



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**I'm sorry that it's not been possible
to produce an *EVENTS bulletin* this time
– we hope to do so soon.**

LRA NEWS

County Highways matters

- **Lower Road.** Cllr Bob Jennings put in a request to the Local Highways Panel to consider having it closed at the top end. Residents, however, called a meeting in the winter, and decided to suggest instead that the road be made *no entry* from the top. County Highways are now consulting on this alternative
- **Burney Drive potholes** between Pyrles Lane and Westall Road. A resident reported that this stretch is in a very bad condition. LRA Cllr Chris Pond raised this with Highways, who replied – incredibly – that their last safety inspection (April 2018) failed to identify any problems requiring urgent repair
- **Oakwood Hill estate pavement works.** Resurfacing work is due to start soon now that the repair and enabling work has been completed, with an official completion target date of September 2018 (LRA Cllrs secured the funding for this, and have battled over the last 4 years to get the work carried out)
- **York Hill.** We reported last time that LRA Cllr Chris Pond reacted quickly and forcefully when he found that Highways had erected a double anti-cycle barrier across the no-vehicles part of York Hill. This is a signed cycle route, and also much used by horse riders. It is a normal highway subject only to controls against cars using it. The Council has apologised for the mistake, and Chris has confirmed that residents would the traditional (and black painted) bollards re-installed (the sooner the better, because there is no now physical barrier, and vehicles are getting trapped)
- **Closure of Fairmead Road.** A few years ago part of the road was closed and the rest left open, in part for use by those with restricted mobility. However, at the last Epping Forest Consultative Committee the consensus was that the open section should be closed at night by a gate, with access to the Tea Hut limited to its opening hours (9am – 5pm).



Brook Path. LRA Cllr Philip Abraham took this up with EDF, who have removed the graffiti.

Grass cutting by the District Council is behind schedule. LRA Cllr Chris Pond followed up a resident's query, and the Council say that it should be back on schedule within a month.



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>

Local Plan. The High Court has dismissed the legal challenge to the Epping Forest District Council's Local Plan, paving the way for the Council to submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination (the challenge could, if successful, have had a significant effect on the progress of the Plan).

See the Council's statement [here](#) – we will be considering the implications of the judgement.

Tom, Dick & Harry's, Crown House, High Road/Old Station Road, are planning to open an up-market restaurant and bar in the next couple of weeks, aimed at local people and as a "destination" restaurant.

They have a music licence, and are planning to use a piano or to invite individual musicians, rather than having DJs or discos (you can see their licensing conditions [here](#)). There will be service by waiting staff at the outside tables, and the windows will have to be closed at 9pm each evening.

The slip-road and pavement outside Crown House are private land and they have extended over what was part of the pavement, leaving less room for passers-by (so we hope that the *No Entry* sign can be moved).

The slip-road is now Parking Permit holders only Monday to Friday, 7am - 5pm (no restrictions apply in the evening or at weekends).



Old Co-op Dairy site, 113 Church Hill. The District Council planning committee has turned down the latest application for a block of flats on this site.

Broadway Town Centre Partnership AGM. Thursday July 12th. 6.30pm.

All welcome - the TCP brings together traders, residents & Cllrs to discuss matters of mutual interest – at present, traders in The Broadway feel under serious threat.

Barrington Community Hall, 7 Barrington Close. [Agenda](#)



CQC Hospital reports

- [Queen's Hospital](#) new inspection report published on 22nd June 2018. Rating: Requires improvement. [Read the report now](#)
- [Whipps Cross University Hospital](#). New inspection report published on 21st June 2018 following an unannounced inspection visit. Still more action needed. [Read the report now](#)

Road closures (usually on LRA's Twitter & Facebook the day before they happen)

- **Clays Lane**, from junction with Stanmore Way eastwards for 36m, starting Monday July 9th for 3 days, or as advertised –for disconnection and reconnection work by UK Power Networks
- **Roding Road**, from Valley Road to Southern Drive, for one day, or as advertised – for sewer cover replacement by Thames Water



Essex Police

- **Got a problem?** Contact the Community Policing team at EppingForestCommunityPolicingTeam@essex.pnn.police.uk



- **More police**, paid for by the District Council, will be in place this summer. They'll be based in Epping and will work on District community safety issues with the existing Community Safety team.

