

Loughton Residents Association



Neighbourhood News
March 2009

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

The Financial Crisis

- ✓ *To help residents through the current economic downturn the LRA ensured the Town Council kept its share of the Council tax rise to below inflation.*

Great Eastern Footpath

- ✓ *Although the cleaning regime has been doubled it seems that the bins are not being emptied regularly enough. LRA Cllr. David Wixley is following this up.*

Loughton Brook

- ✓ *Grants from the Town and District Councils and support from the LRA have enabled a local group of residents to go ahead with a public consultation exercise on a proposal to improve landscape alongside The Brook in Roding Road. See enclosed leaflet.*

Roads

- ✓ *Pressure on County Council Highways department about the poor state of our roads has resulted in more repair work being completed. LRA has also succeeded in getting funding for a lollipop person at The Meadway. If you know of anyone who might be willing to take this on please let David Wixley know. Someone might welcome the extra income. We also asked Highways if they could improve the traffic flow around the Roding Road/Oakwood Hill junction. As a result they have re-phased the lights during the afternoon peak period. Monitoring suggests some improvement.*

Oakwood Parade

- ✓ *We opposed the planning application for a telecomms mast in Oakwood Parade but were over-ruled on appeal despite public protests and a petition organised by Cllr. Murray. We also strongly opposed the planning application for a take-away in the Parade and were pleased the application was turned down by District Council officers.*

Waste Collection

- ✓ *The District Council has approved the addition of a second bin for garden and food waste which will be collected weekly all year round. This is a controversial decision and the LRA is pressing for exemptions for those who will struggle with this.*

Station Precinct

- ✓ *Following a legal wrangle over who is responsible for the cleanliness of the precinct LRA Cllr. Ken Angold-Stephens persuaded Highways to adopt it, replace the missing trees and clean up the borders which had been regularly littered and rat infested in the past.*

Playing Fields

- ✓ *The Town Council is working to improve the tennis courts this year with the addition of a multi-sports area and running track and also hoping to build a fishing platform on the lake for disabled users as well as an outdoor gym for all ages. Look out for Ranger events on the fields this Easter too.*

Town Meeting

- ✓ *Ever thought you could make a difference in your neighbourhood? How about becoming a local Councillor? It need not take up too much of your time and can be very rewarding. Give Ken a ring if you want to know more. Whether interested or not do come to the annual Town Meeting at 8pm at the Murray Hall on the 1st April to hear our guest speaker, County Councillor Hume, who is responsible for our highways. No doubt you have a lot of questions!*

Individual support

- ✓ *We have helped residents with a variety of problems. We cannot, of course, guarantee to solve every problem but we will always investigate and be honest with our advice.*

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.

**You can get in touch with your LRA Councillor at any time
and there will always be a Councillor attending the monthly Farmers Market to give help or advice**

Your LRA Councillors

District and Town Councillor Ken Angold-Stephens

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