



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

delivering our *Loughton Life* newsletter
Copies will be available towards the end of September.

We're very grateful to our volunteer deliverers, who cover the whole of Loughton (around 13,000 households)

If you can help for an hour or so with any of these rounds, please email david.linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk

- 1) Audley Gardens, Collard Green, Collard Avenue
- 2) Smarts Lane
- 3) Hilltop & Hilltop Close
- 4) Coles Green, Goldings Rise, Goldings Road
- 5) Broomfield Avenue & nearby roads



(picture: Sept 2017 edition)

LRA NEWS

Alderton Hill bridge.

In view of the continuing traffic queues on the High Road, LRA Cllr Chris Pond has asked County Highways to adjust the phasing of the High Road/ The Drive/ Brooklyn Avenue to give a little more time to High Road traffic.

An LRA committee member reported that the only indication that Brooklyn Avenue is now a "Clearway" is a round sign on the lamp-post outside number 2, so Chris has also asked for better signage as, on a road where this is wholly unexpected, we think it's unreasonable to expect drivers to spot (and understand) this sign without any accompanying wording.



Sparelease Hill roadworks. A resident contacted us because they'd been told that Cadent Gas are planning to dig up Sparelease Hill to replace the gas pipes, however the road was recently resurfaced (2-3 years ago) and, as we reported last time, County Highways shouldn't permit this. LRA Cllr Chris Pond commented that either the resurfacing happened just before Highways started keeping records for this purpose or the pipes could be under the pavements rather than the roadway and so the work wouldn't affect the resurfaced area.

Parking at Loughton Station.

We've recently learnt of a couple of residents who've been fined by the firm running the car-park for NCP, for staying for over 20 minutes when in fact they have left the 20-minute area and have returned later that day, or the next day.

- **Has this happened to you recently?** Following his rejected appeal, an LRA member is proposing to take a case to the Parking Ombudsman. It would help his case to be able to cite other similar cases – if you're happy for him to get in touch with you, please [email us](#)
- **If it happens to you (or has just happened):** in the past, we have been able to help to get fines waived in similar cases, but unfortunately *not* after the resident has been through the appeal process. So if this happens to you and you'd like us to try to help, please [email us](#) straightaway and we'll see what we can do.



Parking on double yellow lines.

LRA Cllr Bob Jennings was contacted by a resident of Harwater Drive about vehicles regularly parked on the double yellow lines around the junction of Harwater Drive and Millsmead Way. NEPP staff paid 11 visits but only caught one offender, so asked whether there were particular times/days when this happened so they could visit then. However, they'd obviously been seen by the culprits, because the resident has reported that the situation is now much improved.

Oakwood Hill estate pavements. The County Council have put back the start of the resurfacing work from 3rd September to 8th October, with planned completion by 19th October. LRA secured funding for this work 4 years ago, and both the County & District Councils have delayed it time and again – LRA Cllr Chris Roberts will be continuing to monitor their progress.

LOCAL NEWS

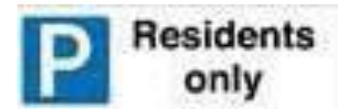
FOR LOCAL EVENTS SEE SEPARATE EMAIL

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

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

Residents Parking: Forest Road, Smarts Lane, High Beech Road.

Since the beginning of the year, NEPP have been providing temporary parking permits to several businesses within the RPZ, and monitoring the effect. They have now reviewed the results and have decided that a maximum of 12 business permits will be available in future and that some extra parking spaces will be made available (mainly where there is now a single yellow line) – we don't yet know how many there'll be. They will now start on the paperwork needed.



Staples Road resurfacing – towaway zone.

Residents will have to remove their vehicles during 30 August - 3 September so that work can be carried out.



Forest View Road resurfacing. A resident has told us that, despite Highways carrying out some work this week, the road won't be resurfaced for at least another month as the Gas company will first be replacing the mains.

National Jazz Archive [August newsletter](#).

The Archive is based at Loughton Library, Traps Hill, and welcomes visitors.



