



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



LRA NEWS

Disposing of household waste. To avoid “Business waste” being deposited at Essex Recycling Centres for Household Waste (which is illegal, and expensive for Council-tax payers) the County Council is changing the rules from October 31st. Various types of waste, and various types of vehicles, will be banned from our local sites at Chigwell (Luxborough Lane) and Waltham Abbey (Brooker Road) and several other sites across the County, and other waste quantities restricted. [More.](#)



However, this will mean that some ordinary residents may have to make a much longer journey to dispose, legitimately, of their household waste. LRA Cllr Chris Pond objected strongly to this aspect of the changes, but the Council are adamant.

If after October 31st this happens to you, please let us know at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Standard Green (High Road, next to LuXe). I recently queried the gaps in the low rails surrounding this attractive remnant of Epping Forest. The Town Council replied that the gaps had been left deliberately to encourage members of the public to use the green without having to step over the rails.

So please feel free to use the green – and the bench!



Fly-tipping

- **Unightly builder’s materials** on Borders Lane. A resident asked us about materials on the green verge and a banner strung between two trees. LRA Cllr Chris Roberts had a word with the builder and the District Council Enforcement Team.

In the event the builder removed the materials and banner without formal action being needed.

- **various fly-tippings** at Greensted Road & Green Walk (Sutton Close – “illegal high” canisters): LRA Cllr Rose Brookes reported these to the District Council for action.

She also established that reports through the Council’s ‘out of hours’ telephone number (01992 564000) are received by an operator and sent to the Council refuse team for logging as a flytip or sent to Biffa if classed as an emergency (usually items that are causing an obstruction or a health and safety issue).

Planning matters

- **Beechlands, 42 Alderton Hill.** The proprietor of this care home applied – again – to build a mansion in the back garden. Residents, LRA Plans Group and Loughton Town Council have objected to the application, which the District Council has now turned down. We now wait to see if the owner appeals against the decision.



Trees felled. A resident contacted us because the screen of trees along the boundary of the garden that backs onto hers had been felled. LRA Cllr David Wixley investigated – the trees were not protected and the owner was entitled to have them felled. If the felling turns out to have been to make room for a shed or other building, David suggested checking whether planning permission is needed with the District Council planning enforcement team.

Loughton Cricket Club. A recent long-weekend event at the Club by an “outside” organiser resulted in significant disturbance to residents over a wide area, on hot days. We support the Club’s desire to stay on their attractive ground – a key feature in the Town – and to make the most of the ground. Much of the trouble was due to the organiser; he – and the Club – have had strong letters from the District Council, and we hope that the problems won’t be repeated.



Footpath and roadway repairs. A resident in The Uplands contacted us about the poor state of the surfaces. LRA Cllr Chris Pond replied that since 2014 roads and footways are surveyed every few months by a County Highways vehicle armed with a battery of sensors, to assess grip, defects, cracks and water retention. The results, plus data on frequency of use and weight of vehicles, are used to determine the priority for any resurfacing needed. Unfortunately, no amount of nagging from Chris (or any-one else) will change the timetable. [However, it *is* worth [reporting](#) deep potholes in pavements and roadways, and other Highways problems.]

Night Tube. The County Council turned down the Town Council’s request for the street lights to be left on overnight in Loughton. If you have any particular problems, please let us know at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk



Foresters Arms, Baldwins Hill. Following an email from a resident who had complained to the District Council about an unreasonable amount of noise from the pub, LRA Cllr Bob Jennings has followed this up with the Council, who are taking action.

- the Forester's Arms licence currently allows it to open 10am - 1.30am on Fridays & Saturdays, and to have live / recorded music performed / played 10am - 1am
- if you’re affected by excessive noise, report each incident to the District Council as it happens - see [here](#). Also keep a diary of disturbances, and ask your neighbours to make reports too.

LOCAL NEWS

FOR LOCAL EVENTS SEE SEPARATE EMAIL

Check ahead for events in red, which need to be booked in advance!

