



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

Obstructed bus stops.

- **Hillyfields.** LRA Cllr Carol Davies followed up a resident's query about a vehicle blocking a bus stop on Hillyfield. NEPP say they can't enforce the "no parking" rules until new signs are installed at all the Hillyfields stops, and they're now on order
- **Church Hill.** Carol also raised the illegally parked vehicles at the bus stop at the foot of Church Hill (north-bound) and NEPP are investigating.

Bench at Arewater Green. LRA Cllr Bob Jennings met a representative of the City of London to discuss the ongoing problems of drug taking (cannabis smoking) and associated anti-social behaviour at the public bench near the Goldings Hill entrance. This will be removed for a trial period of three months; the public's response to its removal will be monitored and the situation will then be reviewed. Either the removal will be extended or the bench will be re-instated, although in a different part of the Green. Views please to contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Missing lamp column outside 6 Alderton Hall Lane. LRA Cllr Chris Pond was asked about this. Essex Highways say it was felled in July following an accident and shortage of funds means it won't be replaced before next April. They will install an independent bus stop pole and flag to identify the stop; however they first need to check where the "utilities", so it'll take at least 6 weeks.

Oakwood Hill green space. Residents on the Oakwood Hill estate were upset to find that the District Council proposed to take a green area on the estate, much used by residents, for a car-park, as part of moving some Council staff to their new site on Oakwood Hill, opposite the estate. LRA Cllrs suggested to the Council that their needs could be met instead by using the roadside parking available locally; this would also be cheaper for the Council. At last night's meeting, the Cabinet agreed to take both ideas forward for evaluation.

DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES

LOUGHTON & EPPING BRANCH

DAYTIME CLASSES FOR ADULTS AUTUMN 2017

You can now enrol on line at www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk or by phoning 0300 303 3464 8am-8pm Mondays to Fridays and 8am-1pm on Saturdays.

More details and contacts [here](#) & in our *EVENTS* email.

Arts & Crafts Gardens.

The Wonders of the Ancient World

Autumn Natural History

British Writings in 1930s



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DAYTIME & EVENING COURSES FOR ADULTS AUTUMN 2017/18



at Gants Hill & Redbridge –
join a friendly group!
[Branch website](#)



History: Pleasure & Leisure Through The Ages
Literature: Great Reads From Around The World
Philosophy: A History Of Ideas

Enrol online or by free telephone **or come along to the first session free**
For more information see our *EVENTS* email, contact
wea_ilford@btinternet.com or ring 020 8599 8846 or 020 8590 3406
(these phones belong to WEA volunteers so you may not get an immediate response - please leave a message).

Loughton Methodist Church: [Lifeworks courses](#)
Sketching Class led by John Price Every last Wednesday of the month Next
Class - 27th Sept. 6:45pm-9pm £5 per person per class.



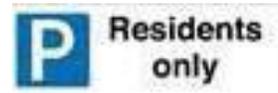
LOCAL NEWS

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>

Forest Road / Smarts Lane Residents Parking Scheme. NEPP say letters will go out to residents next week, with the scheme coming into force on September 25th (although a few days grace may be given before enforcement starts).



Town Council Christmas Card Competition. [Portrait](#) or [landscape](#) versions available

Download an entry form by clicking on your preferred layout:

Four £25 gift cards are waiting to be won. The full press release can be viewed [here](#)

Open to all, whatever your age. Good luck!

Langston Road Retail Park.

- **Shops.** Some new shops are already open and others, such as *Aldi*, are to follow. However, despite the District Council's promises, shops have been allowed to open *before* the supporting highway improvements have been completed. Shops in The Broadway have suffered badly from the disruption and congestion over the last year.
- **The car park.** This will have an Automatic Number-Plate Recognition (APNR) system and parking will be controlled to stop commuters parking there all day. However, so far the District Council haven't turned on the ANPR cameras because of the number of shop-fitting sub-contractors working on the site.