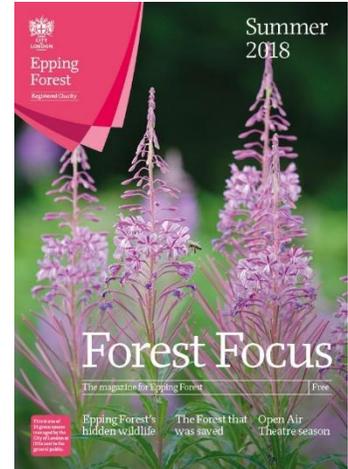
City of London *Forest Focus* magazine Summer 2018 [here](#).

Classic Cars on Standard Green, High Road, as part of Heritage Open Days on Sunday 9 September.

Restore Community Centre, The Broadway, has had to move out.

- Epping Forest Foodbank has moved to Debden Library at Epping Forest College, on Saturday mornings
- other activities are moving to Trinity Church in Mannock Drive and Oakwood Hill Community Centre.

The Countrycare annual report 2017-18 is now available [here](#).



Royal Oak development. The developers have obtained an order to close the footpath through the site. When the development nears completion, please let us know (contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk) if you think it could be re-opened safely (assuming it hasn't been).



Central Line. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has sent in the 2017 usage figures for London Underground stations - all the stations on our line have significantly increased passenger counts (that is, passengers entering or leaving the station, so broadly equal to twice the number of actual passengers).

Station	2017	2013	% increase
Epping	3.97m	3.14m	26%
Debden	0.95m	0.85m	7%
Loughton	3.58m	3.17m	13%
Buckhurst Hill	2.30m	1.94m	19%

This is an increase of 915,000 passengers a year, or 635 full tube cars.

The huge increase at Epping is commuters.

Wonder why you no longer get a seat? Ever tried to find a place in Epping's main town car parks? And this is *before* all the extra houses envisaged in the Local Plan are built and occupied!

Roding Road zebra crossing lights. These, plus two nearby street lights, have been out-of-action because of an electrical fault. UK Power Networks are due to repair the circuit by July 5th.

Torrington Drive parking. Before the Broadway area *Residents Parking Zone* came into force, the District Council Housing Dept decided to convert part of Torrington Drive to parking spaces, despite being told that it would be better to wait to see whether they were needed before they spent the money. Now over a year later they have still failed to finish the work and to sort out how the spaces should be allocated – an apparent prime example of silo working coupled with incompetence.



Loughton Town Council

- **Jessel Green Fun Day** will be held from 12 noon until 4pm on Sunday 15 July
- **Kings Green grass** was cut unevenly to provide protection for the spring bulbs.
- **Roding Valley Recreation Ground:** residents have commented on the length of grass left alongside the river – this is a conscious decision as the longer grass helps reduce bank erosion by (i) deterring people and their dogs from either walking too close or allowing their dogs to run down the banks and (ii) allowing plants to grow and help 'knit' the ground together. This unmown strip is also beneficial for ecological reasons allowing wild flowers to flourish for the benefit of insects with seed heads being produced, thus providing a food source for birds
- **Loughton Horticultural Show** will be held on September 1st at Murray Hall, Borders Lane, 2 – 4.30pm. Free entry. To enter contact the Council on 020 8508 4200
- **Heritage Plaque:** once the new plaque to commemorate the Oriole Hospital and its chief, Josiah Oldfield, on a property in Staples Road has been installed, arrangements will be made with the property owners for a short ceremony
- **The 2018 Annual Town Mayor's Charity Fun Run**, held on Sunday 29 April on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground, raised £510 for the Chigwell Riding Trust.
- **Loughton Cricket Club.** The land should now have been transferred to the Town Council from the Trust and the lease completed.
- **Defibrillators:** installation of the equipment outside the Housing Office in The Broadway has been delayed by legal matters. Operation of the equipment outside the Loughton Club and Morrisons will commence once the East of England Ambulance Service has included them on their data system.
- **Loughton Cemetery:** if you have an interest in a grave in the cemetery, please make sure the Council has your correct contact details, as they're carrying out a full safety audit this autumn.