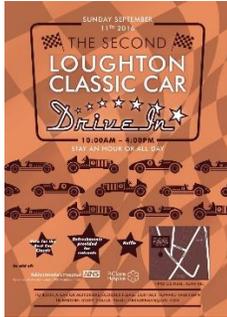
FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>

**LRA’s Farmers Market on Centric Parade, High Road
Sunday September 4th 9am – 2pm.**

**Bring your questions to our volunteers,
and browse our second-hand books.**

We welcome donations of clean second-hand books
– just bring them along (or, if there’s too many,
email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)





Classic cars and motorcycles.

- **On Sunday September 11th** LRA Cllr Howard Kauffman is organising a Classic car & motorcycle show on the High Road triangle car-park at the junction with High Beech Road and Smarts Lane, Just come along any time 10am – 4pm.
- **If you'd like to bring along a vehicle**, let him know at hbkauffman@aol.com
- **If you can put up a poster** please email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Essex Police

[EFNW]



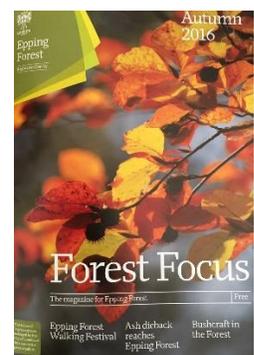
- **Essex's new Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)** lets you know what's happening and answers your questions. Thursday September 15th. 7.30 – 9.30pm. Epping Forest College, Borders Lane. All welcome.
Email your questions to EssexPoliceChallenge@essex.pnn.policeuk
- **the new police & crime plan for Essex - tell the new PCC what you want to see in**– complete the online survey or email the PCC
- **please report your concerns.** Sue Taylor (EFNW) recently had a long chat with an officer. They are doing their best, with limited resources, to answer all your calls, but they do have to prioritise calls where people are at risk. It's essential you report everything suspicious to the police because, if you don't, senior officers will think crime is falling and so we need even fewer Police Officers! As 101 can be difficult to get through to, make reports at <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/>
- **theft from vehicles.** The police are working hard to prevent these. They are prioritising their visits and phone calls to people who can provide some evidence such as a registration number or CCTV which will lead to a successful prosecution. They take every call or online report very seriously. If you have had your car or taxi window smashed, the police really need to hear from you now, so please report [online](#) what happened to you even if it was a few weeks ago:
- **vans are particularly vulnerable** to thieves. Mark any tools with an indelible marker and, if possible, leave your van empty at night

What does Epping Forest Centenary Trust do? Find out from their [Annual Review](#).



Forest Practice: Dr Foster, Senior Partner, will be leaving on September 23rd.
He has this [message](#) for Forest Practice patients.

Epping Forest Forest Focus magazine- Autumn edition now out. Free.
Sign up for electronic copy [here](#)



Fly-tipping. The District Council have successfully identified and prosecuted an Ilford man for fly-tipping in the Roding Valley <http://ow.ly/m2cJ303Kzum>

Scams and “dodgy” puppies: read Essex Trading Standards latest [report](#).

Bus service 542/542A. With the Chigwell Lane roadworks starting, the bus operator (EOS) has decided to amend the service to try to provide more reliability. From September 5th the service will only operate between the Oakwood Park Industrial Estate



and Debden/Loughton. EOS will continue to monitor the service during the road works and will publicise the changes on the buses and on bus stops. [Revised timetable and route map.](#)

Epping Forest District Local Plan – timetable:

6 October – Report to the Cabinet to consider draft plan for consultation

8 October – Report to Full Council

31 October – Start of 6-week formal public consultation – LRA volunteers will deliver our *Loughton life* newsletter to all Loughton households, setting out the key points and how you can make your views known. We are particularly concerned about Loughton’s green spaces.



