



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Please note that the next email bulletin won't be until Friday June 30th.

We will put out any urgent news on

Twitter (@LoughtonRA) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents)

LRA NEWS

Buses

Service 418. Galleon Travel (aka Trustybus), who run service 418 (Loughton-Abridge-Theydon-Epping-Harlow) as a commercial venture intend to halve it to one bus every 2 hours from July, which would seriously affect Newmans Lane. LRA County Cllr Chris Pond has met County Council Officers to see if support can be given to maintain existing levels of service – as usual, the problem is cost.



- **Langston Road retail park.** Chris has been trying to get a bus service into the new Langston Road shopping area, especially to serve the new Aldi, due to open in September. The District Council have said they see no need for a bus service as Debden station is only seven minutes' walk away.
- **167 replacement?** Chris has also been in touch with County Council officers and bus operators to see whether the Langston Road issue could be solved along with a partial replacement for the 167, especially to serve the Pyrles Lane GP surgery.
Chris comments: "the degree to which many Loughton people rely on buses is simply not understood by those at the County or District councils."
- **New timetable on Route 397,** Debden-Walthamstow via Chingford, effective Monday May 29th. Details awaited.

Oaklands School, 8 Albion Hill have applied to the District Council to increase the number of pupils from 243 to 273. Residents in the roads around the school suffer badly from the volume of parents' cars morning and evening, and particularly from inconsiderate parking.

The school is providing a new car park and dropping off area, approached from Warren Hill, which it thinks would justify the pupil increase. The LRA Plans Group has serious doubts about how effective this will be, particularly at picking-up time, and will be urging the Council to defer approval until the effect of the new arrangements can be evaluated.

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to deliver a letter to nearby residents

- if you can help, please email david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk .

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>

UK threat level at 'Critical' - no specific intelligence related to Essex. 24 May 2017

Armed Essex Police officers will patrol major infrastructure sites across Essex and the county will see more local policing patrols as the force responds to the change in the national terrorist threat level. The UK threat level from international terrorism is now 'critical' meaning an attack is expected imminently.

This is a national threat level and is based on intelligence that is considered credible and specific. There is no specific intelligence or evidence which relates to Essex.

Deputy Chief Constable BJ Harrington said:

“From today and until further notice people in Essex will see an increased police presence in the county and that includes armed police officers.

We are doing this to protect and reassure the public and we plan and train in great detail to respond to situations like this.

The national operation that has been put in place following the terrorist attack in Manchester will include military patrols supporting police operations in key national infrastructure locations.

These plans are well-established and if you see any military personnel it does not mean that there is a specific threat near you.

Communities defeat terrorism, which is why we must maintain the strong relationship between the public and police. We depend on information from the public, who can be our eyes and ears, in our efforts to keep us all safe.

Please report anything suspicious to the confidential anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789321 or in an emergency dial 999.

We plan and prepare for such a response but I am extremely grateful to officers for the high quality and extremely swift response to the national security situation.”

Essex Police are asking members of the public to

- follow the force's [Twitter account, @essexpoliceUK](#)
- check [Facebook at www.facebook.com/essexpoliceUK](http://www.facebook.com/essexpoliceUK)
- and follow local media websites and news broadcasts for further information.

Information will also be published on the Essex Police website.



Assault, Station Road, yesterday: police are appealing for witnesses who may have seen a male being assaulted following a road rage incident on Station Road in Loughton. The male was assaulted at approximately 19:30 on the 25/05/2017. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident is asked to contact Essex Police Crime Bureau by dialling 01245 452911

Chigwell Lane roadworks. The District Council hope to be finished by end-August, but may be delayed by having to wait for other services to act (BT, Thames Water, gas etc) or if excavations reveal any unexpected problems.



Planning application: Roding Valley High School for the provision of a new sports pitch together with galvanised powder coated metal fence and the provision of a new footpath from the existing playing field entrance. www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning (ref: CC/EPF/24/17). Comments by June 15th to mineralsandwastedm@essex.gov.uk with your name & full postal address.

Parking Schemes

- **Forest Road/Smarts Lane area:** NEPP are considering the objections they've received and a report is going to a meeting on June 22nd.
- **Broadway area:** NEPP are considering the objections they've received and we await a decision
- **Kings Green:** proceeding to approval.



Proposed flats, 2 Connaught Avenue. An appeal against the District Council's refusal of last year's application has been turned down. We await a decision from the Council on this year's application.

Nottingham Knockers have been out again, this time in Queens Road. They are not on an ex-offender scheme, and if you google *Nottingham Knockers* you will see what they are up to. The police ask people not to buy from them.

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High Road pavement hazard outside Crown House.

A resident raised this with us – it's in Cllr Valerie Metcalf's Division, and Highways have confirmed that they will take action (but we don't know when).

Community groups have received £30,000 in grants from the District Council to improve the social and physical wellbeing of District residents. Among the groups involved are Epping Forest District Citizens Advice Bureau, Epping Forest Centenary Trust, Epping Forest Community Transport, Grow Community Garden, Loughton Cricket Club and Restore Above and Beyond. [More.](#)

If your community group could use £5,000 to help with a one-off project, initiative or even the further development of an existing scheme, apply now. To find out if your group is eligible visit [Grants for sports, arts, leisure and community groups.](#)



Lawton Road [closure](#) due to commence on June 20th for 3 days, while Thames Water undertakes carriageway repairs

Forest cattle. The Corporation have been fitting GPS collars fitted to cows and turning them out into the training field – they should be coming to the Forest very soon!



