

LRA NEWS

Please respond to the Public Consultation on the draft Local Plan
(if you haven't already done so.)

- **How?** You can find the latest *Loughton Life*, with details of where to send your comments, and suggestions for possible comments, on our website (www.LoughtonResidents.org.uk)
- **Window poster:** now [available](#) to download and display
- **Garden villages or suburbs** are new communities which many Essex districts (but not ours!) are considering in their local plan process. See for example [Brentwood and Basildon](#) and [Uttlesford](#). Their advantage is that they do not overload the urban capacity of existing towns and can be made sustainable by having education, NHS, highway, public transport capacity inbuilt.
- **Some myths contradicted** – see [here](#)
- **Picture:** Lainey, age 6, has given her views on Jessel Green!



Alderton Hill drain by Roding Valley High School. If you spot it's blocked enough to flood the road surface, please email me a photo and I'll take it up with Highways (again!)

Meet LRA Cllrs in The Broadway, Saturday November 26th.
10am-2pm. Bring your questions, or just say hello.

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>



Beware! We no longer include scams etc here because there are so many!

For local scams, burglaries etc go to www.facebook.com/groups/EFNHW/

- **Emails:** don't click on a link unless you're absolutely sure the email's genuine. If in doubt, go to the sender's website or ring up
- **Callers:** don't buy goods or services at the door
- **Distraction burglars:** don't let any-one into your house, or leave the door open while you fetch something.
- **Home security:** do lock up properly when you pop out, and don't leave cars unlocked or with anything visible on the seats.
- **Install a burglar alarm** if you haven't already got one – most people only put one in *after* they've been burgled!

Traps Hill/ Church Lane overnight closure on Thursday November 24th & Friday 25th, 8pm – 5am, while new mini-roundabout is installed (weather permitting). This will mean detours for drivers, including the last few journeys on the 397 bus route



Fly-tipping:

- **ring the District Council** (01992 564608 during office hours or 01992 564000 at all other times, or report online at <http://tinyurl.com/zwj253k>)
- **in Epping Forest**, ring the City of London (020 8532 1010) or email epping_forest@cityoflondon.gov.uk The City clears fly-tips in the Forest; the District Council need to know about them too so they can evaluate the effect of the recent changes to what the County Council allow residents to take to Luxborough Lane).
- **More, and major fly-tips** see [here](#).

Draft Local Plan: if you haven't had the District's Council's leaflet through your door, please let their local plan staff know asap on 01992 564000.

Parents: apply for primary school places for September 2017.

[More & how to apply.](#)

Travellers. The Town Council, the City of London and Epping Forest District Council are considering creating a ditch and bund along the Hillyfields /Rectory Lane/ Pyrles Lane boundary to prevent further unauthorised incursions. Public access would be maintained. There will be an informal public consultation.



Planning matters

- **Correction:** the District Council have now corrected their earlier information that the proposed store at 38 Chigwell Lane (in part of the ground floor) had been turned down; it was approved
- **Oaklands School, Albion Hill.** A planning inspector has approved the proposed car-park off Warren Hill. However, the school's request to increase the number of pupils by 30 is not a planning matter. The school has to make an application, under a legal agreement to the District Council; if they do so it will go to a Council planning committee to make the decision.
- **District Council Plans meeting** Wednesday November 23rd. 7.30pm.
Roding Valley High School, Brook Road. All welcome (speakers must book in advance)
 - among the items on the agenda are:
 - **Royal Oak Public House, Forest Road:** Partial demolition and extension to form 14 flats
 - **Land to the rear of Hatfield House, E15 Acting School, Rectory Lane** – various items

Essex Police

- **Police & Crime Plan**)
- **Dealing with Anti-social Behaviour)** see items 6 & 7 [here](#).
- **Police stations reorganisation and refurbishment.** Harlow will become the key hub for local policing teams and custody and within 3-4 years Loughton will become a mini-hub. [Even though there's no public access at the police station, this means that local teams will be based here.]





Kathryn Selby
@PcKathrynSelby

Colleagues seized approximately 600 laughing gas canisters in #YorkHill #Loughton yesterday. Value of approximately £180 🙌👍



Follow our local PC on Twitter –
@PcKathrynSelby
(tweet shown for November 6th).

Consultation on the proposed expansion of West Hatch High School: <https://goo.gl/W7kUUf>

Epping Forest College Open Evening 4 - 8pm Tuesday
November 29th. www.efc.ac.uk 020 8508 8311



What's happening at Loughton Youth Centre, Borders Lane?

In 2014 Loughton Youth Centre was so under used that a request was received by a local group to use it to store gardening equipment!
Since then there have been [more positive developments](#).



