



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LOCAL NEWS

### More funding for our police?

This is a report from Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch's hard-working co-ordinator, Sue Taylor, on last night's public meeting with the local Police.

PFCC = Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex

**Please complete the police funding survey if you haven't already done so!**



"Well that is the first time I have been to a police meeting and seen our police applauded and thanked publicly by members of our community. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting tonight, it was really appreciated.

**Among the issues that were raised this evening** was drugs, particularly in Debden, and youth problems, particularly teens on bikes.

**A lack of police response was also raised**, and someone said that he thought the police just did not care. It was explained that we do not have very many police in our area, and that calls are prioritised. This means that if two calls come in at the same time one saying there is a fight and the other that someone's car has been damaged, and there is only one team of officers available, they will go to the fight first. Doing that makes sense as someone could be in danger, but the person complaining about their car being vandalised may feel that their call has not been taken seriously.

As someone at the meeting this evening said, **it all comes down to money, and** sadly she was so right! Significant cuts in the police budget has seen huge reductions the numbers of officers and PCSOs; is it so unsurprising therefore that reported crime has increased? You can check this out for yourself at <https://www.police.uk> (view the detailed statistics for your area). Remember, this is reported crime - that is, the calls that actually get through to 101, 999 or are reported on line. How many people give up holding on is anyone's guess but I certainly hear from quite a few every week, so what the actual crime figures are, who knows?

**The PFCC is asking everyone to complete a survey about funding.** He is asking if you are prepared to pay a little more council tax to fund the police. There is still time to give your views, the deadline is the 23 November, and we hope you will complete it.

<http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/policeprecept> ”

### Have you had things stolen from your vehicle?

There has been a spate of thefts from vehicles in Loughton, and elsewhere nearby.

Thanks to some sterling work by two volunteer Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, and our local police team, the culprit was arrested and convicted.

Essex Police have now released images of a number of items of property they believe have been stolen, in an attempt to re-unite them with their owners.

They believe they have been taken from vehicles in recent weeks mainly in the [#Loughton](#) area, but could also have been in the [#Epping](#), [#BuckhurstHill](#) and [#Chigwell](#) areas.

If you recognise any of the items please contact Pc Marc Arnold at Loughton police station on 101 (there can be long waiting times to get through, so it may be worth trying again later if you are hanging on for too long), or pop a note into the letter-box outside the police station in the High Road.

More images [here](#).



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