



## LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Why does LRA have Cllrs?

The simple answer is “to look after our town & to improve it”. Much council work goes on behind the scenes, and Cllrs have an effect from the earliest stages of proposed changes.

Our Cllrs also work hard on problems raised by individual residents.

Our Cllrs are not an “Opposition” to the majority Conservative party on the District & County Councils. LRA Cllrs are independent and non-political. Unlike the national political parties, LRA doesn’t dictate how its Cllrs should vote. If the Council is getting things right then, our Cllrs will support them. But when the Council proposes something which would have an adverse effect on our town, LRA Cllrs will challenge this and will work hard to achieve a better outcome.

If you care about your town, please think about joining our teams on the Town or District Councils in May. To find out what’s involved, please call Chris on 020 8508 2361 or Michael on 020 8508 4457 or email [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

### LRA NEWS

#### Planning applications: District Council decisions

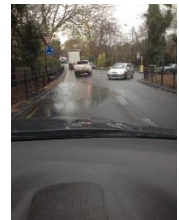
- **21 Priory Road:** an application to replace the present bungalow with 2 3-bedroom houses was turned down because they would be out-of-character with their surroundings (we agree)
- **10 Church Hill:** an application for a change of use from offices to a pilates studio & physiotherapy room was approved (we were concerned about the effect on residents from extra parking nearby)
- **51 Traps Hill:** an application for an extension & garage conversion was approved, with conditions about trees and landscaping (we were concerned to maintain the leafy frontage)

#### Planning applications (other)

**20 Ollards Grove.** The same person (using a false name) has now applied to change the use of the house to a hostel for those on bail.

**Alderton Hill drain blocked again!** (by Roding Valley High School). For years there have been problems caused by blockages at the outlet from this drain into the brook. On November 21<sup>st</sup> we reported this to County Highways as blocked again. Their website shows it as “fixed” on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

I rang again this week and they have promised to fix it in March – we shall see.



**Brooklyn Parade & Parade south of Kings Green:** draft Traffic Order to introduce Pay & Display parking Monday – Saturday, 9.30am -5pm. [Order](#) and [map](#).

[We have been trying to get this done since the High Road enhancements were made, as the lack of parking restrictions means that shoppers can’t park to use the shops.]



## LuXe bar.

- **Day-time opening? We need your help!** LuXe say they are a bar and not a “night-club”. However, we need to be able to show that, unlike a normal pub or bar, they are closed during the daytime, even on Fridays & Saturdays. So if you go past regularly we’d welcome your reports on whether they are open or closed between mid-day and 3pm.
- **Another disturbance.** There are reports (<http://tinyurl.com/ha6mxm8> <http://tinyurl.com/hn6geav> & <http://tinyurl.com/zfxy478> ) of two men with head injuries after a late-night High Street ‘disturbance’ on January 24<sup>th</sup> involving a large group of people and allegedly linked to LuXe. Police ask anyone who witnessed the incident to get in touch on 101. [I’m quoted out-of-context in the third article saying that I wasn’t surprised that the Council hadn’t taken action – this related to my comment (unreported) that if the Council might need to take court action then they would need to proceed slowly & thoroughly.]



## 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>**



**Loughton Town Council.** LRA Cllrs hold the majority of seats – we’re pleased to confirm that the Town part of your Council tax will be unchanged for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. More about the Council’s finances and priorities at <http://1drv.ms/23IE8tZ>

## Essex Police

- **Next police meeting for Loughton, Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill areas:** Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>. 6.30 - 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, 201 High Road. This is your chance to ask your questions and to report issues and concerns
- **Police budget, precept increase and staff reductions.**  
[Summary](#) and [more details](#).
- **[Text of recent live webchat](#)** with Police & Crime Commissioner & Chief Constable, including a question from Loughton’s Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Sue Taylor on the handling of calls to 101
- **Do you have a question for the Chief Constable or PCC?**  
Email the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner about the crime and policing issues that matter to you; on **Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>** you can watch the entire 2-hour event, live-streamed over the internet.
- **Effect on anti-social behaviour reports.** Thousands of reports of anti- social behaviour in Epping Forest could see no response from police after “significant reductions” in coverage – more about what the District Council will be doing about this at <http://tinyurl.com/zchkxxx>



**Essex Waste Local Plan.** The County Council are considering the draft of their new plan, for publication in March. After strong protests, the proposed transfer station site at Hastingwood (M11 Junction 7) has been removed as an allocated site (it’s located in the Metropolitan Green Belt). However, Langston Road/Oakwood Hill (Loughton) remains on the “possibles” list. [We would obviously be very concerned at the effect of significant extra traffic here, and about the loss of potential business land. <http://tinyurl.com/h6tcpp3> ]

## Essex County Council

- **Council Tax:** explanation of Essex County Council's budget proposals for 2016/17 <http://ow.ly/Xp42T>



- **Essex Waste Local Plan.** The Council are considering the new plan, due to be published in March.

### Epping Forest District Museum:

re-opening on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> – all welcome.

