



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA's Farmers Market on Centric Parade, High Road
Sunday April 2nd 9am – 2pm.
Bring your questions to our volunteers,
and browse our second-hand books.



LRA NEWS

Loughton & Debden station car-parks. We still occasionally hear of some-one who has paid two short visits to the car-park on the same day, and has been charged as if they'd left the car there between the visits. If this happens to you, we may be able to help.

Let us know asap at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Langston Road retail park: work is progressing towards an Autumn opening and planning applications are expected soon from retailers wanting to fit out their new premises.

We have confirmed with the District Council that there will be no illuminated signage on the south side of the building, facing the M11, as this could be distracting for drivers on the M11.

New zebra crossing & bus 20 diversions. Many moons ago, LRA Cllr Caroline Pond asked for a zebra crossing to replace the Church Hill traffic island opposite the cricket ground - a busy crossing, particularly for school children. Since then LRA Cllr Chris Pond has kept up the pressure and eventually succeeded in arranging funding. We're now told that installation work starts soon, weather permitting: Church Hill will be closed and traffic diverted along Traps Hill,

9pm – 5am on: Monday April 3rd, Wednesday April 12th & Friday April 14th.



DIY waste at smaller recycling sites (such as Luxborough Lane and Waltham Abbey): a rather bland and self-congratulatory County Council [report](#) of the 3 months since DIY waste was banned from smaller sites was challenged by LRA Cllr Chris Pond at a Council meeting in Chelmsford. The majority Conservative group closed ranks and voted down the challenge.

[If you are inconvenienced by having to take your DIY waste to Harlow or elsewhere, please let us know at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk]

Bus services.

- **167:** LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been having talks in Chelmsford about a partial 167 replacement, to improve connectivity within Loughton
- **677:** as a result of Chris's complaints, the County Head of Passenger Transport will write a strong letter to TfL about the inadequacy of the 677 school service, which has resulted in a lot of Loughton children having late attendances recorded against them



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- **397:** Chris has sorted out a problem caused when the stop on The Broadway was closed and drivers refused to pick up at the Burton Road stop. TfL has said this was a mistake on their part and has apologised. Buses should serve the stop near Sainsbury's, and they have promised to amend the timetable frame and flag.

Oakwood Hill estate refurbishment. Some years ago, an LRA Cllr obtained a commitment (£200,000) from the District Council to improve the poor condition of the estate, and in particular to repair the footpaths. There has been delay after delay (some of which has been due to the County Council Highways dept). LRA Chris Roberts has followed this up, and has been assured that the funds are still earmarked for the work, and that discussions on detailed proposals will start next month.

Wine Rack, 236 High Road. The LRA Plans Group, and some residents, objected to a licensing application for this shop to stay open until midnight – the application has been withdrawn.

District Council telephone survey. We were contacted because an elderly resident had been worried by a phone call purporting to be from the Council – we contacted them and they confirmed that “The Campaign Company” is contacting between 500 and 1,000 residents in the District on their behalf, by telephone, to get views about the Council. We have suggested that this is not a good idea, but if they proceed they need a much better introductory “script”.

Old Co-op Dairy site, 113 Church Hill.

There's a new planning application for 10 flats on two storeys (EPF/0892/17), after the District Council turned down an earlier application as likely to go to three storeys (EPF/1741/16). Details at <http://tinyurl.com/puwevh5>
[The LRA Plans Group will look at the proposals, and as always welcome your views at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk]



Holes filled. A resident recently contacted us about a hole left before Christmas in the pavement on the corner of Carroll Hill and Church Lane when a new streetlight was installed. We suggested she ring Highways (0345 603 7631) – within two days the hole was filled! We'd love to think that we can have that sort of effect, but it may just be it was already in the pipeline....However, LRA Cllr Chris Pond *did* get a same-day repair done when he contacted Highways about a dangerous hole about 2ft deep by the bus stop outside 295 High Road!