Loughton Forest Parking (Smarts Lane, Forest Road etc) have had confirmation from NEPP that “all sites previously endorsed will be visited between now and the end of the year, with the necessary written orders devised in early 2017, for advertising in the Spring 2017, with all interested parties contacted at the applicable time.” [[@loughtonforestparking](#)]

Loughton Town Council

- **Possible Public Rights of Way.** On November 16th the [Environment & Heritage Committee](#) considered paths which are not registered as PROWs so any action to register them can be taken in a timely way (see item 5.7, and page 5 for the list of paths.)
- **Heritage plaque:** the Town Council hopes to put a blue plaque to commemorate the London General Omnibus Company garage on the Homebase building in Church Hill.
- **Traps Hill playground.** The recent vandalism to the children's trampoline will cost the Town Council £1,750 to repair.



Parking at Loughton & Debden stations. If you use the pay machines, make sure your receipt confirms that the transaction was completed – or you'll get a fine notice.



Don't drive & phone! Drivers caught using their mobile phone behind the wheel in Essex will no longer be offered educational courses. First-time offenders will automatically receive three penalty points on their driving licence and a £100 fine. In 2017, this will be doubled to six penalty points and a £200 fine. [More.](#)



District Council

- **MOTs:** the new Oakwood Hill site is now open for customers
- **emergency trade waste service to businesses or householders:** the Council has set up an arrangement with Biffa to help anyone who have a problem with the disposal of DIY waste that in the past would have gone to the Household Waste and Recycling Centres
- **new gum-removing machine:** the first cleansing has been successfully completed. To ensure continuity of service Biffa has purchased a second machine to cover servicing and repairs when necessary.



- **Electoral registration:** so far the elections team have had 32,062 automated household responses to registration letters (16,682 by internet, 8,497 by phone and 6,883 by text) – just under 60% of the District’s households used the automated service
- **Review of approach to the provision of off-street parking schemes on housing estates.**
Since 2009, some 182 off-street parking bays have been created on housing estates across the District where there has been the greatest need for off-street parking, free of charge. However, for future off street parking schemes (except those already agreed and committed), the Council will only to provide off street parking where residents are prepared to pay to use the spaces. [More.](#)
- **Traps Hill car-park:** a new LED lighting design has been completed and will soon be installed.
- **Chip-and-PIN** payments should now be available in all Council car parks
- **Council house building - Burton Road.** The site has been undergoing a gas monitoring survey and decontamination works; then construction works on site will recommence (due to be completed in 2018).



BT propose phone-box removals.

[Summary](#), including an appeal process. Closing date for responses: Friday 25 November.

Locations	No of calls in last 12 months
• Junction of Deepdene Road with Bushfields	1
• Junction of Pyrles Lane with Chester Road	644
• Corner of River Way with Oakwood Hill	32

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

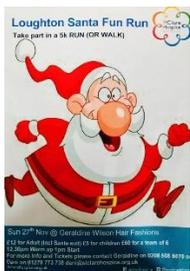
Got a query on health or social care? With such a vast and complicated health and social care system, it’s not always clear where you should go to find information. If you would like to find out about health and care services where you live, or want to talk to us about your experiences, call the *Healthwatch Essex* [Information Service](#) on 0300 500 1895. Calls are confidential & charged at the normal rate for local calls.

Santa specials. From Saturday December 3rd. Special steam train with entertainment on board, Christmas treats and a present from Santa delivered to children at their seats. <http://eorailway.co.uk/events/santa-specials/>



Creativity Awards 2017. The District Council’s [awards](#) aim to help young people aged 13 – 25 with grants ranging from £50 to £1000. Deadline November 30th.

HELP WANTED



Sunday November 27th. **Loughton Santa Fun Run** for St Clare Hospice. Come down and support the runners OR even take part!!!
 Adult £12 incl. Santa suit; children £5; team of six £60.
 Mid-day – 5pm. Geraldine’s Hair Fashions, The Broadway,
 Information & tickets <http://stclarehospice.org.uk/event/loughton-santa-run-2016/>
 The course is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, with dogs on leads welcome to participate free. You can walk, jog or run the course – so it is suitable for all abilities.

GENERAL



Residual rubbish.

Did you know that your black bin rubbish is further sorted at Basildon and separated out into its components (so for example rubble would be recycled as coarse aggregate)?

If there's a powercut: [UK Power Networks](#)

Are you a landlord?

Do you rent your home?

The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 require all private sector landlords to have

- at least one smoke alarm installed on every storey of their rental property which is used as living accommodation, and
- a carbon monoxide alarm installed in any room used as living accommodation where solid fuel is used.

If you're a tenant and don't have the correct alarms in your home, contact your landlord and if that fails tell the District Council (01992 564000).



Primary School Admissions

Parents of children born during the period 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013 can apply for primary school places between 14 November 2016 and 15 January 2017.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS APPLY ON TIME!



Apply online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Essex County Council

Watch Out [magazine](#) covers lots of trading standards and fraud issues, warns about chip fires, the dangers of using back street tattooists, mattresses that are potential fireballs, and increased penalties if you sell cigarettes and so on. [EFNW]

NPCC
National Police Chiefs' Council

IN THE RARE EVENT OF a firearms or weapons attack

RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE - Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.

www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe



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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 Friday December 2nd.
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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