



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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Our *Loughton Life* newsletters are delivered by volunteers and we need someone to spend a couple of hours, five times a year, to split up the copies for Broadway ward into the individual delivery rounds and drop them off to the deliverers.

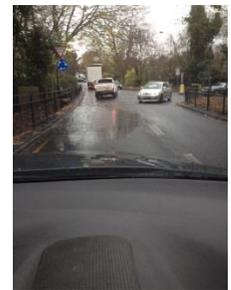
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## LRA NEWS

### Highways matters

- **Alderton Hill drain** alongside Roding Valley High School. In November last year we told County Highways that the drain was blocked again. The outlet into the brook is usually the problem, and Highways have failed to find a sustainable solution, even after 10 years of blockages. However, after persistent phone calls from me, they now say that the gulleys have been jetted clear. Past experience suggests that this won't be enough, so next time there's heavy rain please let me know if it's blocked again ([contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)).
- **Forest Way was resurfaced** last month, after LRA Cllr Chris Pond had been badgering County Highways for 11 years. The surface appears to have been planed and replaced by surface dressing, a better quality treatment than we had anticipated. However, the new water meter inspection covers provided by Thames Water don't seem to have been successful, and more work needs doing....
- **potholes:** lots of reporting by residents and LRA seems to be paying off, in terms of the number of "patching" jobs being done. If the repairs don't last, please tell [County Highways](#) and us.
- **pothole by Loughton Station car-parks entrance:** thanks to reports by LRA and residents, and help from Cllr Valerie Metcalf, this pothole has finally been filled in.
- **mini-roundabout Traps Hill/ Church Lane.** We've been pressing for this for ages, to improve safety and traffic flow. Preliminary inspection work has started.
- **pedestrian crossing, foot of Church Hill.** We hoped this would have been installed some months ago, but there have been problems identifying and dealing with the "services" (gas, electricity etc) – we're hoping it'll appear in the next couple of months.
- **new [longer-lasting road markings](#)** could save council taxpayers thousands of pounds if trials are successful –and might reduce the dangerous conditions at some of our road junctions caused by worn-out lines.





**Morrison's delivery hours.** The District Council has turned down their application for an extension to 6am – 10pm, on the grounds that it would result in a detrimental impact on nearby residential properties due to an increase in noise and disturbance (there were objections from residents, Loughton Town Council and the LRA Plans Group).

**Changes to children's services.** LRA Cllr Leon Girling is working with District Council Leisure and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Cllr Helen Kane to change the County Council decision to procure new services around a central hub in Epping with the reduction or closure of services in Loughton, Buckhurst Hill, Waltham Abbey and Ongar.

**The Hollybush, High Road.** LRA Cllr Amy Beales was recently approached by a resident with problems. She took this up with the pub, and McMullen's have replied to each of the resident's complaints.



### Planning matters

- **Beechlands, 42 Alderton Hill.** The proprietor of this care home has applied – again – to build a mansion in the back garden. Residents, LRA Plans Group and Loughton Town Council have objected to the application.
- **Oaklands School** (Albion Hill) have appealed against the District Council's rejection of their plan to convert a green field into a parking and drop-off area and to increase pupil numbers by 30. The LRA Plans Group objected because we do not believe that the proposals – in their current form – will have the effect of significantly reducing the parking and traffic nuisances the school causes local residents
- **113 Church Hill** (the old Co-op Dairy). The Co-op have applied for outline planning permission for 10 flats with only 10 parking spaces (the County standard would be 19).
- **Ladyfields.** After an application for flats on a District Council garages site (with insufficient off-road parking) was turned down by the District Council (the LRA Plans Group and others had objected), a revised application has been submitted, this time with proper parking provision.
- **Roding Valley High School** sixth-form block. We know that after the exhibition held at the school some residents are concerned about the proposals. The LRA Plans Group will let nearby residents know when a formal planning application appears.

**Parking in The Broadway area.** LRA Cllrs are looking at plans for parking restrictions to protect residents from commuter parking in the area round Debden Tube station – LRA has been pressing the District Council for action for ten years. We expect several stages of proposals this Autumn for Pay & Display and No Waiting during specified periods - we know that the proposals won't please everyone but there will be public consultation and we hope that the result will that residents will find it easier to find parking (and shopping) spaces.



