



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Can you help please

by putting up a laminated A4 poster in your front garden
a week before our next Farmers Market?

Please contact me for a copy at david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk

LRA's  FARMERS MARKETS
Second
Sunday
each month
9am - 3pm
Loughton High Road

LRA NEWS

Not on Twitter or Facebook? Keep up with LRA's local news on our website [Twitter feed](https://www.LoughtonResidents.org.uk) (www.LoughtonResidents.org.uk : right-hand-side of the front page – just scroll down)



Before

Reconstruction improvements to Burney Drive, Loughton completed ahead of schedule



After

Burney Drive partial resurfacing.

All credit to [County Highways](https://www.countyhighways.co.uk) for finishing a job ahead of schedule - but it had taken them 10 years to get round to doing it!

The job was originally asked for by an LRA Executive Committee member and the pressure was kept up by LRA Cllr Chris Pond.

When it re-opened, we had a number of complaints of parents ignoring the yellow lines and dropped kerbs, and LRA Cllr Chris Pond has asked NEPP to send some wardens down at school collection times.

Ladyfields (north end) parking bay. Originally the plans for the Broadway area RPZ had this for resident permit use only. However LRA Cllrs suggested that it should be for dual resident and Pay & Display use for visitors to the nearby public library (in the college). However, NEPP forgot to do this, and LRA Cllr Chris Roberts has now persuaded them to put things right.

Church Hill pedestrian crossing. Having finally succeeded in getting the crossing installed, LRA Cllr Chris Pond is now trying to get the nearby new street-lighting connected – County Highways have to wait for UK Power Networks to do this.

York Hill green space restored. Thames Water, under pressure from the City of London and local residents and Cllrs, have now removed the concrete inspection pit covers they installed without permission in this Conservation Area, and the green space has been restored.

Kings Green pavement. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has pointed out to County Highways that since he lodged a complaint with them about a month ago about the appallingly bad

condition of the footway, two residents have tripped on the raised ironwork, which is 3" above the surface, and sunken trench.

He has pointed out that about a thousand people (including disabled ex servicemen, cadets, and dignitaries) will soon congregate on it for Remembrance Day, and has challenged them to repair the surface by then.



Torrington Drive parking. For over a year, residents have had to put up with construction work by the District Council Housing dept, turning one side of their road into parking spaces. We objected to the scheme when it was first proposed, pointing out that it might not be needed after the installation of the long-awaited Broadway area RPZ, which was about to start. We suggested to the Council that they defer the scheme but they refused.

Work started, stopped and then was left for months, unfinished. The Council have now re-evaluated it and have concluded it's not needed. So the Council has spent considerable sums, has wasted hours of Officer time (at the Council and elsewhere) and has upset the lives of residents to no purpose.

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>

Roadworks

- **Colson Road re-opening?** The District Council said recently that the roadworks would finish by October 20th and Colson Road would re-open. However, County Highways have just given permission for the closure to extend till November 30th. But last night the road was being resurfaced.....
- **Latest list of approved & potential Highways works** [here](#) (scroll down to the "landscape" sections).



Parking problems.

- **Displacement parking.** Residents in roads such as Shaftesbury and Nursery Road are suffering from "displacement parking" from the Smarts Lane, Forest Road, High Beech Road Residents Parking Zone (RPZ). We understand that some Shaftesbury residents have started a petition to NEPP for their own RPZ, and others may wish to follow suit. LRA is happy to support residents, who should first contact NEPP and either LRA County Cllr [Chris Pond](#) (roads north of Forest Road) or County Cllr Mrs [Valerie Metcalfe](#) (roads north of Forest Road).
- **Smarts Lane, High Beech Road and Forest Road.** We've had several comments and complaints from residents about some drivers' thoughtless parking under the new RPZ. When parking, please try to strike the right balance between (1) not blocking the pavements for buggies, etc and (2) leaving enough carriageway for refuse lorries and ambulances to get through.

