



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Next members' *LOUGHTON LIFE* newsletter

At the end of this month we will need a temporary replacement for our usual ward organiser, to receive the copies for St John's ward members, split them into the individual delivery rounds, and drop them off to the deliverers.

If you could help, or for more information, please contact

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LRA NEWS

Broadway shopping. Now that the Chigwell Lane roadworks have died down a bit, we hope that trade will return to The Broadway shops – lots of individual traders, including a bakers, a butchers and a greengrocers.

However, because commuters are parking in the shoppers' car park in Burton Road, LRA Cllrs have put forward various ideas to the District Council to prevent commuters monopolising what should be shopper parking.



Oakwood Hill estate green space threatened. The District Council put forward proposals to convert a much-valued green space into parking for the vehicles from their new Oakwood Hill complex. Residents objected, and LRA Cllrs have persuaded the Council to carry out a thorough survey of the other available parking space nearby, which we think will prove more than adequate.

St Johns road – dangerous parking. A resident contacted us with concerns about the increased numbers of cars parked on both sides near the bottom of the road where it narrows, making access difficult and forcing pedestrians to walk in the roadway. LRA Cllr Chris Pond replied that last year he had asked for double-yellow lines here, but this was vetoed by Highways engineers as they thought there were no safety grounds for doing the work. Chris will be happy to support residents if they organise a petition.

Smarts Lane/ High Beech Road/ Forest Road RPZ.

Residents will have to wait till December to find out whether NEPP will be letting businesses in the zone have parking permits. NEPP, and LRA Cllrs have been surveying the number of empty spaces.

We are concerned that the *Royal Oak* proposals would mean the loss of several roadside parking spaces.



High Road traffic lights. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has asked County Highways to review the lights' timings, which are causing long northbound queues on the High Road.

Bus 418

The commercial operator intends to discontinue route 418 to Epping from January 1st. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has seen Essex transport supremo Ray Gooding to try to get it replaced.

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>

Buses 250 & 251. The [Epping Forest Transport Action Group](#) is taking legal action against the County Council, alleging among other things that numbers of passengers were seriously under-recorded, so that the apparent subsidy per passenger was significantly overstated.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB). Following police funding cuts, even more of this work falls on the District Council Community Safety team, using the tools and powers of the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014.

For example, the Act enables the Council to serve **Closure Notices** on local properties where it is identified that they are being used for a range of crimes. In recent weeks, a notice has been served on a council property in Loughton.

The orders allow the Council and police to control and restrict access to problem properties where serious nuisance, disorder or criminal behaviour occurs or is likely to occur; they've also been used in Prescott Green, Sandford Avenue and Marlescroft Way.

Community Triggers enable local residents to trigger intervention by Community Safety if they feel that any ASB is not being dealt with satisfactorily.



Safeguarding is also a (little-known) District Council responsibility. In September the team received 28 *new* concerns involving 15 children and 19 adults. 9 new cases were referred to Essex Social Care, 1 to the Police, 1 to Mental Health Service and 2 to other external agencies. [More](#) (page 40)

Current planning applications being considered by LRA's Plans Group (LPG)

- **Royal Oak site.** The applicants lost their appeal against the Council's refusal of the proposed conversion and the extension of existing building to flats. They have now applied for 4 flats and 6 houses on the site and LPG have let residents know how they can comment. The proposals would result in the loss of five on-street parking spaces. They retain the Public Right of Way across the site and LPG will ask the District Council, if they intend to approve the application, to make keeping the footpath open throughout building work a condition of the approval.



- **51 High Road.** A Planning

Inspector has [turned down](#) the applicant's appeal against the Council's rejection of yet another application for a block of flats to replace this building (classed as a non-designated heritage asset).

- **Englands Lane.** An application for 5 houses on open land next to Ripley View (the application manages to avoid mentioning that this is Green Belt land).
- **Traps Hill Leisure Centre:** an application for a two-storey extension to replace the front octagonal building, to provide a new fitness suite. The LPG think the design would be out-of-keeping because of its overbearing frontage and roof design. They don't object in principle to an extension for a fitness suite, but think it would be perfectly possible to design a much more sympathetic extension.

Staples Hill Path will be closed for resurfacing; scheduled for all next week

FOOTPATH
CLOSED

Town Centre Partnerships welcome residents and traders to their meetings

- **Broadway** Town Centre Partnership on Thursday November 9th, 6.15pm, at the Restore Community Centre, 68 The Broadway,
- **High Road** Town Centre Partnership (Loughton First) on 14 November, 6pm at St Mary's Church, 201 High Road

Essex Bus services. Click [here](#) for the latest edition of Bus Passenger News, or scan the QR code.