### Loughton Festival <http://www.loughtonfestival.org>

- **Follow the Festival at @LoughtonFest**
- **Haslers** (Chartered Accountants, Loughton): the Festival are very grateful to Haslers, who are once again sponsoring the Festival by supplying the printed programmes.

### Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow Board Report:

[www.pah.nhs.uk/files/PB\\_28\\_01\\_16%20final%20papers%20v2\(1\).pdf](http://www.pah.nhs.uk/files/PB_28_01_16%20final%20papers%20v2(1).pdf)

### Hawkey Hall to be demolished

### Epping Forest

- **Friends of Epping Forest newsletter** is now out and is always good value! To get it – and to help protect the Forest and help other people learn about and enjoy it -you need to join the Friends – single: £11pa; Joint/Family: £15pa. [jean.brockington@btopenworld.com](mailto:jean.brockington@btopenworld.com) 020 8529 3077 [www.friendsofeppingforest.org.uk/join.htm](http://www.friendsofeppingforest.org.uk/join.htm)
- **Open Spaces Bill** will affect the Forest – read the text, track its progress (& how to object) [FOEF]
- **Getting to know Epping Forest by Ken Hoy.** Updated 2nd edition; over 220 pages of Epping Forest information; over 300 place names; over 200 pictures, illustrations & maps. On sale at the Visitor Centre, High Beach, and local bookshops. Free copy of the *History of the Friends* when you buy this book from FOEF! £8.95 per copy (make cheque out to Friends of Epping Forest & send to Judy Adams, 2 High View Close, Loughton IG10 4EG, adding a delivery charge of £2.50 unless collected.)
- **Epping Forest & Commons Committee**
  - **Superintendent's report** ([item 9](#))
  - **cattle grazing in the Forest:** annual report ([item 10](#))
  - **increases in charges for horse-riding and other Forest uses** ([item 12](#))

### Highways & Parking

- **Loughton Station Car-park.** The cash machines are now by the on-foot exit to the station (or pay on your mobile phone). <http://tinyurl.com/jsopz5u>
- **Local Highways Partnership (LHP) minutes:** the LHP gives local Cllrs an opportunity to advise on priorities for a variety of highways schemes, listed in the minutes. (The LHP has a budget for small local schemes – because of the County Council cuts it has recently been halved). There are too many items to list here, but we welcome proposals for Pyrles Lane, Church Hill crossing and a mini-roundabout at Traps Hill/Church Lane. Parking schemes are on hold until the NEPP / County Council partnership has been reviewed.
- **Parking changes** – Traffic Orders completed for:
  - **Grosvenor Drive & Torrington Drive:** <http://1drv.ms/1PLNGjx>
  - **Staples Road and York Hill & surrounding roads:** <http://1drv.ms/1PLNS2f>
- **Other Highways & Parking changes** in progress for
  - **Alderton Hall Lane:** [http://www.essexhighways.org/Uploads/TRAF5358\\_SoR.pdf](http://www.essexhighways.org/Uploads/TRAF5358_SoR.pdf)



Pollards, High Beach  
Photo: Ron Andrews



- **Barrington Green:** [www.essexhighways.org/Uploads/TRAF5226\\_SoR.pdf](http://www.essexhighways.org/Uploads/TRAF5226_SoR.pdf)
- **County Council cartoon on their Highways Strategy:** don't laugh –it's really not funny!

**Film Loughton date change** from February 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Lady in the Van*. 7.30pm. Details in our *EVENTS* bulletin.



**Mick Sheen,** We are very sorry to report the death of Mick Sheen, the Chairman of Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch, a tireless and practical supporter of the local community. Mick's family have asked that nobody phones them at this time

## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

**Loughton CAB is now at Loughton Library, Traps Hill.**  
 Free Independent Confidential Advice. [www.efcab.org.uk/loughton.htm](http://www.efcab.org.uk/loughton.htm)



Free home safety visit advice <http://goo.gl/xXoAb3> [Essex Fire Service](http://www.essexfire.org.uk)

### NHS matters:

- **Need to see a GP or nurse** but can't take time off work? Book a weekend appointment through your GP  
<http://ow.ly/Xw98d>
- **Does your child need to see a GP or nurse,** but you don't want them to miss school? Book a weekend slot  
<http://bit.ly/1U9lrcl>

	<b>Choking. Chest pain. Blacking out. Blood loss.</b>	<b>A&amp;E or 999</b> Emergencies only
	<b>Unwell? Unsure? Confused? Need help?</b>	<b>Call 111</b> out of hours
	<b>Vomiting. Ear pain. Stomach ache. Back ache.</b>	<b>GP Surgery</b>
	<b>Diarrhoea. Runny nose. Painful cough. Headache.</b>	<b>Pharmacy</b>

**School place appeals:** you can now appeal online against a refusal of a place at a school [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Groups with Learning Difficulties; easy-access path.