**The new District Local Plan** will affect how the District develops, in terms of housing and other building, the level of local employment and in many other ways. This Autumn there will be a Public Consultation by the District Council and we plan to bring residents the details, and how to make your voices heard, in an October *Townwide* edition of our *Loughton Life* newsletter (this means the next *Loughton Life*, in September, will be a members' edition).



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LRA Cllrs have been involved behind the scenes as the Plan has been developed, and LRA and Loughton Town Council will be playing our full part in the formal consultation – and the following legal processes needed for the Plan to be approved.

In the meantime, we - and some residents - are concerned that the draft Plan may list some green spaces for possible development. No decisions have been taken yet, and we will be asking residents to make their views known in the consultation process - we will do our best to protect our green areas!

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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>

**If you see or spot anything suspicious please call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789321 or 101 or in an emergency 999.**

Read the Met. Commissioner's [comments](#) on the "very real" threat from terrorism

Increase in weekday Tube trains towards London: see the [details](#).

### The [Night Tube](#)

- **launches on Friday 19 August** on the Central and Victoria lines, running all night on Fridays and Saturdays. Central line: Ealing Broadway to/from Loughton/Hainault via Newbury Park. There will be a train about every 10 minutes. Standard off-peak fares will be charged and Day Travelcards cover journeys made until 04.29 the next day. Some bus services are being extended to help meet increased demand for travel to and from Night Tube stations. (There'll be a trial "run" on August 6<sup>th</sup>, but not open to the public.)
- **All-night street lighting.** The Town Council's request to Essex County Council for all-night street lighting in Loughton on Fridays and Saturdays to match the new all-night underground service received a disappointing response, and the Town Council is considering how to take the matter further. [More \(item 5.5\)](#)

### District Council.

- **pay & display on-street parking charges go up** on August 15<sup>th</sup>; up to 30 minutes 20p (was 10p); up to one hour 90p (65p); up to 2 hours £1.80 (£1.30) (maximum length of stay as shown nearby)
- **Council House Building Development Strategy.** In addition to building new homes made available to local residents, the Council is also planning to buy houses on the open market for rent at 'affordable' rates. [More.](#)
- **illegal eviction and housing fraud.** Did you know that the Council has a team that acts on such cases? See some [recent cases](#) (items 3 and 4).



**Confirm your voting details online.** Every household in the Epping Forest district will receive a Household Enquiry Form (HEF), to check the right people are registered to vote. Your form will be in an envelope marked **Do not ignore this**, it is not junk mail. If there have been no changes to your household, by law you still

Don't forget to fill in your household enquiry form

Epping Forest District Council

Welcome to the household update service.

You may use this service to update or confirm the details of eligible voters at an address. You will need the security codes printed on the form sent to you by post.

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need to respond to confirm your details. You don't need to return the form to the Council – it's easy to confirm your details [online](#), by freephone or text message.

It only takes a couple of minutes and all you need is the 2 part security code on your form. [More](#).



**Youth facilities.** The County Council has withdrawn from providing the sort of services it originally promised to provide at the Loughton Youth Centre (the building next to the Murray Hall, Borders Lane, leased by the County Council from the Town Council). The Centre is now to be sublet to Spark, a youth work charity. Sessions will be part-time until the full-time work commences in September. The County Council are also working towards the Essex Girls and Boys Club providing more activities at the Centre.

### Essex Police:

- **see what they have to put up with!** See the tweets from their recent 24-hour tweetathon
- **Working with the District Council** – see [report](#)
- **More time to fight crime [campaign](#)** will include social media activity to help people report non-emergency crime online; [a new interactive online](#)

game which asks players to decide how police should respond to a range of real-life incidents; 24-hour “tweetathons” revealing what a day in the life of the force looks like; and a focus on the proportion of police time spent dealing with incidents where no crime has been committed.

- **development of Community Policing Teams [report](#)**
- **report any concerns or incidents of poor / ASB driving or riding** direct to the Casualty Reduction Unit (CRU): [Driving.complaints@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Driving.complaints@essex.pnn.police.uk). You can also send photos and video footage to this email address.
- **Essex Police are recruiting** - please visit [www.essex.police.uk/ourforce](http://www.essex.police.uk/ourforce) for more information.



**Unmarked police vehicles.** Following two van thefts on motorways in Essex, Essex Police advised motorists not to pull over if requested to do so by anything other than a marked police vehicle. [More](#). They are now satisfied that drivers aren't at risk, and have resumed using unmarked police cars. Van drivers who are suspicious of a “police car” should check with the police control room (the police have said: “The law states that you cannot use your mobile phone whilst driving, however, we have discretion we can apply and if someone is in genuine fear of their life we would take a sensible approach in those circumstances.”)



**Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor cinema screens flying films.** Celebrate 100 years of **North Weald Airfield**. Planes: Fire & Rescue; Top Gun; Battle of Britain; The Blue Max. See [EVENTS](#) email.



**Un-taxed vehicles [crackdown](#):** as part of a national drive to crack down on Un-taxed vehicles on public roads, Epping Forest District Council is now working in partnership with the [DVLA](#) to check and deal with any untaxed vehicles on local roads.

**Langston Road retail park.** The District Council has agreed to pay £10.2m to McLaughlin & Harvey Construction to build the park, and £2.4m to Walkers Construction for associated road-works. Currently there are no negotiations with discounter brands but there's wide interest from a number of different retail areas including fashion, toys, furniture, sports, outdoor activities and food. The expected opening date is August 2017. [More](#) (local paper). [More](#) (County Council Highways). [Plans](#).

**Community Garden launch**, off Pyrles Lane attended by Town Mayor, LRA Cllr Carol Davies – see local paper [report](#).



**Loughton Health Centre**, The Drive. Patients Group meeting [minutes](#).

**Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow** – [latest Board papers](#)

**Summer Exhibition** brings together the work of over 25 local artists. Loughton Arts Centre, next to Lopping Hall, High Road, till Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Nu-Bar**, corner High Road & Old Station Road, has now re-opened but with the earlier closing time laid down by the District Council.

**Tea hut, High Beach**, officially re-opened. [www.everythingeppingforest.co.uk/news.htm#teahut](http://www.everythingeppingforest.co.uk/news.htm#teahut)

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## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

**When's the next bus?** [NextBuses](#) is a useful service available on your smartphone\* which helps to find bus times in your local area. Enter your postcode, street name or town for all of the latest departure information from any stop around Essex. NextBuses is a free service provided by Traveline, however usual operator mobile data charges apply.

\*works on computers too.

An advertisement for the NextBuses mobile app. The background is green with a large clock face. The text reads: "NextBuses.mobi Live bus times direct to your mobile phone". Below that, it says "When's the next bus?" and "Apps are now available for iPhones and Android smart phones. Visit traveline for further information on how to download your app. www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk/mobile.htm". At the bottom, it says "www.essex.gov.uk/publictransport" and "Essex County Council".

**Victim Support** is an independent charity. Their services are free and available to everyone, whether or not the crime has been reported and regardless of when it happened. If you have been affected by crime, call 0300 30 30 165.

### Worried about local crime?

- see the new Neighbourhood Watch [website](#)
- find out more about Neighbourhood Watch by emailing [efdnwatch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:efdnwatch@hotmail.co.uk)
- contact our [Essex Police Liaison Officer](#): or ask for him on 101
- What is crime like where you live, [monthly statistics](#)?



### Epping Forest area businesses

and groups please email [johnmahoney@uwclub.net](mailto:johnmahoney@uwclub.net) for your free entry into *Use Local Directory*

Summer [activities for kids](#) organised by the District Council.

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## HELP WANTED

**Oak View School**, Whitehills, has a vacancy for a governor.  
Training is provided. Anyone interested, please contact [Chris Pond](#)



**Give your views on some of services provided in Loughton Libraries.** Essex County Council's Library Service provides a wide range of District Council information services via libraries located in Loughton, Waltham Abbey, Buckhurst Hill and Chipping Ongar. This is up for review. [More](#) (pages 6 & 7).



**Save Jessel Green.** If you have photos of any of the last 4 years *It's a Knockout Out* and the *Fun Day*, would you consider sharing them on the new *Save Jessel Green* Facebook page please? [www.facebook.com/SaveJesselGreen/](http://www.facebook.com/SaveJesselGreen/)

**Received any scam mail?** Help Essex Police tackle scam - post it in the *SCAMnesty* box in Loughton Library, Traps Hill.  
<http://ow.ly/IO2b302Hkt0>



**Victim Support** is looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills, who have 4-8 hours to spare a week. They will train you to offer practical and emotional support to people affected by crime. To find out more: [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk) 01277 357557 or [essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk)

## GENERAL

**Fairtrade:** [the six things people get wrong about Fairtrade.](#)



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## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday August 19<sup>th</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

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