BinIt or get a £75 fine: people who throw litter from their vehicles or drop litter on the streets can expect a £75 fine. [More.](#)

Parking restrictions changes to take place on September 23rd:

- [taxi spaces:](#) because of the problems caused by taxis collecting customers from LuXe and Nu-Bar, parking spaces at the Smarts Lane/ High Road junction will be for taxis only, 8pm – 6am
- [corner protection:](#) Woodland Road/ The Drive; Hillyfields junctions with Hillcroft & Pyrles Lane; Chester Road jn with Pyrles Lane.

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Keeping children safe. The district’s primary schools are being encouraged to sign up for the NSPCC *Speak Out. Stay Safe.* [programme.](#) This ground-breaking initiative aims to visit every primary school in the UK to bring about a long term reduction in child cruelty.

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE



Literature, history, how to set up a website, and more. Starting this month. Adult education courses in [Loughton & Epping](#), [Gants Hill](#) and [Wanstead](#)

Lifewalks is a friendly group walking for health scheme organised by the District Council and approved by local doctors, hospitals and the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group. [More.](#)



Improving homes and lives with CARE.

- Do you know some-one over 60, disabled or on a low income?
 - Do they need help to improve, repair or adapt their home?
- If the answer’s yes to both the District Council [C.A.R.E.](#) scheme may be able to help.

Telephone Preference Service

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- To **register**: TPS is an absolutely free service: (beware sites that ask you to pay to be registered)
- if you're registered and receive a cold call from a UK company (and you have not given that company permission to call you), report it to the TPS
- unfortunately there's nothing to stop foreign companies, and fraudsters, ringing you.

Memory Cafés for people with early onset of Dementia carers welcome too!

Carers benefit from the safe environment (with music, games, tea and cakes) and are able to talk and discuss problems and issues with each other.



- **second Friday of the month.** The Loughton Club, Station Road (Loughton), 10am – mid-day. enquiries: 07984 100379. Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell Rotary Club
- **last Friday of each month.** 10am – mid-day. Chigwell Convent, Chigwell Road, Woodford Green. The Rotary Club of Leytonstone & Woodford.

Free, no booking needed. People are welcome at either – or both.

Help on child bullying

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<http://www.bullying.co.uk/advice-for-parents/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-being-bullied/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>
<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/bullies.html>

Help on adult bullying

<http://www.mentalhealthsupport.co.uk/adultbullying.html>
<http://www.bullying.co.uk/bullying-at-work/>

HELP WANTED



Report Crime Online: Essex Police are asking the public to *Do It Online* by reporting non-emergency crime via their [website](#). You can also report lost or found property, and non-policing issues, which will be passed on to the correct agencies. The more people who make reports this way the more time officers will have to fight crime. [EFNW]

Loughton Festival will need volunteers to help organise the 2017 festival.

The work starts in the autumn,

so if you'd like to help, please contact info@loughtonfestival.org.uk



Council Tax Support scheme consultation.

The Local Council Tax Support scheme helps people in financial need to pay their Council Tax. The District Council get a grant from the Government towards this, but it is reducing each year. They want to hear your views - *whether you're receiving Council Tax Support or not* - on how to fund the shortfall. [Complete the consultation](#)





If you receive an unexpected email from a friend with a couple of words and then a link, check carefully - clicking on the link could subject you to a phishing attack, or download a virus on to your computer; it could also send out the same email to all of the people on your mailing list. If in any doubt, **DON'T!**
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GENERAL

Protect your home against burglars: Essex Police [advice](#)

You could be caught by *Computer Service fraud* - Find out [more](#).



ESSEX COMMUNITY MESSAGING
Sign up for 'free to receive,' accurate and Up-to-date information, crime prevention advice and notifications from Essex Police and other key partners, such as Neighbourhood Watch simply click the following link:-
<http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm>

What's in the news worldwide?
[Unfiltered News](#) reveals what's most important or most interesting in other parts of the world – and what's important elsewhere but *not* being reported here!



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– get updates between our news emails



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 September 16th.
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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