



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LRA NEWS

### Public Meeting & LRA's AGM

All welcome

8pm Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2017

There's a lot going on locally! We'll answer your questions and give a briefing on the draft Local Plan (we hope to have new information to hand).

Then we'll have refreshments and LRA's AGM. Doors open 7.45 for 8pm start at Loughton Club, 5 Station Road, Loughton IG10 4NX

**Broadway area parking proposals – at last.** LRA has been pressing for these proposals for ten years –they have only got this far because LRA Cllr Chris Pond has doggedly fought for them! The proposals have been signed off and will soon be in the public domain – we'll let you know. Residents in Torrington Drive and Gardens may like to know that on-street resident parking permits will be separate from the on-street parking bays the District Council have been constructing.

#### Loughton Leisure Centre

- **open at Easter!** The new operators of the Traps Hill centre will be opening the gym, main pool and learner pool on Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 4pm. LRA Cllr Rose Brookes has been pressing for this for some time. Please go along to use the gym and the pools, because if enough people turn up over the Easter weekend the operators will decide to open it on future bank holidays.
- **New phone number from March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 020 3225 5460



**Collapsed pavement in Southernhay.** LRA Cllr Roger Baldwin is following up residents' concerns about the effect of a builder's excavations on the footpath – there seems to be some buck-passing going on between the District and County Councils.

#### **Builder's materials on the roadway on the corner of Tycehurst Hill and Brook Road.**

These appear to have become a permanent fixture and I have taken this up with County Highways.

#### **Applications for new premises licences for sales until midnight**

- **Wine Rack, 236 High Road**
- **Loughton Pizza Hut, 21 The Broadway.**

The LRA Plans Group has objected to these applications.

The High Road and The Broadway are residential areas, with flats over the shops, and residents are entitled to peace and quiet after 11pm, which is the latest we would expect the opening hours to be.

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Wine Rack will be selling alcohol for consumption on or off the premises.

Pizza Hut will be operating a delivery service from the premises, and therefore their deliverers will be congregating, and talking, outside the premises, and will also disturb residents over a wider area as they travel up and down The Broadway.

**Please send your views** as soon as possible to the District Council Licensing Dept ([licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk) ) and copy us in at [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

**Parking in Albion Hill.** LRA Cllr Roger Baldwin has helped a local resident submit a petition to NEPP asking for single yellow lines to prevent parents' parking. [Note: if NEPP were to decide to act on this, there would be full consultation with residents first, and LRA would consider whatever scheme was put forward on its merits and on what all the Albion Hill residents felt about it.]

**Street lighting in Audley Gardens.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond is following up a request for better lighting (the columns are too far apart).

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## 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>**

### **Draft Local Plan.**

We remain very concerned about how the District Council has handled this.

**The results of the Public Consultation** are in the [Cabinet Agenda](#) for 9th March. So far they have only managed to analyse the comments sent in on paper or on the highly inadequate and misleading online Council questionnaire – residents' letters and emails are still to be looked at.

**63 additional sites** have come forward in the District since March last year and a few have been removed, but we do not know what these are.

**From now until December** the Council will be working on which sites to be selected.

**In January & February** there will be a 6-week public consultation on the final pre-submission plan, but this will invite comments only on soundness and the process used to prepare the Plan, not on the inclusion or exclusion of individual sites.

The public's comments will go to the Inspector in May 2018, who will decide from them which persons to invite to the **Examination in Public** which he or she will hold later in 2018.



### Epping Forest College (new Principal: Saboohi Famili)

- **Open Evening. Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>.** 4 -8pm. Find out about full-time and part-time courses here or at [www.efc.ac.uk](http://www.efc.ac.uk)
- **Become a Governor** and put your skills to use. 2 days a month, evening meetings. Looking for skills and experience in Finance (accountancy); audit, HR, IT & Systems Development, Marketing & PR, Data Analysis and MIS, Employer Engagement & External Relations. Contact [future@efc.ac.uk](mailto:future@efc.ac.uk) or come along to the Open Evening.