Fly-tips - <http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/?p=33652>

- **Avoiding fly-tips.** Yesterday District Council Environment & Neighbourhood Officers were out in Loughton and the surrounding area - the Council is trying to proactively identify properties with piles of waste that may attract a visit from a rogue trader, offering to take it away with the intention of fly-tipping the waste for profit. They visited over 40 properties and provided advice and/or delivered their campaign leaflet, with the hope that this will cut off the supply of waste to some rogue traders and ensure residents protect themselves from any legal action by checking and recording details in case if their waste is fly-tipped.
- **Getting rid of some rubbish?**
If you get some-one else to do it for you, make sure they do it properly or *you* can wind up in court!
Or use the Council's [Special Collection Service](#).
- **Report fly-tipping [Online](#)** or on_01992 564608. See erefuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk



New all-weather Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, with a fence and a new footpath from the existing playing field entrance. Essex County Council has granted permission for the MUGA, which was a condition of allowing the old tennis courts to be sold off for a retirement complex.



Hillyfields Open Space The works to create a ditch and bund around the lower boundary of this site are partially complete but have already provided a successful barrier against two recent incursions of travellers. The caravans and vehicles remained on the City of London's land at the bottom of the site and their officers were able to use their more extensive powers to remove the trespassers without delay. Loughton Town Council is liaising with the contractor to ensure the works are completed to meet the original specification. There will be a vehicle gate off Hillyfields.

Former Royal Mail Sorting Office, 256 High Road.

We understand that proposals to erect a Retirement Home on this site will soon appear as a formal planning application.



Saturday September 16th. See our *EVENTS email*.

- **Fun Day & new building opens.**
St Mary's, High Road. Mid-day - 4pm.
Come along to see this new community asset.
- **Fun Day.** St Michael's, Roding Road. 12.30 – 4pm.

Waltham Abbey History & Heritage Festival. King Harold Day will not be held in 2017, because the organisers have had problems regarding the site. They intend to continue to work to find a solution, even if it means going to a different but nearby site. They hope that they will be back in 2018 when King Harold Day would be on Saturday 6th October.



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

New £500,000 fund for communities across Essex launches on September 25th. The Essex Crowd is a new community crowdfunding initiative which gives people the opportunity to pitch their ideas, big and small, for projects which will make Essex a great place to live, work and play. [More information](#)



Get ready for Winter!

The Town Council supplies volunteers with salt to keep pavements and roads close to their homes safe.

If you live in a hillier part of Town and would like to help, please contact Debbie Taylor on 020 8508 4200.

Do you rent or lease your property from the District Council? Alderton, Broadway and Fairmead ward residents can raise problems or issues at the Debden tenants Panel on Monday October 18th, 7pm in Barrington Hall, Barrington Drive.

Epping Forest College Open Events. Just drop in on Saturday October 14th (10am - mid-day) or Tuesday November 28th (4 – 8pm) to find out about courses. Borders Lane. www.efc/ac.uk

HELP WANTED

In Search of School Governors.

Are you interested in serving as a school governor? Staples Road Primary School is currently recruiting from the local community for new members of its Governing Body. No experience is necessary and full training will be provided, but you will need to be committed to helping Staples Road become an even more successful school at the heart of the Loughton community. If you'd like to know more, contact clerk@staplesroad.essex.sch.uk for more information and to arrange a chat with the school's chair of governors.



A great way to keep fit - join the VAEF Gardening team. They keep gardens under control for people who no longer are able to manage due to age or disability and need volunteers particularly on a Monday or Wednesdays or on a Thursday.

[Details/ register.](#)



Friends of Epping Forest and the Epping Forest Centenary Trust.

These two bodies are coming together as Epping Forest Heritage Trust.

They need a part time Membership and Admin Officer

– if you're interested please email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk and we'll pass it on.

FRIENDS OF EPPING
FOREST

Caring for Epping Forest





Appeals on Facebook. There are many good causes and charities circulating appeals on facebook, and there are lots of scammers telling you a sob story or two, hoping you will part with your money.

Don't answer an appeal unless you are certain that the appeal is genuine. If you have been "caught", please contact [Action Fraud](#) and / or [Essex Police](#). You might have only lost a few £££s but if you do not report it, how many other people will be scammed? [EFNW]

GENERAL



Get your Christmas cards for Good Causes at Loughton Library, Traps Hill. Library staff and volunteers will be hosting over 25 different charities cards from October 30th to December 16th, Mondays – Saturdays, 10am – 4pm. Cash or cheques only.

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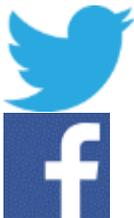
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Make sure you can vote! If you haven't already responded to the District Council's letter, please do so by September 12th – you *must* reply even if there are no changes. [More.](#)

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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 September 22nd.
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

David Linnell

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