



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Can you help please?

After 20 years on the LRA Executive Committee, and spells as a County Cllr and LRA Chairman, David Linnell is handing over the behind-the-scenes jobs that support LRA's campaigning on behalf of residents.

We're splitting these jobs so that new volunteers have an easily-managed involvement. For example, we need some-one to help make sure our printed newsletters get produced and delivered on time. David will be around to help newcomers take over.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact him at [David.Linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk](mailto:David.Linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk) or on 020 8508 2932.

## LRA NEWS

### **Oakwood Hill District Council depot opening hours.**

The Council applied to extend the opening hours. As staff will be parking on the roads in the estate across Oakwood Hill, residents were concerned that this would mean extra disturbance at anti-social hours. At the relevant Council meeting, LRA Cllrs Chris Roberts and Chris Pond spoke in favour of changes to the proposals, but the majority (of non-Loughton Cllrs) approved them. However, the Council has made some changes which may help residents – see the final decisions [here](#). Chris Roberts is asking the residents living nearest to the depot to keep him updated about the effects of the increasing use of this council site.

### **Cleaning up the retail park.**

LRA Cllr Chris Roberts complained twice in writing to District Council Portfolioholder Cllr Anne Grigg about the rubbish and mess after every weekend, as bins were never emptied on a Saturday, and she undertook to look into the problem – we're pleased that bigger and better bins have now been installed across the entire park and hope there'll no more rubbish overflowing onto the pavements.



**“Heritage” street lights.** The Hills Amenity Society is increasingly concerned about the replacement of the soft yellow bulbs in street-lights with modern harsh white LED ones in Stony Path, York Hill, Baldwins Hill & Forest Way, and at the corner of Queens Road and Pump Hill. They are raising this with County Highways, supported by LRA Cllr Chris Pond.

### **Roding Road closure for railway bridge works.** 10pm - 5am April 22 – 26.

We understand that the road will be closed 2200-0500 daily, and bus route 167 will need to be rerouted after 2200. LRA Cllr Chris Pond reports that TfL have been contacted but haven't yet replied. Letter [here](#).

**ROAD  
CLOSED**

**Display boards.** We have replaced our display stand for our monthly Farmers Markets in the High Road. If you, or a local voluntary organisation, have a use for the old ones (see picture), please [get in touch](#) – they're free on collection to the first-comer.

- 14 felt-surfaced boards# 100 \* 50 \* 2.5cms (3' 4" \* 1' 8" \* 1")
  - 2 boards 50\* 50 \* 2.5cms (1' 8" \* 1' 8" \* 1")
  - A bundle of poles 2m \* 6cms diameter ( 6' 7" \* 2 ½ ")
- #take Velcro or drawing pins.



## LRA subscriptions

We're very grateful to all the members who've responded to the letter we sent out with our February members' newsletter, *Loughton Life*, and who have paid their 2019 £5 subscriptions.

We're all volunteers, and it's a tremendous help if members pay without us having to follow this up.

**If you haven't paid for 2019, you can do so by cheque to our membership secretary, by bank transfer or by standing order.**

Details at <http://www.loughtonresidents.org.uk/contact-us/membership.html>

If you can't remember whether or not you've paid, please email [contact.@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact.@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

## Social media watch

We need someone to keep an eye once a day on Twitter and Facebook for items of interest to us and to residents.

We use these to help us keep residents informed through our email bulletins, newsletters and Tweets.

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at [contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk) or on 020 8508 2932.

## LOCAL NEWS

**FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>**

**Air Quality in Essex:** [County Council Review & recommendations](#)

### Local Highways Panel

- [Approved works](#), including reducing the northbound section of Chigwell Lane to single carriageway, as suggested by casualty reduction engineers. This stems from a request for safety measures by LRA Cllr Debra Roberts, to protect the right turn into Debden Station Approach
- [Proposed works](#), including a Loughton Town Council request for improved access to the right-hand filter lane junction at Chigwell Lane and Oakwood Hill and staggered junction with Langston Rd. and Cllr Mohindra's request from for measures to prevent the damage to the central reservations in The Broadway caused by the overrun from vehicles.

## NHS

- **Whipps Cross Hospital re-build?**  
The Health Secretary has said he can see a case for rebuilding Whipps Cross (but, as always, where's the money coming from?). [More.](#)
- **What's going on at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow**  
– [latest Board Report](#)



## New Government Waste Strategy 2019

The Government has released its new far-reaching [waste strategy](#) and four consultations that run until the 13<sup>th</sup> May. The District Council will be joining in the group discussions and replying with the Essex Waste Partnership.

The consultations are

- [introducing a deposit return scheme](#)
- [consistency in household and business recycling conditions](#)
- [consistency in reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system](#)
- [plastic packaging tax](#)

## Epping Forest

- [Forest Focus magazine Spring 2019](#)  
– news about, & events in, Epping Forest
- **The Friends of Epping Forest** have now amalgamated with the Epping Forest Centenary Trust to form the Epping Forest Heritage Trust, which will be carrying on the good work of both bodies.  
Find out more at [www.efht.org](http://www.efht.org)