Heritage Open Days in Loughton, Thursday September 6th – Sunday 9th:

See our *EVENTS* Bulletin or the Town Council [website](#)



Loughton Leisure Centre & Pool, Traps Hill

- **Pool open Bank Holiday Monday August 27th**, 8am – 4pm.
LRA Cllr Rose Brookes has lobbied hard for Bank Holiday openings, so please take advantage of the opportunity
- **Possessions at the Pool**, Traps Hill. Rose tells me that the pool switched to a padlock system some months ago (previously a £1 coin was required). Apparently many centres have done this. The centre sells padlocks (£5), but you can take your own. If someone arrives who doesn't know about the new system and hasn't got a padlock, then staff will offer to keep any valuables for them, and will suggest that they keep their clothes at the pool-side.
- **wet changing rooms:** the extension and refurbishment is almost complete .
- **the gym** has now moved to the new extension
- **official opening** of the extended building by the District Council Chairman will take place on Saturday 8th September .



Bank Holiday Monday: parking.

Remember that NEPP wardens now work on Bank Holidays.

Unless the sign says that charges don't apply, they do!



Total Possession Order. The District Council Community Police team and the Community Safety team have secured another total possession order for a property in Loughton by compiling evidence and taking the case to court.

These orders are used to evict problem residents and reclaim properties for more needy local people. This particular address was the centre of Anti-Social Behaviour and criminality for a large area, and had far-reaching effects on local residents. The property is now back under Council control.

New parking restrictions: Albion Hill, Nursery Road, Albion Park, Pollards Close

(No Waiting/ No Stopping) from September 7th (or when signs are in place)

- see Epping Forest District Amendment No.19 – [Various Locations](#)

**No stopping
Mon-Fri
8.00 – 9.00am
2.30 – 4.30pm**

Travelling by Tube

- **Travel off-peak.** Transport for London (TfL) has launched a campaign to encourage Londoners to travel off-peak this summer. The Wonderful World of Off-Peak campaign encourages Londoners to visit the capital's attractions this summer after the usual, popular times.
Off-peak fares apply on weekdays before 06:30am, between 09:30 and 15:59, and after 7pm, as well as all day at weekends and on bank holidays.
- **Where to visit?** TfL has also partnered with magazine Time Out to create an 'interactive cultural map' so people can see which attractions are close to London's Tube stations.
Attractions along the Elizabeth Line will be added later this year when it is launched in December.



Chigwell nuclear bunker. We reported earlier this year that the owner had been prosecuted for the poor state of the site. However, the owner has failed to carry out the work needed, so– the District Council is now considering further action. [More.](#)

Burton Road fire. A development in Burton Road caught fire on August 17th; it appears that there were no casualties. This is new council housing being built for Epping Forest District Council - a £10m design and build mixed-tenure residential development of 51 affordable rent units, with 17 houses and 34 apartments.

The cause is not known, but arson appears to have been ruled out ([more](#)).



Loughton Health Centre, The Drive.

- **Improved performance:** the CQC recently made an inspection focussed on the areas with which they previously had found fault. We understand that this latest inspection found that "significant improvements had been made and areas of high risk had been mitigated".
- **Next patients' group meeting** – app patients and carers welcome:
Wednesday 24th October at 7.15pm at the Health Centre



Property manager struck off RCIS: the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) have decided to expel Mark Taylor, the owner of Loughton firm Mark Taylor Chartered Surveyors, and ordered him to pay costs of £20,797. [More.](#)

Loughton Horticultural Show - Saturday 1st Sept
at Murray Hall, Borders Lane. 2 - 4pm.

Entries are welcome from anyone who lives, works or goes to school or college in Loughton.

Come into Loughton Library, Trap Hill, for an entry form,
or come along on the day to enjoy the show!

More information: <http://ow.ly/e7fm30kYiGo>



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Raise issues with the police: meeting (arranged by a resident) at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 August at Loughton Club, 8 Station Road – all welcome.



If you're unwell over the bank holiday
remember NHS 111 is available 24/7 to offer medical advice and help
when it isn't an emergency

[Gardening advice](#) from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) on all sorts of topics.

Charities and voluntary organisations: funding advice & information

from The Big Lottery & Epping Forest District Council.

Organised by Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF). Tuesday 11th September. 10 am.
Epping Hall, St John's Road, Epping. Plus a brief [AGM](#) & refreshments.

