



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

# √OTE

To LRA members in  
St John's, St Mary's,  
Alderton and Fairmead wards,  
please vote for LRA's Chris Pond in the  
County Council election on May 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Can you help, please?

We need a few more volunteers to spend half an hour or so delivering LRA vote cards this Sunday (April 30<sup>th</sup>), Monday (May Bank Holiday) or Tuesday (May 2<sup>nd</sup>).

If you could help, please email me at [david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

## Loughton Festival

In our events bulletin we have included events which are part of, or associated with, the Festival.

For more information on Festival events, competitions and day courses, see

<http://www.loughtonfestival.org.uk/>



## LRA NEWS

### County Council elections, May 4<sup>th</sup> – notice of polls.

- [Loughton Central](#): LRA's Chris Pond is standing again here
- [Buckhurst Hill & Loughton South](#): letter to residents saying why we haven't put up a candidate here, and showing your current LRA Cllrs
- [Chigwell & Loughton Broadway](#): letter to residents saying why we haven't put up a candidate here, and showing your current LRA Cllrs

### Loughton Leisure Centre open on Bank Holiday Monday!

Thanks to the efforts of LRA Cllr Rose Brookes, the Traps Hill gym and pools will be open 8am - 4pm. **Please do go along** – future Bank Holiday opening will partly depend on how well the Traps Hill Centre is used on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



**New litterbin in Brook Road.** A year ago, LRA Cllr David Wixley followed up residents' requests for a bin, and the District Council have finally installed one.

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## [LRA Response to White Paper \*Fixing our broken housing market.\*](#)

LRA has responded to this consultation, which makes proposals which would in general increase the burden on local councils while doing little or nothing to solve the housing crisis.

From what we see, much of the problem lies with the developers

- there are 684,000 homes with full planning permission which have not yet been completed
  - many have not been started
- delays in getting planning approval are often down to developers trying to overdevelop sites, and having to revise their plans until something acceptable gets through the system

The National Association of Residents Associations came to similar conclusions.



### **Church Hill road-works.**

Temporary emergency electricity roadworks caused delays on Church Hill recently.

LRA Cllr Chris Pond persuaded TfL to provide a temporary bus stop at the end of Marjoram while the Church Lane bus stop was out of action.

### **Pizza Hut, 21 The Broadway**

- **parking on the pavement:** LRA Cllr Chris Roberts followed up a report of a near-accident in The Broadway caused by a Pizza Hut deliverer riding on the pavement outside the shop: he found several motor-bikes parked there. He went in and reminded the manager that deliveries are meant to be done from the back of the premises. The manager promised to make sure this happens in future. *[If you see a delivery bike on the pavement, please let us know (date/time and if possible a photo) at [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk) and we'll follow it up.]*
- **late-night licence application** (till midnight). They applied, but then withdrew the application just as the Council hearing was due to start. Whilst we're pleased that residents won't have to suffer noise till midnight, this manoeuvre by Pizza Hut wasted the time of 4 District Cllrs, District Council staff and a Cllr representing the Town Council (and me)



**Caffè Nero, 233 High Road.** We followed up the appearance of tables and chairs on the pavement outside this shop – they have now applied for retrospective planning permission. *[We'll let you know when this appears on the District Council official list, so you can let them (& us) know your views.]*

### **Chequers Road garages – fly-tipping.**

Thanks to LRA Cllr Chris Roberts' efforts, the rubbish has now been cleared.

Chris is following up what the District Council plan to do to improve security on the site.



**Disturbance from new hairdressers.** A resident approached us after a couple of evening parties had been held on the premises, with lots of people, and music. LRA Cllr Caroline Pond talked to the District Council, and an Environment and Neighbourhoods Officer will speak to the owners about the need for temporary event notices and a licence for offering wine to customers, and noise issues.

**Planning application for flats at 51 High Road** was turned down by District Cllrs because the effect on the street-scene and character of area, the effect on amenity of no. 53 and the loss of a (non-listed) heritage asset. (This is one in a series of applications on this property.)

Residents, Loughton Town Council and the LRA Plans Group had objected to the application.

*We apologise for an error in the last news bulletin  
– the number to ring to report an injured or dead deer is 020 8532 1010 (24 hours).  
Our thanks to the reader who spotted this!*



**Deer casualties in the Forest.** If you find a deer casualty, please report the location to the Forest Keepers on 020 8532 1010 (24 hours) – and please stick to the 40mph speed limit in the Forest - if you hit a deer you may well come off as badly –or worse than it does!

## 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>**

**Bikes seized by police in Loughton!** Recently we've had an increasing number of reports of youngsters on bikes on pavements and green spaces, endangering pedestrians and damaging green surfaces. EFNW contacted the police, and Chief Inspector Basford asked residents to email him direct with information (IDs and photos). At least four bikes have now been seized.



