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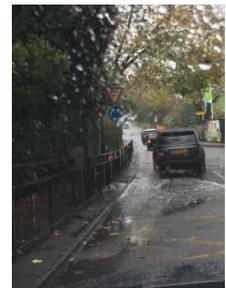
LRA NEWS

Planning applications.

- The following applications are among those on the [Agenda](#) to be heard at “Plans South” at the District Council on November 22nd. The LRA Plans Group (which operate separately from LRA’s Cllrs on planning committees) objected to them both.
 - Extension to Loughton Leisure Centre, Traps Hill (page 36)
 - Stanmores and Little Stanmores, Clays Lane (page 34)Members of the public can attend the meeting as observers, or can watch the meeting on the Council’s webcast, live or later on. Cllrs will have to decide the applications on the basis of planning law.
- Not on the list this time, but of considerable concern to residents and the LRA Plans Group are the proposed 106-unit retirement complex at 13-15A Alderton Hill and block of flats at 60 Traps Hill, which will presumably feature at a subsequent Plans South meeting.

Blocked drains.

- **Traps Hill.** In January 2014 and again in October 2016, we reported a blocked drain at the bottom of Traps Hill, near the High Road junction. We recently had an email from County Highways to say that it had now been dealt with!
- **Alderton Hill.** A resident has told us of a blockage in the drain by the narrow pavement alongside Roding Valley High School, near the Roding Road junction. This drain empties into the brook nearby, and the outlet blocks every so often (I have records back to 2010!). As a result, after heavy rain, pedestrians - including children on their way to/from school - get drenched by passing traffic. Last time it took months, and a formal complaint to County Highways, to get any action – we’ll keep at them again.



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>

Langston Road Retail Park and Chigwell Lane roadworks.

- **Roadworks:** we understand works are now planned to end in the 3rd week in November.
- **Traffic lights sequencing** will be reviewed by County Highways early in 2018 to try to minimise traffic build-ups



- **Borders Lane junction:** extra guard rails are planned to stop students on foot crossing the junction diagonally, at considerable danger to themselves and others.

Latest Essex Police [Quarterly Report](#) – how are they doing?

Roding Valley High School proposes becoming an Academy school. To give your views, see <http://tinyurl.com/ycytegvx>



Epping Forest MP Eleanor Laing has been appointed to the Privy Council, a formal body of advisers to the Queen; as well as MPs and Peers, and former MPs and Peers, the Privy Council also comprises other people with senior roles in public life.

Parking: Smarts Lane. A resident has pointed out that the removal of the single yellow lines at the High Road end of this road has led to motorists parking right over the pavement, forcing pedestrians into the roadway. Where there are no yellow lines, obstructing the pavement is a police offence, and can be reported at www.essex.police.uk – however, given the recent cutbacks, these offences come relatively low down on police priorities. You can raise the topic at either of two local police meetings next week – see our email *EVENTS* bulletin.

Speeding in Valley Hill. Police were asked to take action. Over 3 hours on the afternoon of Tuesday October 24th they completed 200 vehicle checks (100 at Oakwood Hill and 100 at Valley Hill), where the car speeds were checked, but they only issued 6 tickets for speeding. They also issued 1 ticket for a mobile phone offence and 1 for a seatbelt offence; they arrested 1 male for drug driving and seized 1 vehicle without insurance.
(188 speeding motorists were caught recently in a police check on Epping New Road.)

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- **Traps Hill Playground.** In October the surface of the trampoline was damaged beyond repair. The Council, in consultation with a user group, will be replacing it with something less vulnerable to vandalism
- **Memorial Rose Garden.** This Roding Road Garden, championed by the late LRA Cllr Ken Angold-Stephens, has attracted many compliments since its creation in 2014.
 - Sadly, this year the box hedging around the rose beds finally succumbed to disease. The Council are grateful to several local residents for their generous donations (£250 out of a total of £390) that helped with the cost of replacing the box with a hardy evergreen.
 - the Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell Rotary Club has donated 1,000 crocus corns for planting in the garden. These purple spring flowers are a symbol of the Rotary's successful *End Polio Now* campaign.
- **Bus shelters:**
 - the Council have asked the Local Highways Panel for a new bus shelter in Borders Lane opposite Oak View School
 - the Council has ordered a new shelter for Traps Hill and it will be installed shortly.