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>

Essex Police

- **why you should report all crimes:**

At a meeting Lewis Basford, District Commander, spoke about the issue of police response because we know some people don't bother calling the police because they feel that the police do not come out. He said the call handlers are trained to assess each call according to the following criteria: 'threat, risk and harm' and calls meeting this criteria will receive the fastest response. Calls will be logged and the police may not attend

-- where there is no evidence available,
or

- where nobody saw anything suspicious

-- where there are no leads for the police to follow.

Later on someone else may report something similar. When that happens the intelligence officers will look back at the first report and, if there is a pattern, they will take action.

So if you're told that there will be no police response, please do not feel that you are being fobbed off or that it is a waste of time dialling 101.

The information all adds up – it's vitally important that you all keep on phoning or reporting online - so please keep the calls coming in. [EFNW]

- **alleged violent incident in Epping.** Police are investigating reports of an aggravated burglary in Mowbray Close, Epping on March 9. Three men claiming to be from Thames Water were allowed entry to a house and threatened the occupant, a man aged in his 20s. *[Contrary to some reports, this is an unusual case and is being treated as an isolated incident.]* [EFNW]

Road closures

- **Englands Lane:** [closure](#) until April 3rd while Thames Water undertakes repair collapsed sewer
- **Oakwood Hill pedestrian refuge.** The road will be [closed for 5 days](#) near the Highwood Lane junction from April 10th while Essex County Council undertakes improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has asked the District & County Councils to their powers to prevent any non-emergency utility roadworks in the High Road and Borders Lane in this period, to avoid even more chaos than the closure will inevitably cause.

Loughton Town Council

- **A new blue heritage plaque** to commemorate the London General Omnibus Company garage on the Homebase building in Church Hill will be installed shortly, with an interpretation panel to be provided by the store manager (no image available)
- **Footpaths.** In the next edition of the Town Council newsletter, *Think Loughton*, residents will be invited to submit evidence confirming the use of the route across Luctons Field (Borders Lane) diagonally, Ladyfields to Luctons Path, for 20 year period prior to 2014 and the alley adjacent to 18 Longfield to Lowery Path to date
[if you used these paths, please look out for this, and respond.]
- **Town Mayor's Charity Fun Run.** Sunday May 14th. Roding Valley Recreation Ground (end of Roding Road). The charity to benefit will be the Essex Air Ambulance, one of the Loughton Festival charities. Ticket pricing and arrangements will be as in previous years, with a bouncy castle and face painting for the children, and refreshments and first aid provided. Details soon.
- **The Broadway central reservation.** In support of the Broadway Town Centre Partnership's desire for improvements, the Council will ask the Local Highways Panel for a reduction in the length of the central reservation close to the junction with Torrington Drive and for permeable resin stone paving along the centre reservation, interspersed with smaller planting pockets.



District Council

- **Car-parks:** from 1 April the Council will switch the management of their 18 car parks to a new firm, hoping to save at least £58,600 each year for local taxpayers. *[If you experience any problems as a result, please let us know at contcat@loughtonresidents.co.uk]*
- **CAB:** the Council has agreed to extend the funding of the CAB's two existing Debt Advisors for a further year from April 1st, in order to provide support to residents with personal budgeting and debt advice. [More](#) (item 39)
- **Caring and Repairing in Epping Forest (C.A.R.E)** provides means-tested grants of up to £30,000 to provide adaptations in the homes of disabled owner-occupiers and private tenants to maintain independent living in the community.
Following a cut in the funding provided by Essex County Council, the District Council will make up the shortfall from Council resources. [More](#) (item 41)

- **Liaison with the police.** The police have rescinded their previous decision to not deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB) and the Council continues to work very closely with the police on ASB cases within the District. *[We are pleased that common-sense has prevailed!]*
- **Essex County Council Highways [presentation](#)** (item 39): how Highways deal with planning applications. *[We are following up what we see as poor planning or communication by Highways.]*
- **Epping Forest College, Borders Lane:** [report](#) of discussion about the College's response to a very poor Ofsted report. (Item 48)
- **introduction to tennis sessions** for young children in conjunction with the Tennis Foundation and the Town Council. Small courts on regular size courts, with pop-up type nets for mini-tennis, on Thursdays, 4.30 - 5.30pm, starting after the Easter holidays, then an afternoon session in the May half-term, and running through to the summer holidays on Thursdays after school. The proposed cost will be £3 per child per session.