## Planning applications

- **Rear of 165 High Road.** The District Council's local planning committee has refused permission for a one-storey roof extension to provide an additional 2 one-bedroom penthouse flats, as an addition to the 5-storey building being erected on the site under EPF/2600/14.  
The LRA Plans Group and the Town Council had objected because the approved building was already too high and out-of-keeping with the "human" scale of the High Road, particularly as it would be opposite the green open space of Standard Green. (EPF/3302/18)
- **1 Landmark House, The Broadway.** The committee has deferred an application for a site visit. When it gave the contract to build Landmark House, the Council had failed to make proper provision for the sort of equipment which would be needed for a restaurant or pub, and so there is now an application for air-conditioning motors and cold-room motors on the rear wall; the Town Council planning committee is concerned that these will create a nuisance for residents above.
- **12a Alderton Close.** Appeal against District Council refusal of permission dismissed on the grounds that the proposed 4 x 3 bed houses would result in material harm to the character and appearance of the area. Some nearby residents, Loughton Town Council and the LRA Plans Group had objected. (EPF/1012/17)

## Epping Forest District Council

- **Fly-tipping.** A skip hire boss who employed a rogue collector was ordered to pay nearly £25,000 for failing in his duty of care in checking the authenticity of the waste disposal firm.
- **Good work by Epping Forest Youth Council.**
- Both Epping and Loughton Town Councils have had presentations from youth cllrs about their work, covering various activities from anti-social behaviour meetings, learning first aid, to attending civic events, Remembrance Day and carol services. They aim to raise the profile of young people.



This year they have produced a Drugs Project Report. [More](#) (item 11)

- **North Weald Airfield** is the Council's largest land asset and the Council has been seeking to maximise the potential of the site for a number of years. A recent report seeks Cllrs' agreement to the adoption of a planning brief for the site and the appointment of consultants to undertake a full master planning exercise. [More](#)
- **Redevelopment of District Council offices** and staff move to North Weald - [update](#)

**European Parliamentary elections Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – how to register to vote, or get a postal or proxy vote...see [here](#).



**Essex Police** [update on more police in Essex](#)

**Heritage Plaque.** Loughton Town Council have agreed to a request submitted by the Loughton Club (8 Station Road) for a plaque to commemorate the Reverend William Dawson to be erected on the building. See [here](#) (page 16).

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## EVENTS

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. KING OF THIEVES.** Film Loughton 7.30pm. Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Based on a true story. In April 2015, the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Company, was burgled by a group of elderly men. The total stolen was around £200 million, "probably the largest burglary in English history." Director: James Marsh. Stars: Charlie Cox, Michael Caine, Michael Gambon. Rated 15, 1h 48min. £6 for this screening except (£3 for U18's/Helpers & vounteers. The latter are welcome from 6 pm).



For more details, to see the trailer or to join the emailing list go to: [www.filmloughton.com](http://www.filmloughton.com)

**Family events in Epping Forest**  
run by the Field Studies Council.



**Easter Egg Trail on Saturday 20 April**, 11am – 12.30pm, to be held partly on the Hillyfields Open Space, adjacent to the GROW Community Garden, as well as in the community garden itself.

**Loughton Open Garden Scheme** will take place on the weekend of 22 and 23 June 2019 to coincide with the flower festival taking place at St John the Baptist Church, Church Hill, Loughton. All proceeds will go direct to St Clare Hospice. The Willingale Road Allotments will be included in the scheme and open on Saturday 22 June 2019 from 10am – 4pm.

**The District Council's Forever Active programme** welcomes everyone with no restriction on age, ability level or fitness. The programme offers everything from cycling and walking football to yoga and pilates as well as the amazing day trips to some of the country's most popular attractions.

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THE LOPPING ENDOWMENT

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The Directors give notice that the

**134<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Meeting**

and  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
will be held at

**LOPPING HALL, LOUGHTON**

on  
**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**  
at 8.00 pm

when the ACCOUNTS and REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2018 will also be presented

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Notice is also given that it will be necessary to elect FIVE DIRECTORS, two for three years, one for two years, and two for one year. The names of persons for nomination must be entered on a form to be obtained from the SECRETARY at LOPPING HALL.

This form must be delivered to the SECRETARY, duly completed, on or before Monday 15th April 2019. The names of the candidates duly nominated will be announced at the above meeting and the election of the Directors will then be proceeded with and completed.

Persons attending the Meeting are reminded that under the Scheme all those residents on the Electoral Register in the Parish of Loughton, and the Ancient Parish of Loughton, are entitled to vote, voting by proxy is not permitted.

March 2019

By order of the Directors  
Stephen Radley  
Secretary to the Directors  
(sr.radal@hotmail.com)

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## GENERAL

**Bluebells:** there's usually a superb display (see picture) at Apes Grove, Abridge, a level but uneven ten minute's stroll from the road – see [here](#) for details (a half-hour walk; can be extended).



### **Dialling 999 but scared to speak?**

The *Silent Solution* system enables you to press 55 when prompted, to inform police you're in a genuine emergency. The system is well-established but is only effective if you know and understand how it works. It could, in extreme situations, potentially save a life.

It is not true that police will automatically attend if you make a silent 999 call. Callers need to listen and respond to questions and instructions, including by coughing or tapping the handset if possible or, if using a mobile phone by pressing 55 when prompted by the automated Silent Solution system. More information on how to alert police silently [here](#).

## Easter weekend.

- **Parking.** Remember that NEPP wardens now work on Bank Holidays. Unless the sign says that charges don't apply, they do!
- **if you're unwell** over the bank holidays, NHS 111 is available 24/7 to offer medical advice and help when it isn't an emergency.



## 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](http://www.loughtonresidents.org.uk)**

**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 May 17<sup>th</sup>, unless important news arrives in the meantime. Please bear with us while we change our system and our editor.
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 [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@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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