If you spot an offender, please report him/ her ([lewis.basford@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lewis.basford@essex.pnn.police.uk)).

**Roadworks - delays likely,** for surface dressing.

**Manor Road** until May 02

**Nursery Road** until May 03

**High Road** (south of Algers Road) until May 04

(Surface dressing only takes place during the summer months, as it can be delayed by cold or wet weather. First any potholes or other defects are patched and the surface made level; then crews spray the existing road surface with a coating of hot bitumen and cover it with stone chippings; the chippings are rolled into the bitumen to form a water-resistant protective layer which makes the road less slippery and extends its life.)



**Planning appeals: Royal Oak & 113 Church Hill.**

The LRA Plans Group and Loughton Town Council are writing to the Planning Inspectorate to support the District Council's rejections of the planning applications for these sites.

**Bluebells:** 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).



**Parking schemes for The Broadway area and Forest Road/ Smarts Lane area.**

We're waiting to hear from NEPP about the results of the consultations and will let you know when we do.

**Cameras on roads.** EFNW has been getting queries about cameras appearing on roads in the Loughton area. As far as we know, these are being installed by Essex Highways to determine movements, delays and volumes at the Wake Arms roundabout and volumes / general movements across Loughton. (The data is to be used for traffic modelling to determine potential schemes to alleviate delays and congestion. Number plates are recorded to determine entry and exit points and duration of journey, but the data has no value once the initial calculations are complete and is managed

in accordance with the Data Protection Act.) In addition to cameras, tubes have been placed across the carriageway in several locations to collect longer term volume and speed data.

**Local Highways Panel (LHP) decisions** (“Traffic Management”)

- **Pyrles Lane, Chester Road, Hillyfields** – After a full discussion it was agreed that a formal decision with regards to this project would be deferred because of the anticipated changes to the 167 Bus route.



(The works would involve: Installing a speed table; Removing the existing material and replacing with new material; Removing old warning signs related to the junction and install new *staggered junction ahead* warning signs plus new posts along Chester Road and Hillyfields; Installing two new *give way 'X' yards ahead* warning signs on Pyrles Lane (north and south); Taking down some of the existing guard railing within the visibility splays for Pyrles Lane *give way* position and replace with new guard railing. )

- **Pump Hill, Loughton** – After discussion it was agreed that this project should be supported by the LHP and progressed. (Signage; Install *give way* triangle to highlight the *give way* markings.)
- **The Campus jn with Borders Lane:** this project will be supported by the LHP and progressed. (Double Yellow Lines to be extended approximately 15m into *The Campus* and beyond the existing pedestrian refuge islands on both sides of the junction)
- **Brooklyn Avenue jn with Churchfields:** this project should be supported by the LHP and progressed. (Replace the single yellow line with 15m double yellow lines at the junction).

**Deer review.** The Chairman of the Epping Forest & City Commons Committee has written to the local Guardian newspaper to provide some clarity following a recent report on a call for a public consultation on deer management in Epping Forest and its Buffer Lands.

He said that an independent review around deer management in Epping Forest and its Buffer Lands will begin in spring 2017 to look at the need to preserve sustainable deer populations, protect the Forest's ecology, maintain public safety and protect farm crops.

The findings of the review will then be considered by a new Epping Forest Consultative Committee, drawn from amongst 90 user and local community organisations across the Forest.



**Davenant Foundation School** (Chester Road) is in the top 10% of schools on attainment throughout the country, according to data from the Schools, Students and Teachers network.



[www.eppingforestguardian.co.uk/news/15251166.School\\_ranked\\_in\\_top\\_ten\\_per\\_cent\\_nationally/](http://www.eppingforestguardian.co.uk/news/15251166.School_ranked_in_top_ten_per_cent_nationally/)

**Residents parking area charges:**

Annual resident permits

First Permit	£48	Book of ten hard-copy 24-hour visitor permits	£15
Second Permit	£80	Ten 6-hour Virtual Visitor Permits	£6
Carers Permit	£30	3-month Trader Permit	£90
Discretionary Third-Resident permit	£120	6-month Trader Permit	£180
Ten 24-hour Virtual Visitor Permits	£10	12-month Trader Permit	£300

**Broadway Town Centre Partnership** (links residents and traders)

- [Minutes](#) of last meeting
- **Next meeting** will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> (not May 11<sup>th</sup>). The Standing Committee has been discussing the way forward, and continue to meet interested parties. They will be looking for any input/thoughts on the future of this group, which aims to be effective at having a positive community impact within the Loughton area.



## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

### May Bank Holiday

- **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 Holiday, NHS 111 is available 24/7 to offer medical advice and help when it isn't an emergency
- **Pharmacy opening times for:** <http://bit.ly/2oY1COV>



### Loughton Library

- **Fancy getting out in the open air?** Pick up a copy of the *Life Walks* book of organised walks in the District, starting in May
- **Having trouble getting to the library?** We can bring the library to you! <http://ow.ly/KfLO30aWfPQ>



## HELP WANTED



**HOWZAT! Family Funday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.** Loughton Cricket Club, The Uplands. 10am - 5pm. Stalls, music, cricket, family entertainment, raffle and a cash bar.

- **Can you spare an hour or two** to help steward the event, please?
- **Do you have any unwanted/ unopened presents** for use as raffle prizes, please?

Replies to [info@loughtonfestival.org](mailto:info@loughtonfestival.org)  
**And please come along on the day!**

### Lopping Hall chairs

Back in 1982, the Trustees of Lopping Hall raised money to replace the jumble of seats in the main hall.

Lopping Hall users, local people and businesses all helped and they managed to buy 200 chairs and then 2 years later raised more money to put cushion pads on the chairs.

These chairs are now over 30 years old and many are broken and worn out, and are certainly not comfortable to sit on. Therefore the Directors of the Hall are starting a new

“cheers for chairs” fund – they aim to raise £11,000 for 200 new comfortable chairs for the main hall.



So far they have managed to raise approximately 22% of the money.

- **Make a donation** - [here's how](#)
- **Ask others to donate** -here's a [document](#) you can send them
- **Know somewhere for grants or funding?** Please let [loppinghallmanager@gmail.com](mailto:loppinghallmanager@gmail.com) know.
- **Can you help with fund-raising day/evening** later in the year? Jean Cooper of LADS hopes to arrange this with the help of all the Lopping Hall users, so if you could help, please let her know at [lads.chairman@gmail.com](mailto:lads.chairman@gmail.com).

### How would you like to connect with the NHS?

Have your say on the future of digital health in the NHS.

Answer the survey at <http://bit.ly/2psR9Ik> by the end of April.



[Loughton Foodbank](#): providing emergency food for local people in crisis.  
Open Wednesdays 10.15 – 11.15am at St Mary's Church, 201 High Road,  
and Saturdays 2 – 2.30pm at Restore Community Centre, 68 The Broadway.

**ASB, Roding Gardens Estate.** A resident has had her wheelie bins kicked over, she thinks by young people & has reported it to the police. She's wondering if anyone else has experienced this kind of low-level antisocial behaviour - if so, please you do the same: 101 or [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk) [EFNW]

[Medical Detection Dogs](#) is a charity which trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease. It is at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and helping people with life-threatening diseases.

A local resident is looking to fund-raise for them by giving talks to organisations (3/4 – 1 hour) and/or placing collecting boxes on counters etc. If you can help, please email [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk) and we'll pass it on.



**Dementia Friends Information Session. Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>. 10 - 11am.**  
Loughton Library, Traps Hill. Information 01992 564222. Must book.



Easy way to [register](#) as an Organ Donor with the NHS.

## GENERAL

### [Lower Thames Crossing preferred route announced](#)

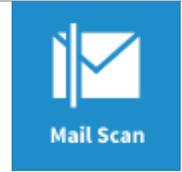
Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has announced the preferred route for a new Lower Thames Crossing, which he said could create more than 6,000 jobs and boost the economy by more than £8bn.



**Taking your car to Paris this year?** Even if you're just passing through, you need a €4.80 [Air-Quality Certificate](#) for your vehicle! Get it [here](#). Credit cards accepted. Currently applies to Paris, Lyon & Grenoble, but other areas may introduce it. *Note:* enter your registration number *including* any spaces between letters and numbers, or it won't work.

**Scam mail** involves fraudsters sending letters to trick people out of money or other valuables.

- **Royal Mail.** Since last November, Royal Mail has stopped more than 700,000 scam items from reaching its customers. They are also proactively contacting and supporting households they believe are receiving the highest volumes of scam mail, impounding suspected scam mail at its major distribution centres.
- [Friends Against Scams](#) provides information about scams and those who fall victim to them. It encourages communities & organisations to take the knowledge learnt & turn it into action.



**Help the Homeless – don't give them your spare change.**  
This was the heading to a recent [article](#) in the Financial Times, which discusses this difficult topic.



**Real Nappy Week.**

Essex County Council are celebrating Real Nappy Week across Essex.



- Help get your friends or family to **try cloth nappies** on their children by claiming the [£30 cloth nappy refund](#). Plus you and your friend will be entered into a [prize draw](#) to win £50 in Love2Shop vouchers or a cloth nappy hamper worth £149.
- **Disposable nappies can't be recycled** and must be placed in your [general waste collection](#). There are around 40,000 babies in Essex with each baby going through over a tonne of disposable nappies. That's a lot of plastic waste. However, [cloth nappies](#) can save parents up to £1,000 per baby and make a significant environmental impact.



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**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 Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>.
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](mailto: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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