North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) latest Joint Committee [agendas](#): the NEPP is responsible for on-street and off-street parking controls; among other things, the agendas list the parking schemes under consideration and show the NEPP's accounts.

Loughton Youth Centre, Borders Lane. Activities at the Centre are, in the main, organised and run by the County Council's partner organisations, including Spark, North East London Foundation Trust, Accuro, the Children's Society and Action for Family Carers. The County Council continues to run the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme sessions and a YC10 youth club offering two after-school sessions a week. The Centre operates 9am – 9pm, Mondays - Thursdays and 9am – 5pm on Fridays, and is looking to extend this to include weekends. Although attendance numbers appear low, this enables intensive support to be provided to the young people. Staff are also providing an outreach service, particularly on the Oakwood Hill Estate and at other known hotspots in the town.



Central Line track: following complaints about the very 'rough' ride experienced by passengers between Epping and Loughton stations, TfL have said that track tamping (done using a specially equipped train that adjusts the stone ballast and gives better support to the track) should now have been completed and customers should notice an improvement as a result.

Loughton Library (Traps Hill) is celebrating Anthony Trollope with a display from Epping Forest Museum.



Body-worn cameras for Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs). The District Council plans to provide these. Films cannot be viewed by CEOs – data is securely transmitted and stored, and deleted after 90 days unless needed for an investigation. The cameras provide a factual record of events, and improve staff safety. Any comments to dataprotection@nsl.co.uk by April 7th.

London vintage bus operating between Epping Station, Shenfield and North Weald Station from April onwards. [Epping Ongar Railway](#)



[Business Briefing](#) from Epping Forest District Council, with details of numerous funding and support schemes for businesses, a range of advice to assist businesses to develop and flourish, and other items.

Starts Tuesday April 25th. Course: Music and British Landscape- Music which has been inspired by and evokes the British landscape, starting with East Anglia, will be studied. Tuesdays, starting 25th April, 10am-12noon. Loughton Bowls Club, Eleven Acre Rise, IG10 1AN Fee for 6 weeks £50. Loughton & Epping WEA (<http://wea-essex.org.uk/branches/loughton-and-epping/>). To book: Lesley Barnard 020 8502 1407, or Mrs. Pat Dale, 020 8281 1536; mrsdale@googlemail.com) or online <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or by phone 0800 328 1060 Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm.

Starts Wednesday April 26th. Course: *Summer Natural History*. Tutor: Tricia Moxey. The different species of wildflowers provide food for insects which in turn feed birds and other creatures. Do join this class to discover why flowers are so important.



For 6 weeks including 2 field trips. Fee £50. Wednesdays, starting 26th April, 10am-12noon, Jack Silley Pavilion, 1 Tidy's Lane, Epping. Loughton & Epping WEA (<http://wea-essex.org.uk/branches/loughton-and-epping/>). To book: Lesley Barnard 020 8502 1407, or Mrs. Pat Dale, 020 8281 1536; mrsdale@googlemail.com) or online <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or by phone 0800 328 1060 Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm.

Starts Monday May 8th. *Colour in Art*. Tutor: Caroline Levisse. Colour has been the subject of many artistic and cultural debates. The course will study the use of colour throughout the centuries, looking into how artists have used colour theory to achieve special effects, and consider colour as a symbolic language, one that find resonance in music and literature. Course starts 8th May then 16th & 22nd; June 5th, 12th and 19th. 2.30- 4.30pm. Loughton Bowls Club Eleven Acre Rise.£50. Loughton & Epping WEA (<http://wea-essex.org.uk/branches/loughton-and-epping/>). To book: Lesley Barnard 020 8502 1407, or Mrs. Pat Dale, 020 8281 1536; mrsdale@googlemail.com) or online <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or by phone 0800 328 1060 Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm.