New club for people with mental health issues meets informally. The Open Door Friendship Group offers a caring safe environment for vulnerable adults with mental ill health.

Formed by carers and service users, the club aims to plug a gap in community mental health provision and to give vulnerable, isolated adults a safe place to meet.

The club meets once a week on Fridays 3.30 - 5.30pm at St Michael & All Angels Church, Roding Road. They also run weekly activities and monthly outings, chosen by their members.

They will be holding a barbecue on September 7th.

More: Paula (opendoorfriendship@gmail.com)



GCSE results: [what to do if the results aren't what was wanted.](#)

HELP WANTED

District Council seeks your views

- **new [Enforcement Policy](#).**

The Council is responsible for enforcement in a wide range of areas from planning to licensing. They want to be consistent across their operations, and to continue to meet the standards of the statutory regulatory code. Comments to [Robin Ray](#) by August 29th please. [More.](#)

- **Updated licensing policy**

The Council is responsible for the licensing of events, premises and individuals for alcohol and entertainment, along with those offering late night refreshments.

The purpose of a licensing policy is to ensure prevention of crime, disorder and nuisance, as well as public safety and the protection of children from harm. [More.](#)

Epping Forest Foodbank

- **Donations** can be made to Unit D8, Seedbed Centre, Langston Road, Wednesday & Fridays 10am-12noon.

The foodbank currently requires rice, and rice pudding.

- **Volunteers needed.** The foodbank has joined Harlow, Braintree and

Uttlesford Foodbank in being given items such as preserves and toiletries, all of which have been surrendered at security at Stansted Airport.

Last week Jackie and Chris were in receipt of 10 crates. Many of the items are preserves and snacks, which the Epping Forest Foodbank are currently short of. This is a great opportunity to use items that would otherwise have gone to landfill.

They need volunteers to help check and sort the items at the Unit (D8 The Seedbed Centre, Langston Road. Contact volunteer@eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk



GENERAL

Bringing plants back from abroad

The RHS is asking travellers **not** to bring plants back from overseas, as this opens us to new plant pests and diseases (such as fuschia gall mite which is now established in parts of England probably as the result of arriving here in a gardener's baggage).



Got a new, high-class car? Range Rovers and other expensive cars are being stolen to order, often by hacking the keys*, so please take additional precautions. The police recommend an alarm and an old fashioned steering-wheel lock as a deterrent, but to be effective you must use them when you park. [EFNW]

*Get a wallet for your keys at Halfords or online.

Tracker devices are also useful (and have helped local police to promptly recover stolen vehicles)



Loughton Foxes. Foxes with patches of worn-away fur or swollen eyes probably have mange (*sarcoptic mange*). This shortens their lives but they will still breed and pass on the mange to their offspring – and to domestic dogs.

Foxes with mange can be treated - the National Fox Welfare Society provides, free, bottles of liquid medicine. Over a few weeks, drops placed on small pieces of bread & honey or jam in garden or verge each evening, can clear the condition.

In some cases, the NFWS will trap and take away very sick animals, treat them and return to their home area.

More: see www.nfws.org.uk or email: natfox@ntlworld.com

Contact the local police: the Loughton police hub covers the whole of Epping Forest and can be reached at EppingForestCPT@essex.pnn.police.uk - Monday to Friday, office hours only. Alternatively report at www.police.essex.uk or call 101. Use 999 for emergencies only please

Are you safe online? Dixons Carphone Warehouse plc's computers were "hacked" in 2017, but no bank details seem to have been taken.

Their advice to customers applies equally to all of us!

Take "protective steps to take to minimise the risk of fraud:

- If you receive an unsolicited email, letter, text or phone call asking for personal information, never reveal any full passwords,
- login details or account numbers until you are certain of the identity of the person making the request. Please do not click on any links you do not recognise.
- If you think you have been a victim of fraud you should report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and internet crime reporting centre, on 0300 123 2040*.
- We also recommend that people are vigilant against any suspicious activity on their bank accounts and contact their financial provider if they have concerns.
- You can find more information [here](#).

*Opening hours are 8am-8pm Monday to Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday.



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FACEBOOK: Like and Follow our Facebook page by going to
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NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday September 7th.
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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