thurs – Sun, plus Bank Holidays, 10-4 (summer), 10-3 (winter) and welcomes people from all over the world. They need volunteer information assistants – training (and uniform) provided. Judith Adams (020 8418 0730; Judith.adams21@btinternet.com)



GENERAL



New plastic fivers. New Bank of England £5 notes are now available, printed on polymer. Final printing will still be done at the BoE's Debden works. Details – and training for businesses – at www.thenewfiver.co.uk You can continue to use the paper £5 note until its legal tender status is withdrawn in May 2017. £10 and £20 notes will follow.

Real fire? Wood-burning stove? Chimneys should be swept at least once a year, and more frequently for those who have burning fires (where more soot builds up in the chimney).



Get switched on - leave a light on!

With Autumn fast approaching, and the nights' drawing in, Essex Police are encouraging residents to leave a light on in their properties this autumn and winter. If you leave your home without putting a light on or drawing the curtains it could be an open invitation and indication to opportunist burglars that no-one is home.



Draw your curtains when it is dark
Fit security lighting around your property
Lock your gates and keep your shed secure
Close and lock doors and windows
Keep keys out of sight



Property mark your valuables;
register them at <https://www.immobilise.com/>
(take photographs of them where appropriate)

Think about buying an alarm

Join or start a Neighbourhood Watch group

Trust your instincts - if you see anything suspicious call the police



NON EMERGENCY CALLS 101 or <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/>
in an EMERGENCY CALL 999

Action Fraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
0300 123 2040

Action Fraud. If you have problems getting through to Action Fraud, or with the time online reporting takes, you can now email them directly at contact@actionfraud.police.uk . They may respond to get some more information, but all emails will be treated in strictest confidence.

New Underground [map](#) shows walking distances in “steps” between Tube stations. [More.](#)



Getting rid of some rubbish? Using a contractor?

Always ensure you Check, Challenge & Record <http://ow.ly/WHHd303KA7T>



TWITTER: Follow us on Twitter at @LoughtonRA



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 September 30th.
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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