



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

Local Plan. The local *Guardian* newspaper has carried an article about our local MP on its website and in yesterday's paper headed "Eleanor Laing backs house building on Jessel Green". You can see the article and comments on it [here](#). The LRA has responded:

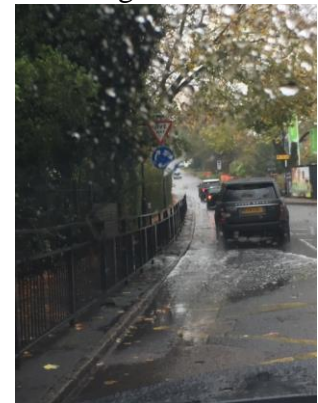


"The District Council first raised the idea of building on Jessel Green in 2008. Since then they have consistently ignored widespread objections from residents and Councillors. The proposal conflicts with the rest of the Local Plans provisions on green spaces. Because it has completely ignored the responses to its consultations, we consider that the Council has failed to follow a proper democratic process.

We call on our MP to restate unambiguously her objection expressed 10 years ago to protect Urban Open Spaces."

Highways issues

- **High Road traffic lights**, junction with The Drive, Brooklyn Avenue and Brooklyn Parade. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has asked the Local Highways Panel for a feasibility study on the re-phasing of the lights to improve traffic flow.
- **Opposite Homebase:** a resident reported that the lamp column at the corner of Rectory Lane and Church Hill, with a Belisha Beacon attached, has not been working for 12 months or more. This is a dangerous situation with pedestrians occasionally having near misses with left-turning traffic. Chris has reported this more than once (the response last time was that it was an electrical supply issue) and will follow it up again.
- **Alderton Hill drain.** Essex Highways report that, as promised last November, the gullies for notorious drain near the Brook Road junction have been jetted and are now clear and running. Unfortunately, when they've done this in the past the drain has flooded again as soon as there's heavy rain, because the problem is not at the roadside but at the far end of the gully where it flows into the brook. If you find the drain is blocked again, please let us know (a photo would be excellent) and yet again we'll take it up with Highways.
- **Cuthbert's alley** (next to the Wimpy Bar, High Road). After it was re-opened, the Wimpy extract duct has been venting into the alleyway making it an unpleasant place to be, and there's been no street-lighting. When LRA Cllr Judy Jennings visited this site; a builder there told her that the duct was only temporarily fixed above the alleyway and was due to be positioned within the restaurant running through the building and exiting at the rear. She is following up the lack of street-lighting.
- **Parking in Forest Road.** A resident complained that during the day Forest Road is often fully parked, and residents are unable to find spaces, because shoppers are parking there for ½-an-hour or an hour, taking the chance that they will not get caught for a ticket. LRA Cllr Chris Pond confirmed that he had already asked NEPP to vary and increase their Civil Enforcement Officer visit times.



Trade in The Broadway. A District Council's proposed rent increase has come as a final blow to several traders in The Broadway, They are suffering the effect of long months of roadworks, and now increasing competition from shops in the new retail park (to which the District Council has given significant rent-free periods). Unlike the High Road, The Broadway consists mainly of independent traders, many with a long history in the town. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has raised with Conservative Portfolio-holder Cllr Grigg, as a matter of urgency, the way in which the retail park is undermining the whole economic basis of The Broadway.



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 Festival

The programme for this year's end-April & May events is available [here](#).

At the Festival stall at our April 8th Farmers Market in the High Road (outside Robert Dyas), Festival volunteers will be waiting to give you a programme and tell you more about the Festival events.

The Festival will be raising funds for the [Chigwell Riding Trust](#), which was the first riding centre in the world for people with special needs and has been established in Chigwell for over fifty years. Riding instruction is given to people of all ages and abilities. The riding centre has approximately 160 riders each week.



Loughton
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Royal Oak, Smarts Lane/ High Beech Road. Residents are investigating whether Higgins may have started work without completing the preliminary conditions laid down by the District Council.

Sunday April 29th. Town Mayor's 4km Charity Fun Run (or walk!) in support of the Chigwell Riding Trust (see above). 10.30am. Roding Valley Recreation Ground. To find out more, or to book your place, see [here](#) (look for *Fun Run 2018*).



More defibrillators

- **These are on their way** to the High Road and The Broadway, thanks to the LRA-led Loughton Town Council, with support from our two Town Centre Partnerships (traders & residents), who have got funding from the District Council, and with donations from the Rotary Club of Loughton, Buckhurst Hill & Chigwell and the Debden Traders Association.
- **a portable defibrillator** has been generously donated by the local Park Run group for use at events on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground.
- **Training.** Defibrillators are easy to use (spoken instructions from the machine) but the Town Council will be organising free training sessions on the use of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) for any interested residents.



Part-night street lighting.

An Essex Police [report](#) finds no evidence that part-night lighting has an impact on crime levels.



[Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge](#) will be closed until March 26th. [The View](#), next door, will be open as usual, 10am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.

Highways issues

- **Speed table, Pyrles Lane, Chester Road, Hillyfields.** Residents have asked the Local Highways Panel to have the speed table removed, because of the noise level when traffic passes over it. However, County Design Engineers and Road Safety feel that the safety measure is still needed, so the existing speed table will be replaced with new material to current road specifications.
- **Torrington Drive.** A resident had reported highway defects to the County Council and also asked the local (Conservative) County Cllr to take a look. He did so, but commented that most of the individual road issues have already been identified by Highways as 'not requiring works' at this stage – however, the resident's point is that the whole road surface needs urgent attention.

Changes to YOUR Freeview TV channels on March 21st? Changes are being made to the way some channels are broadcast on Freeview. You may need to retune your TV equipment to continue watching programmes. See [here](#).



