



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood News March 2009

**Working for the people of Forest ward
to make our community a safe and amenable place to live.**

Finlaison Path

This path between Loughton station and the end of Algiers Road already has a name sign at the station end but will shortly have a sign to be installed by Loughton Town Council at the Algiers Road end. Loughton Town Council decided Loughton alleyways and paths should be named and signed and incidentally to make it easier for residents to report any matters requiring attention.

Grit Bins

Loughton Town Council funds a large number of grit bins in the hilly parts of Loughton including the one at the junction of Connaught Hill and Connaught Avenue. A LRA request has been put to the council for one at the junction of Forest View Road and Connaught Hill. Other locations under consideration are Upper Park and its side roads.

Mile Stones

A group of town councillors set to and cleaned and removed vegetation from the mile stone opposite the High Road end of Spring Grove in November 2008. This should make the mile stone stand out for several years as it was last cleaned, also by members a number of years ago.

Heritage Plaques

Loughton Town Council has been installing plaques to the “notable” of Loughton for several years. LRA councillors have put forward the Braeside Military Hospital from WW1 at Number 1 Connaught Avenue. This is on the reserve list for 2010/11.

Litter Awareness Day

This is being sponsored by Loughton Town Council and will take place on Saturday 25 April 2009. LRA Forest ward councillors would welcome suggestions for areas to be litter picked and any offers of help would be gratefully received. The station area has been identified as a potential site.

Heritage Open Days

These will take place from Thursday 10th – Sunday 13 September 2009 and is being co-ordinated by Loughton Historical Society and Loughton Town Council. Possible Forest ward sites will be The Warren and Forest Hall and Loughton Masonic Hall both in High Beech Road. Loughton Cemetery and its listed chapel of rest in Church Lane which is run by the town council will be open.

Advertising on Robin Hood Roundabout

Following robust representations from LRA district councillors and the Town Council proposals for advertising on this roundabout partly in Forest ward has been turned down together with several other roundabouts in the area.

Speed Reduction Equipment

Warren Hill has been put forward for assessment by West Area Highways Office for either Speed Activated Signs (VAS) or Speed Indicator Device (SIDS). LRA councillors will be watching out for any recommendations as this road is very short.

Potholes

Residents marked the position of lots of potholes on the large map at the LRA stall at the March farmers market. These will be forwarded to the Highways department for their attention.

Station Precinct

LRA has worked hard to sort out the confusion about ownership and responsibility for the station precinct between LUL, Sainsburys and County Highways and it has at last been adopted by Highways. The Council refused to undertake agreed work to create access behind the shrubs alongside the bus stops to enable the rubbish to be cleared by the street cleaning staff until it had all been adopted, but our understanding is that this has now been done.

The bushes have now been heavily pruned, specialist rat traps set and an access route provided for cleaning staff to get behind them to clear the rubbish that had blown deeply into them. So far it seems to be working although not always as clean as we would like. We will continue to monitor the area.

The next steps are to get Epping Forest District Council to make a better job of the shrub beds on both sides of the precinct. They have already agreed to replace the missing trees near the bus stops. We will continue to exert pressure to get the trees replaced but we are now almost at the end of the planting season so it may have to wait until the autumn.

Loughton Residents Association

We are an independent local association of residents who are dedicated to making our town a better place to live. We are not affiliated to any national party which gives us the freedom to press for the improvements that residents tell us are really needed. We have a strong voice in the community with the largest active membership of any party and councillors in every tier of local government. Our diverse membership ensures that all shades of opinion get thoroughly aired without regard to national party agendas.

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