### Essex Police

- **Local Police Community Meeting Wednesday March 22nd. All welcome.** 6 - 7pm Roding Valley Hall, Station Way, Buckhurst Hill. Your chance to raise an issue or find out what's happening.
- **Drugs.** At the start of this month more than 20 suspected drug dealers were arrested and drugs, weapons and vehicles were seized during a week of action aimed at cracking down on drug and gang-related crime. Operation Raptor teams seized more than £3,000 in cash; three kilos of what is believed to be cannabis; more than 300 plants of the drug, 1.5kilos of the suspected Class B drug amphetamine & substantial amounts of the suspected Class A drugs heroin and crack cocaine.
- **If you have information about drug or gang-related crime,** call Essex Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.
- **Sheep killed in Loughton.** The sheep, which was found in Manor Road, Loughton, was taken in the early hours of Monday, March 5. Essex Police believe the sheep was shot before being left on a public footpath nearby. Anyone with any information should contact Essex Police on 101
- **Crimes figures for Loughton:** [www.police.uk/essex/130/crime/+fWI4Ep/](http://www.police.uk/essex/130/crime/+fWI4Ep/)
- **Crimes or suspicious activities in progress** should always be reported by dialling 999.



**Local Air Quality:** [report](#) by Town Cllr Chris Pond and [response](#) by the District Council's Environmental Health Officer responsible for local air quality.

**Ken Hoy.** We're sorry to record the death of Ken Hoy who, among many other things, was Chairman of The Friends of Epping Forest for nearly 40 years.

There will be a celebration of Ken's life (1924-2017) on Friday 21 April (2pm at Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row).

As there may be considerable interest in attending, please ensure you let Judy Adams (2 High View Close, Loughton IG10 4EG or [Judith.adams21@btinternet.com](mailto:Judith.adams21@btinternet.com)) know if you are coming, with numbers and contact details.



**On-Street Parking Permits** for the first permit at an address are going up on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from £45 to £48pa. Other charges are unaltered.



**Roding Valley parkrun** - Weekly free 5km timed run - it's you against the clock. Every Saturday at 9am. <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/rodingvalley/>

**Town Mayor's Charity Fun Run.** As the Easter holiday period is in mid-April this year, the annual Fun Run has been delayed until Sunday 14 May and will be held as part of the Loughton Festival. The charities to benefit will be the Essex Air Ambulance and the Loughton Youth Project. Keep an eye on the date in our *EVENTS emails*.

**Bus route 549:** new timetable to improve reliability. Buses will now run approximately every 70 minutes Monday to Saturday until early evening (first bus now up to eight minutes later and last bus now up to 26 minutes earlier). There is no late evening or Sunday service on this route. New timetables will be displayed at bus stops or see [www.tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey). Stagecoach will now operate the route (previously Go-Ahead). Later this year the existing vehicle will be replaced with a new, more environmentally friendly bus.



### **Tennis coaching for children.**

During the Easter school holidays, the Town Council will be providing a professional coach with two assistants to deliver two 4 x 1 hour tennis coaching sessions on Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April and Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April. £10 per child.

4 – 8 year-olds at 10am and 9 – 16 year-olds at 11am.

Book: 020 8508 4200 or email [contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk)

All equipment will be provided.

Please wear trainers, comfortable clothing and bring a drink.

### **Outdoor table-tennis tables.**

The Town Council will be looking at where to install tables on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground and the Willingale Road Playing Field.



**New M11 junction near Harlow:** the Government has pledged £14m. [More](#)

**CQC [report](#) on Queens Hospital, Romford:** “requires improvement”.

### **Defibrillators.**

There are currently defibrillators in the Police Station, Loughton Leisure Centre, Marks and Spencer, the Fire Station, Loughton Tube Station and Epping Forest College. However, there are currently no Community Automated External Defibrillators (CAEDs) in Loughton. These are the external machines that would show up on a map to emergency service operators dealing with 999 calls.

The Rotary Club of Loughton, Buckhurst Hill & Chigwell have raised £500 to provide a CAED. The Town Council are considering possible locations, including the wall outside Morrisons and a wall in Brickclamps Path, The Broadway.



**Public Rights of Way.** On 1 January 2026 the official (definitive) maps will be closed against the addition of paths claimed on the basis of historic evidence. Town Cllrs have previously submitted a number of paths in their wards, which were not PROWs, to the Town Council for consideration. The Town Council has approached Epping Forest District Council informally about the latter registering a number of paths it owns as PROWs. The Town Council is acting on four routes potentially under threat from development: i. Across Luctons Field diagonally, Ladyfields to Luctons Path ii. Jacksons Alley iii. Luctons Path iv. Adjacent 18 Longfield to Lowery Path and will be asking residents for evidence in the next edition of *Think Loughton*.