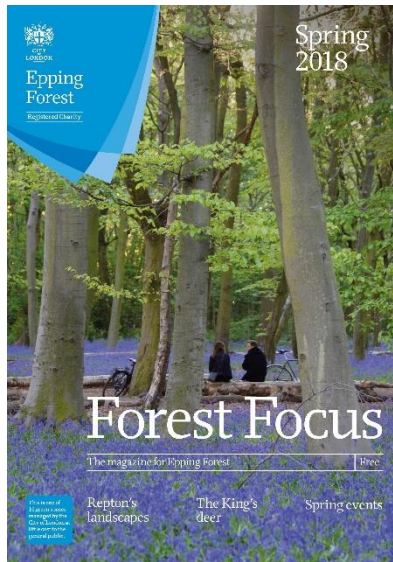
Grants made by Loughton Town Council

Crime figures

Brentwood & Epping Forest	Jan	Feb
Missing people	40	47
Domestic abuse	284	286
Mental health	24	43
Anti-social behaviour	369	365
Crimes solved	119	144
Intelligence	361	468
Stop and search	33	18
Road traffic collisions	125	129

Organisation	Amount granted £	Purpose of grant
Associates of Epping Forest Field Centre	300.00	Family Activity/biodiversity project
The Breastfeeding Network	0.00	Advice/support service
Community First Responders - Loughton Group	1,000.00	Medical equipment & uniforms
Cruse Epping Forest	250.00	Running costs
Epping Forest Re-Use	200.00	Equipment
Epping Forest Sportability Club	800.00	Running costs
Grant a Smile	0.00	Running costs
GROW Community Garden	3,000.00	Running costs
Loughton Festival*	2,500.00	Running costs
Loughton Voluntary Care	500.00	Seated keep fit project
Loughton Youth Project	3,000.00	Running costs
New Vistas	300.00	Hall hire for meetings
Restore Community Centre (Above + Beyond)	4,000.00	Running costs
Restore Com Church (Above + Beyond) Noah's Ark Playgroup	600.00	Craft materials, equipment & running costs
Revitalise	500.00	Respite care for disabled guests & carers
Samaritans of Redbridge	400.00	Branch running costs
South Loughton Cricket Club	1,000.00	Patio project
Spark (A branch of Worth Unlimited)	1,000.00	Mentoring programme
St Marys - Ignite*	250.00	Television universal trolley stand
St Marys Church - Living Hope*	250.00	Lunch club
St Marys Church - Love Loughton*	1,000.00	Running costs for event
Voluntary Action Epping Forest	1,300.00	Benefits advice service
YES Partnership Youth Employment Strategy	700.00	Conference costs
Total awarded	£22,850	

Epping Forest's *Forest Focus* magazine - [now available online!](#)



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Protect yourself online

- **Have your email details been compromised?** Over the last few years hackers have obtained and circulated millions of email addresses and passwords.
- Check whether yours is among them at www.haveibeenpwned.com. And, if you have, please change your password(s).
- **Use a password manager:** if you feel swamped with different passwords, don't use the same password for multiple accounts but use a password manager – look for reviews online (like [this one](#)). Using the same password means that if a hacker gets hold of the password for one of your accounts, they've got easy entry to the others!



Need NHS help? In the last 12 months alone, over 12,742 west Essex residents were directed from Princess Alexandra Hospital A&E department in Harlow to a more appropriate service.

Need medical advice?
Find the right service for your needs
Download free app or visit westessex.healthhelpnow.nhs.uk

New edition of Bus Passenger News



Find out more about local bus service changes by reading this month's [Bus Passenger News](#).

If you want to find your nearest bus service or plan a journey on public transport, please visit www.essexbus.info or [Traveline](#).

Follow [@Essex_PT](#) on Twitter for public transport information.

For live updates on buses, you can also follow your local bus operator on Twitter by clicking here: [Arriva](#), [Chambers](#), [Ensign](#), [First](#), [Heddingham](#) and [NIBS](#).

HELP WANTED

Advice Service Manager needed by Epping Forest CAB in Loughton. Responsible for managing the advice service and the team of volunteers and supervisors; quality assurance for general advice; and have overall office responsibility reporting to the Chief Executive Officer.

More about the job [here](#). More about Citizens Advice [here](#) and [here](#).

CAB also needs volunteers:

details at citizensadviceEFD.org.uk or email training@efcab.cabnet.org.uk



The Willingale Treasure. A medieval gold ring has been found in the parish of Willingale and Epping Forest District Museum need you to help keep it in the District, before the item goes on sale on the open market. [More](#).

GENERAL

Car parks in the Forest.

The City of London provides 52 free car parks throughout Epping Forest for our visitors to use. Their gated car-parks are only open 8am - 3.30pm until Spring. [Details](#)



Why does glass go into the recycling dustcart with the recycling bags?

We checked this query from a resident with the District Council, who said that Biffa's vehicles are split, with separate sections for glass and the sacks – so both do get recycled.

Credit cards.

Since January, shops and businesses cannot ask anyone to pay extra for using a card. More [here](#).

Protect your mobile against theft: police advice [here](#).



Can you help an elderly neighbour? EFNW say that 1 in 5 over 60 year olds have been targeted by scammers more than 10 times in the last year and many will more than likely end up going into a care home because they no longer feel safe in their own home.

They ask residents to please keep a friendly eye on your neighbours, especially those who are not on the internet. [More](#).

Drivers, particularly owners of high performance cars, are asked to be vigilant and contact police immediately if they see anyone acting suspiciously.

There are number of steps drivers can take to increase security, including fitting alarms and tracking devices – see [here](#). [EFNW]



KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS

TWITTER: Follow us on Twitter at @LoughtonRA
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 March 30th.
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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