Christmas period events– see the details in our email *EVENTS bulletin*.

- **High Road.** St Mary's Church, 207 High Road, will be holding 'Sing Christmas' on Thursday 30 November at 4pm; the Town Council's Light up a Life service will be on Saturday 2 December on Kings Green
- **The Broadway Countdown to Christmas** will be held on Friday 1 December, 3.30 – 5.30pm. Lots for all the family
- **Public giant menorah lighting** to celebrate the Festival of Lights. Monday December 18th. 6.30pm. High Road (opposite M&S). Followed by refreshments.
- **Santa Fun Run. Sunday December 3rd.** Come along to watch – or join in! Details in our email *EVENTS bulletin*. In aid of St Clare Hospice



Primary reception places applications open.

Parents in Essex can now [apply for their children's reception places](#). Children are entitled to start primary school in the September after their fourth birthday, and parents/carers of children born during the period 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 must apply between 13 November 2017 and 15 January 2018.

Please make use all four of the preferences available and check the admissions criteria carefully for each school you wish to apply for.

It is vital applications are made on time and any late applications (submitted after the deadline on 15 January 2018) will only be considered once all the on-time applications have been determined.



Stranger danger. EFNW have had reports of an attempted abduction in Debden. They ask parents to talk to their children about 'stranger danger' and remind the older ones that EFNW all too frequently hear about thefts of phones and other valuables from teens in the street, even when they are walking in groups of two or more. If you see something happening, please call the police. [More.](#)

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Have you installed the latest software updates?

Install the latest software and app updates on all of your devices. These updates often contain important security upgrades which help protect your device from viruses and hackers.

If you want to know more, CyberProtect now has pages on Facebook and Twitter. Follow them now for more advice and support: www.Facebook.com/cyberprotectuk www.twitter.com/cyberprotectuk



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Post Offices nearby <http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder>

- **Goldings Hill**, 11 Englands Lane 2
- **The Broadway**, 47-49 The Broadway
- **High Road**, Hutchins of Loughton The Chemist, 197 High Road 4
- **Loughton Way**, 142 Loughton Way, Buckhurst Hill
- **Theydon Bois**, 112 Coppice Row, Theydon Bois

Safeguard your property: The [Immobilise](http://www.immobilise.com) National Property Register works as a powerful deterrent against theft and increase the chances of lost or stolen items being identified by police and returned to their rightful owners.



Do you care for someone? Do you know your rights?

There are over 146,000 unpaid carers in Essex who provide vital care and support to their families and loved ones.

Friday 24 November is Carers Rights Day. To support this Carers UK are informing carers of what their rights are, from getting a benefits check or practical support like a carers assessment to how to connect with local support - carersuk.org/localsupport.

There are also a number of [factsheets](#) available covering various allowances and council tax advice. If you are caring for someone in Essex and want support please visit [Supporting Carers in Essex](#)

HELP WANTED

Do you want to increase the levels of policing in Essex? Willing to pay more Council tax to do so? The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (PFCC) want your views – fill in the short [survey](#).



Support local history, culture and art and [become a trustee](#) of the new *Culture Without Borders Development Trust*. Epping Forest District & Lowewood Museums, and Spotlight Theatre, Hoddesdon are establishing a charitable trust. They aim to assist with ambitious development plans, promotion, knowledge sharing, history and culture, not only locally but on a regional and national level.



Accommodation needed for Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF).

VAEF has supported numerous voluntary groups and countless individuals throughout the Epping Forest district. It needs to find new premises – can you help please? [Details here](#).

The [Essex Citizens' Panel](#) – get involved in shaping your health services.



The [Big Give Christmas Challenge 2017](#) gives you the chance to DOUBLE your donation to over 500 participating charities from mid-day on Tuesday 28th November (but not before!)

GENERAL

Received a parking ticket? This [video](#) from [@BritishParking](#) explains clearly what to do.

Transforming Oxford Street. TfL would like to hear your views on the second stage consultation for transforming Oxford Street, which contains revised proposals.

[For full details and to share your views, please visit tfl.gov.uk/oxford-street](http://tfl.gov.uk/oxford-street)



If you need help with injured wildlife, please contact Jenny Wackett on 07956300290 or Emma Wackett on 07854833706 (try Jenny first please) or see [Waltham Abbey Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation](#).

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NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday December 1st.
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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