Police. Policing is now almost entirely intelligence-led so, to get results, residents need to supply them with the information they need. [EFNW]

- **Drugs:** the police prioritise catching the dealers. If you know where regular dealing takes place (place, day, time) let them know [online](#).
- **Recent thefts from cars.** Keyless cars continue to be targeted.
 - **If your car has an alarm,** using it seems to deter our vehicle thieves.



- **If you have CCTV** and your car is broken into, please send the police a copy of the CCTV image and always report every incident, no matter how small (report [online](#))
- **The police take every call seriously** and follow up reports, but they don't come out for vehicle incidents, unless there is a likelihood of forensic evidence or you witnessed the crime.
- **Essex Police District Commander at District Council [meeting](#)** at 7pm on November 7th.

Two prosecuted for cutting down protected tree and [fined over £3,000.](#)

Further information on TPO'd trees: 01992 564452;

ContactTrees@eppingforestdc.gov.uk



Princess Alexandra Hospital: latest Board [papers](#)



Waste *duty of care* fine. A resident of Lushes Road has been found guilty of a duty of care offence for giving 10 bags of household waste to someone who then fly-tipped her waste at the junction of Bushfields and Parkmead. She was fined £170 and costs of £1,281. [More.](#)

CAB Epping Forest – their latest Annual Report showed that 2,371 clients were helped on one or more occasions with some 7,965 issues. The top issues were benefits & tax (35%) and debt (17%). The money advice team assisted with debt problems to a total value of some £2,204,140. They also gained additional benefit and tax credits for residents to the value of £1,956,830 as well as providing food-bank vouchers and vouchers for Epping Reuse Centre (actual figures will be bigger as some clients do not feedback this information).



EFYC Drugs Project. On September 1st, Epping Forest Youth Councillors donned safety clothing and set out to clear up areas of the district highlighted as a concern in respect of discarded nitrous oxide (laughing gas) canisters.

Youth Councillors wanted to raise awareness of the extent of the problem.

Working closely with staff from the District Council and in partnership with the City of London, over 250 nitrous oxide canisters were collected and disposed of.

Youth Councillors are now actively working on a project to educate young people on the dangers of nitrous oxide and similar *New Psychoactive Substances* (formally known as Legal Highs.).



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

PARENTS: SEE HALF-TERM EVENTS IN OUR EMAIL EVENTS BULLETIN!

Street-light out of action? Please [report it](#). However, if it's a supply problem or the post needs replacing, County Highways have to refer it to UK Power and currently repairs are taking a long time. If it's particularly dangerous, let us know at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk



Design a Christmas card competition 2017

Loughton Town Council has four £25 gift cards waiting to be won!

Everyone, whatever their age, can enter the Town Council's annual competition.

Original designs can be submitted as a drawing, painting or photograph; they must be Christmas-themed, of A5 size (portrait or landscape orientation) and can be in colour or black and white. [Details here](#)

The [Dementia Handbook for Carers](#) is now available online and in hard copy, free, from info@healthwatchessex.org.uk It brings together information about dementia, and about the sources of care and support in Essex available to people living with dementia, or who care for someone living with the condition.

Lost key recovery service – no annual fee. [Immobikey](#) is run by [Immobilise](#), which helps Police identify the owners of recovered property thousands of times every day. For a one-off £7.50 you get a key tag which should greatly increase the chance of your keys being returned if you lose them.



Businesses - Meet the Buyers! If you're interested in attending, register now using this [link!](#) Epping Forest District Council in conjunction with Epping Forest Chamber of Commerce is organising a Meet the Buyer conference on 23 November at the Marriott Hotel Waltham Abbey. This is a FREE must-attend event for local businesses looking to win contracts. Small and medium-sized businesses in the district will be able to meet the biggest buyers in and around the area.

