

LRA's LOUGHTON LIFE

Members' Edition

Loughton Residents' Association Newsletter
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LRA is independent & focuses on looking after Loughton. We have Cllrs on the County and District Councils, and hold 20 out of 22 of the seats on Loughton Town Council.

Local Plan

The District Council has been analysing all the responses to the consultation on the draft plan and we await their conclusions. We'll put out any news in our regular emails, www.loughtonresidents.org.uk and LRA's social media.



LuXe, High Road

Following an incident, the police asked for a licence review, which took place at the District Council on May 30th (after we went to press). The LRA Plans Group encouraged residents to send in their views. You can find the outcome on LRA's social media or at www.loughtonresidents.org.uk

Can you help please?

In September we'll need a few more helpers to spend around an hour each delivering copies of our next "Townwide" edition of *Loughton Life* in Alderton, Broadway or Fairmead wards.

Please contact David Linnell now at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk (no need to do so if you've contacted us in the past).



Chris Pond



Philip Abraham

County Council elections

We are delighted that LRA Cllr Chris Pond increased his share of the vote in Loughton Central Division from 60% to 70%. Chris works hard for residents, particularly on Highways, bus services and health services. We're very grateful to all who voted for us, and to those who helped by delivering manifestos and talking to residents on their doorsteps.

New Town Mayor

Loughton Town Council have elected LRA Cllr Philip Abraham as this year's Town Mayor. Philip, who will serve in the role for the next year, was born in India and has lived in Loughton since 2000. He has represented Alderton ward since 2012.

The Mayor's role is to preside over meetings of the council, as well as to represent the council at civic and ceremonial functions, such as the Remembrance Sunday parade and the annual Civic Service.

Philip takes over the role from LRA Cllr Carol Davies. Carol has represented Fairmead ward since 2008, and has lived in Loughton for most of her life.

Cllr Stephen Murray, an Independent councillor for Roding ward and a councillor since 1982, was appointed Deputy Mayor and takes over the role from Philip, who was the previous Deputy Mayor.

Chigwell Lane

The District Council hope the roadworks will be finished by end-August, but they may be delayed by having to wait for other services to act (BT, Thames Water, gas etc.) or if excavations reveal any unexpected problems.



New Retail Park

Work on the new shops is also progressing, and we have seen planning applications from Next, Costa and Smyth's Toys. LRA Cllr Chris Pond is trying to arrange for a bus service to the shops.

Get in touch with us at contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk

Farmers' markets



LRA's Farmers' Markets are held on Centric Parade, High Road on the first Sunday of each month, 9am–2pm.

Come & buy from the produce stalls and our 2nd-hand bookstall, and talk to LRA's volunteers. There are two stalls each month occupied (free) by local organisations.

Anti-social behaviour

Recently, residents' reports enabled police to identify and deal with youths who'd been causing problems in Debden Broadway.

Please report any problems you experience to Safer Communities at the District Council (not the Police, as the two work closely together, and the police usually only investigate if there is damage, threat or harm). If you need to pass the information onto someone not online, you can print out the leaflet at <http://tinyurl.com/m8numsq>



If you have reported separate incidents of ASB 3 or more times in the last 6 months, and you feel you have been fobbed off, or not taken seriously, please ask for a case review (www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/residents/crime-and-safety/anti-social-behaviour).

Please offer me a seat

TfL has launched a free "Please offer me a seat" badge and card. This aims to alert fellow customers on Public Transport that you are in need of a seat because you are less able to stand.

Go to <https://tfl.gov.uk/transport-accessibility/please-offer-me-a-seat> or call TfL Customer Services on 0343 222 1234 to apply for a card.



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Planning & licensing

The LRA Plans Group (LPG) looks at all planning and licensing applications in the town. It consults residents and supports, or objects to, individual applications as appropriate. It works separately from LRA's Cllrs on Council planning committees.

To join the LRA Plans Group (we work by email only) and be consulted by email on significant local applications, please email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Nu-Bar

Following several incidents, the police asked for a licence review. The District Council decided that Nu-Bar would only be allowed to re-open if it did so with normal pub hours; so far it has stayed closed.



51 High Road

The Town Council turned down yet another application for a block of flats to replace this building (classed as a non-designated heritage asset).

113 Church Hill

LPG has objected to a revised application for 10 flats on two storeys with inadequate parking space. The applicant is appealing against the District Council's refusal of an earlier application for a 3-storey block. A decision is awaited.

2 Connaught Avenue

LPG objected to another application for out-of-character, over-bulky block of 7 flats with inadequate amenity space and parking space. A decision is awaited.

A Planning Inspector has rejected an appeal against the Council's refusal of an earlier application for a 6-flat block.

Royal Oak appeal

The applicant has appealed against the District Council's refusal of the proposed conversion and extension of existing building to flats. LPG thinks the proposal would be out-of-character and over-development, with inadequate amenity space and parking space (in this weekday daytime heavily-parked area). A decision is awaited.

Beechlands, 42 Alderton Hill

The applicant has appealed against the District Council's refusal of yet another proposal to build a mansion in the grounds of this nursing home (LPG objected strongly to the proposal). A decision is awaited.