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## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

### Find your unwanted items a new home.

Getting rid of an appliance like a washing machine or a piece of furniture can be daunting due to their size and weight, not to mention the effort involved in taking large items to a recycling centre. To find out how to donate your unwanted items contact Epping Forest ReUSE ([www.eppingreuse.org.uk](http://www.eppingreuse.org.uk); [info@eppingreuse.org.uk](mailto:info@eppingreuse.org.uk); 01992 578222)



### AQA training course on food-growing skills, run by OrganicLea, starts on 5 April.

*Pyrls Lane – GROW Community Project.* Details of the modules and dates are provided at:

<http://growloughton.org.uk/free-training-course-learn-grow-vegetables/>

Email [anne@growloughton.org.uk](mailto:anne@growloughton.org.uk) or call 07492 915 531 to book your free place or for more information.

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## HELP WANTED

### Local footpaths

- **Found a problem on a footpath in Epping Forest District?**
- Please let the West Essex Ramblers (WER) know at [briansmith24922@btinternet.com](mailto:briansmith24922@btinternet.com)
- **Want to help put footpath problems right?** Join the WER Small Jobs Working Party on Tuesdays to carry out maintenance work – and do some walking. No experience needed; tools and training supplied.  
Contact: [briansmith24922@btinternet.com](mailto:briansmith24922@btinternet.com)
- **Just want to go for a walk?** See <http://www.westessexramblers.org.uk/page68.html> for a wide variety of short, medium & long walks, at a variety of paces.



### Roding Valley parkrun needs you!

It is entirely organised by volunteers – email [rodingvalleyhelpers@parkrun.com](mailto:rodingvalleyhelpers@parkrun.com) to help.

Weekly free 5km timed run against the clock. Every Saturday at 9am.

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/rodingvalley/>

**Terrorism:** the police can only beat terrorism if you let them know when you see or hear something suspicious, even if you haven't got a lot of information or you are not sure it is something important.

Call the Police in confidence on 0800 789 321 or visit

[www.gov.uk/ACT](http://www.gov.uk/ACT)

[EFNW]



**Epping Forest ReUSE** works with volunteers to collect and refurbish pre-loved household items to sell to the public and to support people on lower incomes. In 2016 they helped over 1,200 people buy affordable furniture and appliances. The 204 tonnes of furniture donated and sold on to local people is the equivalent to 4,121 2-seater sofas, or roughly 2 Boeing 757 aeroplanes!

They need more good quality items to help more people in the area – see [www.eppingreuse.org.uk](http://www.eppingreuse.org.uk)



# GENERAL

Are you registered to vote? Check at [elections@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:elections@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)  
If not, go to <http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> ... (takes about 5 minutes).

Manage your Council Tax **online**: pay your bill, get electronic bills in future, sign-up for (or amend) your Direct Debit, view your account and your bills

Compost bins are only £8.98 for Essex residents.

- to buy a bin: <http://ow.ly/6RkA308Za9m>
- more information or bigger bins:

<http://recycleforessex.com/news-and-ideas/try-composting-at-home/>



Fly-tipping – what the District Council does about it and what you can do to help: [here](#)

Loughton Fencing Club has been established for over 40 years and fence out of Debden Park High School – all ages and abilities welcome. More at [www.loughtonfencingclub.co.uk](http://www.loughtonfencingclub.co.uk)

First- & second-class stamp prices go up 1p on March 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Revised prices should be available [here](#).



**Cold callers selling burglar alarms:** the police and District Council's advice is, if you are concerned about your security and considering fitting a burglar alarm, contact your local police Crime Prevention Tactical Advisor (crime prevention officer) or Council Community Safety Officer who will give you free advice and put you in touch with regulated alarm installation companies in your area. Residents throughout the County have reported receiving unsolicited telephone calls from companies who say that crime is on the increase in their area and that they are at risk. They offer to install a free or very cheap burglar alarm and claim they are working with agencies such as the Home Office, District Council or the police. ***This is not true.*** [EFNW]



**Struggling with everyday tasks like dressing /cooking?**

AskSARA creates a free personal report with helpful products

<http://ow.ly/3Jje308JgQI>

[Essex County Council]



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**NOTES**

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>.
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](mailto: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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