You can expect to:

- Understand how big organisations buy
- Learn how to successfully bid for business
- Find out key procurement dates
- Meet buyers face-to-face
- Find out about free business support services

HELP WANTED

Garage needed within ½-mile of York Hill, to rent or buy. Mike raises funds for the RNLI at events such as LRA's Farmers Markets. He needs to load up the car the night before, and to have somewhere safe to keep it overnight. The garage he rents at present is no longer available (the owner has died). If you know of anything suitable please email contact@loughtoresidents.co.uk

Lopping Hall chairs appeal – nearly there

Can you help the Directors of the Hall finish raising £11,000 for 200 new comfortable chairs for the main hall, please.

- Make a donation - [here's how](#)
- Ask others to donate -here's a [document](#) you can send them
- Know somewhere for grants or funding? Please let loppinghallmanager@gmail.com know.



Help bring empty homes back into use! [Find out more.](#)

In the Epping Forest District there are about 450 properties which have been empty for more than 6 months. [Report](#) an empty property. The District Council can provide financial help for owners with properties in disrepair which can't lived in, let or easily sold in its condition.

Housing applications affordable housing - [have your say](#) about the way the District Council prioritises housing applications and allocates affordable housing.



Easy way to [register](#) as an Organ Donor with the NHS.

Tell the County Council about their Recycling Centres

Essex residents who use the Recycling Centres can now take part in this year's satisfaction survey. Customer feedback will be used to support site improvements. So why not [have your say?](#)





Love **#EppingForest**? Please complete a quick survey & let the City of London know what you think of your neck of the woods! Thank you <http://bit.ly/2yvMn2y>

GENERAL

New London Congestion Charge for older vehicles from Monday!

As of Monday 23 October, older cars, vans, minibuses, buses, coaches and heavy goods vehicles driven in the central London Congestion Charge Zone will need to meet new minimum emission standards, or pay a £10 daily T-Charge. This will be in addition to the Congestion Charge and will operate 7am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

- If you're registered for Auto Pay, you'll automatically be charged for T-Charge if it applies to you
- [Check](#) if your vehicle meets the required standard. Alternatively, avoid the charge by taking an alternative means of transport.
- To plan your journey, visit tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey
- To pay the charge from Monday 23 October, visit tfl.gov.uk/t-charge



The Coroner service. Find out about this important part of Essex's support structure [here](#).

Coroners investigate deaths that have been reported to them if it appears that

- the death was violent or unnatural
- The cause of death is unknown
- The person died in prison, police custody or another type of state detention.

Please *think* when you park!



Christmas is coming! A message from EFNW

Stay safe everyone and look after your neighbours. If you hear an alarm, please pop out and see if there is any sign of entry, and if you hear any unusual noises such as glass breaking, please don't ignore it.

We are now in the run up to Christmas and that means that there are usually more burglaries, so please ensure your home and your car are always well secured and your alarms are used.

Make the most of your pumpkins this Halloween.

Did you know that 15 million pumpkins per year in the UK go to waste instead of being eaten? There are many [more scary waste facts](#).

After you've used your pumpkins as decoration you can make use of every part of them by following these [delicious recipes](#). Anything that can't be eaten can be [recycled from your home](#). Plus, find out how you can [best store pumpkin](#) and create some delicious [recipes](#).





Win a cloth nappy hamper worth £100!

Be in with a chance to win; all you have to do is [like our Recycle for Essex Facebook page and share the cloth nappy competition post.](#)

The prize is a fab Little Lamb cloth nappy hamper worth more than £100 and includes 12 cloth nappies, a roll of nappy liners and much more.

Rake up and Recycle!

Autumn leaves rot down to make leaf mould - a nutritious material that can become a mulch or part of your potting mix. It's easy to make and can be added to your soil at any time of the year. Adding too many leaves to your home compost can slow down the process, so it's best to treat them separately.



The Royal Horticultural Society's guide to [making leaf mould](#) is useful and [Garden Organic](#) shares compost and gardening tips for October.

KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS



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Not on Twitter? See our tweets at [www.loughtonresidents.org.uk](#)

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 November 3rd.
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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