Vivaldi, 236 High Road

The LRA Plans Group have objected to a licensing application for this shop to stay open until 00.30am on Saturdays and Sundays. Late-evening outlets create disturbance and worse for residents when customers leave in the small hours. This has been amply demonstrated in recent years by the problems with Nu-Bar and LuXe, which have led to recent licence reviews.

Highways & parking

Parking schemes

As we went to press we were still waiting for news from NEPP about the Forest Road area and Broadway area parking schemes. Find out what's happening at www.loughtonresidents.org.uk or on LRA's social media.

Chigwell Lane roadworks

Work is proceeding rapidly on the new Langston Road retail park, but less rapidly on the associated roadworks. Nevertheless, the District Council hopes to have it all finished by September. We're promised better traffic flow once the pedestrian crossing lights are properly linked to traffic lights at the junctions; we live in hope.

Yellow lines

LRA Cllr Chris Pond reports that some of his requests for yellow lines (on safety grounds) have been turned down: St Johns Road junction with High Road, Alderton Hall Lane junction with Alderton Hill, Traps Hill roadway by surgery entrance, Englands Lane junction with Lower Road, and The Uplands bend near cricket ground entrance.

If you're affected, and you'd like to start your own petition to get something done about it, please contact us at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk. We will support you, and Chris will present the petition at a full County Council Meeting, although we can't guarantee success.

Other requested yellow line schemes are underway.

167 bus route

Following TfL's termination of the route at Loughton Station on March 11th, so it no longer serves Loughton Station to Debden, there has been no further information on a 167 replacement. Cllr Chris Pond is discussing with a private company a possible service for Pyrles Lane surgery and the new retail park. This would not serve the 2 senior schools, as students would have to pay a private company whereas they get free travel on London Transport buses.

397 bus route

Cllr Chris Pond 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.

Smarts Lane Green bollards

In response to increasing parking abuse of Forest Land, the City of London is proposing to protect the Green with bollards.

E-mail LRA at - contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Cameras on roads

Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch 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.

Fly Tipping

Chequers Road garages

Since LRA Cllr Chris Roberts got the District Council to clear the rubbish dumped here, more has appeared.

We're chasing this up, and pressing the Council to improve security at the site, due for housing – eventually.

Three fined for Loughton fly-tips

Dirik Trading Limited, Housing Action Management Limited and Michelle Pettengell have been prosecuted and fined over £4,000 by Epping Forest District Council for waste duty-of-care offences which led to fly-tipping.

Please help by reporting fly-tipping when you see it; letting it lie encourages others to tip. In the Forest, ring 020 8532 1010; in the Forest or elsewhere, ring the District Council (01992 564608) during office hours or 01992 564000 at all other times, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/zwj253k>

Alderton Hill/ Alderton Hall Road junction

We've had another enquiry from a resident concerned about safety at this junction. County Highways turned down LRA Cllr Chris Pond's requests for a mini-roundabout. Subsequently they have turned down his request for parking restrictions on the corners, which Chris is challenging. We have managed to get a "ghost" island and improved signs, but we don't think that's enough.

New litter bin in Brook Road

A year ago, LRA Cllr David Wixley followed up residents' requests for a bin, and the District Council has finally installed one.

School Green, Staples Road

Thames Water has installed significant infrastructure on Forest Land in this Conservation Area, without the City Corporation's permission. The Corporation is waiting for advice about what powers Thames Water has, under the Water Industry Act, to extend their installations. LRA and the Town Council are concerned about this eyesore.

Crossword

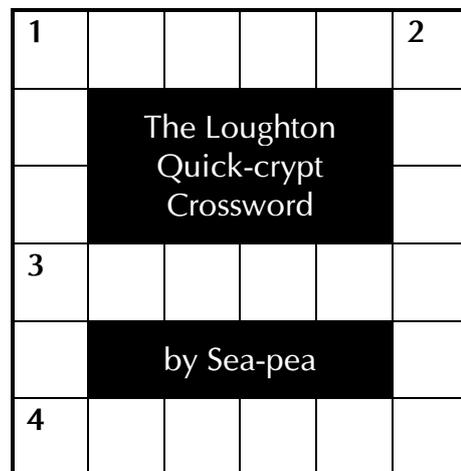
This quick cryptic crossword is designed to amuse and test your knowledge. It follows normal crossword conventions, but demands familiarity with Loughton – geography, history, institutions, people etc.!

The answers may be places in Loughton, or people or things associated with it, or it may be other words, with Loughton and local-based information used in the clue construction.

For example: Herbs up behind the Esso garage (9)
= Marjorams [Avenue], or

Rods leopard features around our postcode area (7)
= sp-IG-ots

Send your answers to contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk by 30 June; the first correct answer opened gets a year's free LRA membership in 2018. Good luck!
(Answers on our website after 30 June)



Clues

- 1a Kinky techniques in Forest Ward? (6)
- 3a Like this publication, Sir Bernard, with your telescope? (6)
- 4a Got up on the railway for Glasscock's old establishment in Forest Road. (6)
- 1d Cabman scores initially over the BBC's Katya. (6)
- 2d James II's paramour rising behind Homebase. (6)