LRA Plans Group

Concerned about planning applications near where you live?
Help us keep an eye on what's proposed. We operate by email.

To join in, email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Do you require support this winter or know someone who does?

VAEF will be delivering services to residents in the Epping Forest District in support of Essex County Councils Winter Warmth Campaign. The service will provide help to those whose health and wellbeing is at risk during the cold weather.

VAEF will support older and vulnerable people deemed in need in the District by providing:

- food parcels
- warm clothing / bedding
- small heating appliances & microwaves
- fuel tokens
- fitting draft excluders & curtain rails
- sealing windows

all of which will assist in keeping yourselves and your homes warmer.

Please contact 01992 564 178 or

Email info@vaeff.org.uk

where we will be happy to assist.



If you know of any vulnerable people struggling to keep warm this winter and who might benefit from help from the Winter Warmth project, please ask them to contact VAEF, who will be happy to help.



One website with every timetable for buses in Essex:

www.essexbus.info – this simple-to-use map allows you to click on more than 9,500 bus stops including individual timetables and more than 500 routes across the county. It even includes a journey planner with train times to help link up your journey.

Learn the signs of grooming + exploitation:

Young victims often do not recognise they're being exploited.

Essex Police. <http://www.essex.police.uk/BeAVoice>



Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch are also at [@EppingForestNHW](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EFNHW) and

www.facebook.com/groups/EFNHW so that members of the Watch group and members of the public can share notices. Email EFNW at efdnwatch@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to start a Watch group.

HELP WANTED

VAEF need volunteers to help with their Winter scheme (see above).

Please 01992 564178 to find out more.



Residents asked to cut back and clear up this autumn

Do you have land, including your garden, near a road?

Please make sure your roadside ditches are clear and any trees and hedges are cut back ahead of winter.

Blocked ditches can cause floods on the road which can freeze to form lethal ice.

Trees left unmaintained can blow over or shed branches onto the road.

Urgent need for Pony Leaders to lead ponies or walk beside helpers giving riders moral support and a sense of security. We would welcome your assistance with any aspect of Chigwell Riding Trust. When one considers that it sometimes takes one person to lead the pony and one person either side to assist the rider, it is obvious that the Trust could not function without voluntary help.



Times: Daytime weekdays approximately 10.30am – 5pm and/or approx. 11.30am-1.30pm weekends (summer times). 1.45-3.45pm winter times.

You will be able to do some limited volunteering while Chigwell Riding Trust arranges for you to be DBS (police) checked. Particularly looking for volunteers on weekdays.

It is not necessary to have any knowledge of horses as the qualified staff will show you just what to do.

All that is required is a willingness to help. Empathy for people with special needs.

A liking for horses. Location: Grange Farm, High Road, Chigwell, Essex, IG7. [To apply.](#)

GENERAL

MythBuster: Does washing my recycling use up more energy?

No, in fact, recycling actually saves water because it takes less energy to create new products than using raw materials. Recycling can be quickly rinsed out with leftover washing up water, so no additional water is needed. Rinsing out your recycling removes food residue which prevents other recyclables such as paper becoming soiled. So recycling does make a difference! [Essex County Council]



Help prevent burglaries – can you display this poster?

This Essex Police [poster](#) gives advice on how you can stay safer at home.

If you can display a copy on a wall, gate or tree where passers-by can read it, even better....



Could an ambulance find you fast? Or a fire engine?

[EFNW]

Go out of your home this evening after dark, stand right by the roadway (not in the road) and see if your house number is clearly visible... if not, please do something about it, because the emergency services could struggle to find your home, and that delay could be cost a life.

You may also like to check your neighbours' homes - can you see their numbers from the road?

Your security

• Do you tell burglars you're away?

Is it easy to see that

- your post-box is stuffed full of post?*
- your hall has a big heap of post visible through a glass door or a window?*

*Why not change it, or use Royal Mail *Keepsafe* to look after your mail while you're away |

- if you're out or away, have you got a fake-tv burglar deterrent – a low-power LED timed device that mimics a TV screen. *Immobilise* suggests [this one](#) (note: it may be available cheaper elsewhere online).
- **Do you make identity theft easy?** Have you got a post-box outside that any-one can remove letters from? That's how it's done.
- **Is your car easy to steal?** Crime prevention [advice](#) for keyless cars.
- **Make your shed more secure.** Wooden sheds, by their very nature, are difficult to physically protect. Most bolts or hinges can be crowbarred off if the thief has time. Instead, think about a battery-operated shed alarm which *detects* movement inside the shed and not one that has to be moved itself before it activates.
You can buy one quite cheaply from DIY stores or online. [Essex Police]



Please report anything suspicious!

999 in an emergency; otherwise www.essex.police.uk



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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 17th.
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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