Groups with learning, sensory or mobility difficulties are very welcome at the Epping Forest Visitor Centre (particularly on Thursdays or Fridays, 10:30am - 12:30 pm for a short presentation, a chat about the Forest and the Easy Access Trail). Bring a picnic, or lunch nearby. The Centre has a toilet for people with disabilities. Book: 020 8418 0730 or [visitorcentre@friendsofeppingforest.org.uk](mailto:visitorcentre@friendsofeppingforest.org.uk)

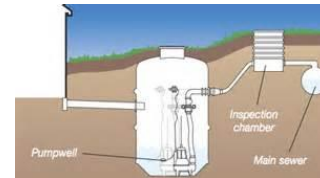


**Venison, beef & bags of logs** are available from The View Visitor Centre, Rangers Road (by the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge) – check availability at 020 7332 1911. Run by FOEF volunteers.

## HELP WANTED

**Privately-owned Sewage Pumping Stations** .Under new legislation, Thames Water takes on the responsibility for 4,000 privately-owned pumping stations from property owners & managers, .potentially saving customers £000s. **If you know of one**, please contact the Town Council (020 8508 4200; [contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk) ).

More at page 13 [www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/1eaha.pdf](http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/1eaha.pdf)

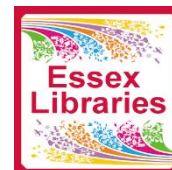


**Time is running out to verify your details**  
#registertovote  
www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk



Received a 'confirmation of voter registration 2016 notice'? Don't ignore it: <http://ow.ly/Xhcgx>

**Aged 14 or over?**  
Have fun, helping with the **Summer Reading Challenge 2016**  
<http://ow.ly/XoNrG>



**Loughton Foodbank currently requires local warehouse space** to hold their amazing food and toiletry donations. Can you help?. <http://fb.me/5qI5WnX3W>

**Why not sign up to be a Dementia Friend:** <http://ow.ly/Xmr9S>



**Keep Epping Forest Tidy!**

Many people already take their own litter bag on their Forest strolls. If you would like to do more to help in your local area of the Forest, please contact [visitorcentre@friendsofeppingforest.org.uk](mailto:visitorcentre@friendsofeppingforest.org.uk) or 020 8418 0730 & they'll try to organise several teams.

**GENERAL**

**Lower Thames Crossing: route options**  
[Open consultation](#) – give your views.

**Register your appliances**

<http://dlvr.it/DLNzdD>

At [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk)

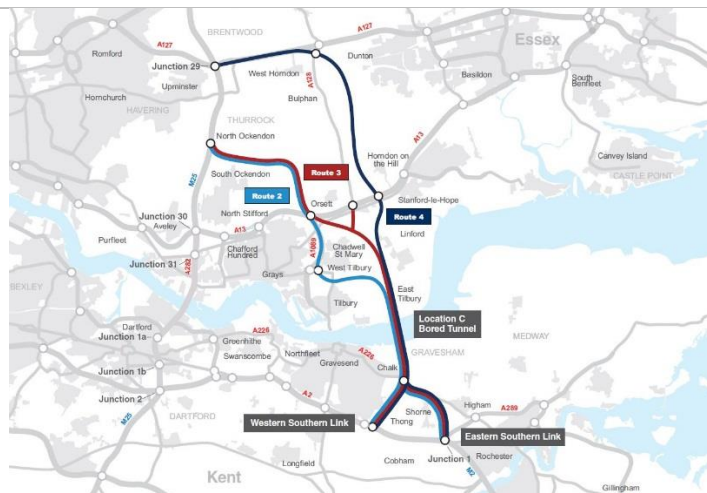
you can register 62 leading brands of appliances you have bought in the last twelve years – make sure you know about any safety repairs or recalls.

[www.streetlife.com/conversation/1n2jt8v5wjff3/](http://www.streetlife.com/conversation/1n2jt8v5wjff3/)

**MOTs:** nearly 50% of all faults found on MOTs

could be avoided by carrying out regular, simple maintenance such as replacing bulbs, windscreen wipers and tyres.

**E-books are free to borrow** at Essex Libraries. Curl up with one on your tablet this winter <http://ow.ly/X6fnO>



### Product recalls.

[food.gov.uk](http://food.gov.uk)

- **Easy Eats UK Ltd** is recalling various Snacksters, Snax on the Go and Best In Chicken Tikka products due to the possible presence of salmonella
- **Sainsbury's Camembert products** with use by dates up to and including 6 March 2016 recalled due to low levels of Listeria monocytogenes.
- **Kettle Chips bags** with a 'best before' date of 28 May 2016 recalled because the products may contain pieces of plastic.



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ORGAN DONATION

Imagine if you needed an organ,  
would you take one?

NHS Blood and Transplant

### Fraud & scams

- **Tap-and-go card boom** leaves elderly at greater risk of 'family fraud'
- **HM Revenue & Customs:** fraudsters are sending out virus-infected emails claiming a package has been seized by HMRC upon arrival into the UK. Don't click on any links; report the email to [essexpolice@essexcommunitymessaging.org](mailto:essexpolice@essexcommunitymessaging.org)



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**FACEBOOK: Like and Follow our Facebook page by going to [www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents](http://www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents)**

## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Saturday February 20<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. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch  
FOEF = Friends of Epping Forest

David Linnell

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