Firewalk Fundraising! Loughton-based firm, Haslers Chartered Accountants, recently hosted a Firewalk in the grounds of St Clare Hospice to raise funds for the charity. Forty fierce fire-walkers, nearly half the Haslers workforce, marched bare-foot across hot embers in memory of their former employee, Charlotte James.

May 29th Bank Holiday - parking.

Remember that NEPP wardens now work on Bank Holidays.
Unless the sign says that charges don't apply, they do!



New book celebrating the 800th anniversary of the 1217 Charter of the Forest, by local author Richard Morris. This short book explains the fight over the severity of the harsh forest laws, which the Charter required the king to reduce, as well as to rein back the extent of the forests. See the [cover](#). £3.50.
The book will be on sale at the Epping Forest Visitor Centre at 'The View', Chingford, and from the Loughton & District Historical Society and, we hope, from Loughton Bookshop, 150 High Road.



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Become a dementia friend. The District Council are calling on local businesses, community groups and individuals to attend one of their events and become a dementia friend.

Small ways to help: each session focusses on learning more about what it is like to live with dementia, helping you understand the small ways you can help and make life easier for those living with dementia in your community.

Upcoming sessions: each session lasts for an hour and will be provided at the following Essex County Council Libraries (and others)

29 June [Loughton library](#), Traps Hill. 10 – 11am

21 September [Debden library](#), Epping Forest College, Borders Lane. 1:30 – 2:30pm

More: <http://ht.ly/mF0b30bDe70>



Living with dementia. If you would like more information on getting support for someone living with dementia, or more information visit www.livingwellessex.org

May 29th Bank Holiday - if you're unwell over the Bank Holiday, NHS 111 is available 24/7 to offer medical advice and help when it isn't an emergency

HELP WANTED

Essex Police are recruiting Special Constables –see the website for all you need to know about becoming a Special: www.essex.police.uk/specials
Special Constables have full police powers, uniforms, equipment and training.
See the film at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEh_ZXqHFAY





Help shape the District museum’s future work: if you’re passionate about making your local museum for everyone and would like to help make the museum’s programme and collection more representative of all local residents, why not join one of the focus groups. Book today (Friday 26th.)
<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/?p=32701>

Active Citizens. Essex Police are looking for members of the community to become Active Citizens. The volunteers should be

- a movable group of reliable and professional people, keen to make a difference in the community and become a valuable local resource
- a visual deterrent and a link between the public and Police, to achieve more cohesive communities, interact with residents and help to make Policing more transparent.

If you are interested in Volunteering for Essex Police or want more information then see the link at [Police Volunteers](#) – you can email your interest to active.citizen@essex.pnn.police.uk

GENERAL

The Three Conyers Sisters of Copped Hall, Epping by Richard Morris.
 £5 + £1 postage from Alan Cox, 112 Torriano Avenue NW5 3SD
 heque to Copped Hall trust) or the Hall bookshop.



The Great British Bee Count has begun. There’s an app which lets you identify and record our precious pollinators wherever you are. The Bee Count is important because many of our bee species have rapidly declined and 35 of them could be faced with extinction. If you don’t have a smartphone or tablet for the app you can still get involved at the [Great British Bee Count website](#)

Recent Ransomware cyber attack - information from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). Home users and small businesses can take the following steps to protect themselves:



* Run [Windows Update](#)

* Make sure your antivirus product is up to date and run a scan – if you don’t have one then install one of the free trial versions from a reputable vendor

* If you have not done so before, this is a good time to think about backing important data up – you can’t be held to ransom if you’ve got the data somewhere else. We recommend that you don’t store backups on the same computer, or any other device within your home network. Home users should consider using cloud services to back up their important files. Many service providers (for example, email providers) offer a small amount of cloud storage space for free.

If your equipment has been infected please report it to Action Fraud : 0300 123 2040

For further information see the National Cyber Security Centre latest advice on its [website](#) [EFNW]

Tech-Support scammers. *Action Fraud* has received the first reports of Tech-Support scammers, claiming to be from Microsoft, who are taking advantage of the global Wanna Cry ransomware attack. One victim fell for the scam after calling a ‘help’ number advertised on a pop up window. The window, which wouldn’t close, said the victim had been affected by WannaCry Ransomware. The victim granted the fraudsters remote access to their PC after being convinced there wasn’t sufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters then installed Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free, and took £320 as payment. Microsoft’s error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number. Additionally Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

Glass is 100% recyclable and can be reprocessed infinitely with no loss of quality? [Watch here](#) for how glass gets recycled.



Meter reader. Cllr Mick Stubbings reports that a resident in Deepdene Road had a caller professing to be a meter reader while she was out. Fortunately her daughter asked him to come back later rather than letting him in – they have smart meters! Just a reminder to be cautious on letting people in, and make sure the front door is properly closed (distraction thieves keep you occupied while their partner nips in and steals).

KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS



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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 June 30th.
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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