Local Highways Panel (details of the work of the LHP and copies of the agenda and minutes from recent meetings may be found [here](#)). At its last meeting, the Panel was asked

- **speed limits:** for comments on a request made by the Hills Amenity Society for a 20 mph speed limit zone throughout the conservation areas in Loughton.
- **direction signs:** to consider making a request for new direction signs to Loughton from the southbound carriageway of the M11 motorway

- **footpath names:** to consider naming the path from Rochford Avenue to 72 Etheridge Road as Clydesdale Path, after the former public house at the end of Etheridge Road. (See the list of existing Loughton alleyway names [here](#), pages 10 – 11.
When the minutes appear we'll let you know what was decided.
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OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Get an allotment NOW.

The benefits of an allotment: [National Allotments Society](#).

- **Loughton Potato Ground:** plots available
www.loughtonpotatoground.com
- **Roding Road Allotment** & Leisure Gardens Association:
www.rodinroadallotments.co.uk
- **Willingale Road Allotments:**
Loughton Town Council: 020 8508 4200
- **River Housing site** (borders of Loughton & Buckhurst Hill): Julie Willis on 07870347713



or help at [GROW Community Garden](#), Pyrles Lane.

Eating out? Getting food in?

Find out if a restaurant, takeaway or food shop you want to eat at or buy food from has good food hygiene standards. [Find out more](#)



HELP WANTED

Dog owners: you can help cut crime when you walk your dog – just join [Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch for Dog Owners](#) and report anything suspicious that you see.

Safer Essex Roads Partnership

Launches the Extra Eyes campaign



Send the footage if you capture dangerous road user behaviour - and help make Essex roads safer

 **Extra Eyes on the road**
#extraeyes

To find out more or to submit footage visit: saferessexroads.org/extraeyes

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GENERAL

A burglary leaves a terrible legacy, for years afterwards some people are scared to leave their home and they are even more anxious about returning in case another burglary has occurred.

Please take very precaution with your property by locking doors and windows, using your burglar alarms and making sure your neighbours will take some action if they hear your alarm ringing (being in a Neighbourhood Watch means they are more likely to do so).

If you can afford it, install CCTV. This is not only a deterrent; it also helps the police find the thieves, as long as the system you use provides good quality images. CCTV often provides the evidence required to take a case to court, so it is well worth considering.



PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM BURGLARS BY PROTECTING YOUR GARDEN

Protecting your garden and outbuildings not only keeps bikes and other valuables in your shed safe, but can also stop burglars getting into your home.

 **BE SAFE**

Have you bought a leasehold property?

See how to check the lease, get it changed and challenge your freeholder [here](#).

Are you a Friend Against Scams?

Doesn't take long, but makes you think – see [here](#).



Stansted airport. You may have thought that the Heathrow decision meant that Stansted wasn't planning to expand – if so, take a look at the latest [news](#).



Learners on motorways. Provisional licence holders may now drive on the motorway if they are accompanied by an approved driving instructor and are driving a car displaying red L plates (D plates in Wales), that's fitted with dual controls. [More](#).

Deaf or hard of hearing?

- **To report a non-emergency crime you can:**
 - Use the Essex Police do it online service (probably the easiest).
 - Call the non-emergency number 101
 - Use NGT TextRelay 18001 10.
- **If there's an absolute emergency** ie serious risk of loss of life etc, dial 999, even if you cannot hear what is being said, and if you have any speech, explain you are deaf and cannot hear and tell the operator what is going on (Essex Police will always trace the location of the call and make every effort to get to the address that the call originates from).

Your rubbish, your responsibility.

- If you give your rubbish to a rogue trader who dumps your rubbish illegally, you could end up with a criminal record and face an unlimited fine. Fly-tipping drains more than £1 million of taxpayers' money each year in Essex. Your rubbish is your responsibility and it's a [#CrimeNotToCare](#).
- [Report fly-tipping online](#)



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NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday July 13th.
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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