



## Fairmead Ward Newsletter Spring 2009

### **Bus Shelters in Burney Drive**

Two bus shelters in Burney Drive have been damaged for some time; as the responsibility of Epping Forest District Council, your LRA Councillor David Wixley has been pressing the relevant department to get them fixed. The District Council are currently getting tenders and say the shelters will be repaired in the next financial year (i.e. after 5 April).

### **Parking Schemes Latest**

The District Council's Oversight and Scrutiny Panel has confirmed that the following roads are being considered for parking schemes, in this order of priority - 1 Chester Close, 2 Colebrook Gardens, 3 School Lane, 4 Harvey Gardens, 5 Audley Gardens, 6 Hillcroft.

As the District Council has decided to cut the money it allocates for such schemes, probably no more than ONE scheme will be considered for the 2009-2010 financial year. This will mean, for example, that although Colebrook Gardens may go out to tender at the end of 2009, the work is unlikely to be completed until the 2010-2011 financial year. LRA Councillors are very disappointed with these cutbacks and will continue to press the District Council and work to get these overdue parking schemes introduced asap.

### **What A Load of Rubbish**

How long can it take the Council to remove two skip loads of builders' rubbish dumped behind flats in Hillyfields? Your LRA councillors reported it after the Christmas break and submitted photos but the eyesore is STILL there.

On a more positive note, we're pleased the rubbish behind garages in Pyrles Lane, that we reported has finally been cleared. However, we will continue to rigorously pursue the problem of dumped rubbish with the relevant District Council depts.

### **Green Boxes**

You may have noticed that many of the green junction boxes that are dotted around the area have been given a new lick of green paint and are now graffiti free since we reported them. If you have one near you that is still an eyesore, you can report it to the District Council's Safer Communities Assistant, Daniel Bond, by email to [dbond@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:dbond@eppingforestdc.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01992 564272

### **Litter Picking Day**

Loughton Town Council will be organizing the annual Litter Picking Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Fairmead ward's clean up efforts will be concentrated on the big green of Hillyfields open space. All are welcome to join in. Keep an eye on the local press or contact the Town Council on 0208 508 4200 for more details of this event.

## **Green Spaces**

If you or your family have lived in Loughton for over twenty years, the Town Council would like your help in safeguarding the future of the green spaces in and around the town. If you can provide information and particularly photographs please contact the Town Council on 0208 508 4200 and complete a green spaces protection form. The aim being to register the green spaces as 'Village Greens' and protect them against development.

## **Playgrounds Get Face Lift**

As part of the Town Council's playground refurbishment programme, Newmans Lane has had two new swing units installed and the rest of the equipment re-painted. The next playground on the list is Westall Road; your LRA Councillors will be working to make sure it's a great improvement on its present sorry state.

## **Road Safety**

Following continued road safety concerns in Chester Road and Hillyfields among others, the Town Council has put them forward for assessment by the West Area Highways Office as potential sites for speed reduction equipment. Also, after concern amongst residents, we are seeking junction protection at Colebrook Gardens/Lane and Hillyfields/Hillcroft. Before junction protection is installed, residents will be consulted.

**If you need advice get in touch with your LRA Councillors**

**Also there will always be a Councillor attending the monthly Farmers Market  
to give you help or advice**

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## **Loughton Residents Association**

We are an independent local association of residents who are dedicated to making our town a better place to live. We are not affiliated to any national party, which gives us the freedom to press for the improvements that residents tell us are really needed. We have a strong voice in the community with the largest active membership of any party and councillors in every tier of local government. Our diverse membership ensures that all shades of opinion get thoroughly aired without regard to national party agendas.