Friday May 12th – Sunday 14th. Weekend course: *Thomas Hardy, Fiction into Film*. (Friday evening to after Sunday lunch). We will discuss *Far from the Madding Crowd* & *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and look at how they have been adapted for the screen. Debden House Adult Education Centre is part of the London Borough of Newham's Adult Learning Service. Course fees include rooms, tutor, meals & refreshments (wine available to buy). Enjoy the centre's quiet location which is set within beautiful ornamental gardens and situated on the edge of Epping Forest and is an enjoyable alternative to hotel accommodation (at competitive rates). Refurbished bedroom accommodation - private rooms with television and tea & coffee making.



Debden Centre is easily accessible from the M25 or the M11 and just 40 minutes away from central London by Central Line. We are happy to arrange lifts from/to Theydon Bois Underground station.



Shared accommodation: £170 each; single rooms: £200; non-residential £140. david.linnell@phonecoop.coop or 020 8508 2932.

Tuesday May 30th. Day School: *Victoria, Grandmother of Europe*. Tutor: Margaret Mills. 10am - 4pm. Bowls Club, Eleven Acre Rise (off Traps Hill). Sometimes referred to as 'the Royal Mob', the descendants of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert occupied the thrones of many European countries. This fascinating course will look at their lives, triumphs, tribulations and tragedies. Fee: £25, including coffee and lunch For further information visit www.wea-essex.org.uk Contact Lesley Barnard 020 8502 1407, or Mrs. Pat Dale, 020 8281 1536 & mrsdale@googlemail.com or online <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or by phone 0800 328 1060 Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm.



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Worried about bogus doorstep callers? All of the utility companies operate a password scheme - this is the [Thames Water](#) one, but other companies do the same thing. [EFNW]

AQA training course on food-growing skills, run by OrganicLea, is due to commence on 5 April at the Pyrles Lane *GROW* Community Project. Details of the modules and dates:

<http://growloughton.org.uk/free-training-course-learn-grow-vegetables/>

HELP WANTED

Got any teens wanting to do something interesting? The Epping Forest cadets are recruiting: [more](#)

Fly-Tipping [Petition](#) launched by Havering Residents' Association asking the Government to 'Increase penalties against fly-tippers and fund additional enforcement capacity'.



NPCC
National Police Chiefs' Council

IN THE RARE EVENT OF
a firearms or weapons attack

RUN HIDE TELL

RUN to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

TELL the police by calling 999.



**TERRORISTS WON'T
SUCCEED IF SOMEONE REPORTS
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

YOU ARE THAT SOMEONE

CALL 0800 789 321 ANTI-TERRORIST HOTLINE
Terrorists need places to live. Are you suspicious of your tenants or neighbours?

GENERAL

New postage [prices](#)

M11 roadworks. Work to restrict lorries from overtaking during the daytime on uphill sections of the M11 in Essex started on Monday March 20th. [More.](#)



Manage your Council Tax & Business Tax online: register [here](#)

Sheds, garages, workshops, lock-ups and other outbuildings.

The Police are urging everyone to ensure their premises are secure and are offering [some practical steps](#) that can be taken reduce the risk of burglary.

(This advice applies throughout all seasons!).

The thieves know that there is big money to be made in stolen pot plants, hanging baskets, garden furniture, lawnmowers and other gardening equipment at this time of the year. We appreciate these items are difficult to secure but at the very least, don't make it easy for them. [EFNW]



Stag beetles are friends, not foes -and endangered.

Please look after both the beetles and their larvae (the larvae pop up in my compost heap).

See <http://tinyurl.com/n2wth62>



Recycle batteries
in any Essex
Library



**DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN CALL
CRIMESTOPPERS TO REPORT CRIME
ANNONYMOUSLY**



TWITTER: Follow us on Twitter at @LoughtonRA



**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 April 14th.
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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