



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



## LRA's Farmers Market on Centric Parade, High Road

Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am – 2pm.

Bring your questions to our volunteers, and browse our second-hand books.



If you have any books to donate, please bring them along on Sunday, or email us at [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

## LRA NEWS

**Gunpowder Mills.** The District Council turned down the recent controversial planning application for major developments. At the meeting; LRA Cllr Chris Pond raised heritage reasons for refusal. A separate Listed Building planning application for the conversion, alteration and extension of several buildings to provide classroom and guest accommodation was approved. [More.](#)



**School places.** As we expected, over the next ten years there will be a shortage of [secondary school places](#) in Loughton. Earlier this year County officers refused to support our objections\* to the removal of the covenant of land owned by Epping Forest College (the covenant would have protected the land for a possible new school, one of the options now put forward by County; we find this inexplicable – and inexcusable).

\*This came before the District Council; LRA Cllrs Chris Pond, Howard Kauffman and Leon Girling pulled out all the stops with a formal “call-in”, but were over-ruled by the Conservative majority.

**256 High Road (old Post Office site).** Proposed demolition of existing building and [development of 30 flats](#) with 24 parking spaces (the Essex Parking standard would be 55 spaces, so 24 would be less than half the standard number). The building would have 5 stories, although the upper stories would be set back and only visible from the High Road directly along the access road. The LRA Plans Group and Loughton Town Council will be looking at the proposals – please comment to [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk) and [contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk) ; the proposals will be discussed at the Town Council on July 18<sup>th</sup> (for details and to register to speak, see [www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/](http://www.loughton-tc.gov.uk/) ).

**Abandoned vehicle.** LRA Cllr Mick Stubbings recently contacted the District Council on behalf of a resident who was concerned about an apparently-abandoned vehicle – the Council have acted on the information. [Report abandoned vehicles on 01992 564608.]



**Parking at Loughton Station.** We are now in touch with NCP about the emails we've had from people fined for parking for what they say was less than 20 minutes in the short-term parking area.

**Flooded path on Rectory Lane** (near E15 acting school). LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been pressing County Highways to take action to sort this out, and this has finally been promised (excavations are needed to identify what's causing the blockage in the pipes).

### County Highways

- **High Road/ The Drive.** Following Chris Pond's pressure on Highways, the surface at the end of The Drive has finally been resurfaced, including the nasty pot-hole at the junction. (The process they use is dependent on dry weather, which has been in short supply!)
- **County Highways muddle:** Chris Pond has also been following up an apparent promise by Highways to carry out major repairs in the Hilltop Close area. It has turned out that they will be just doing patching, not complete surfacing, to residents' disappointment. Chris will take this confusion up with the Council portfolio-holder at the next opportunity.



**Fly-tipping at garage site in Pyrles Lane.** LRA Cllr David Wixley has asked the District Council to remove the rubbish, which includes a large fridge (with the potential risk that a small child at play could become trapped inside).

### Properties in disrepair.

- **20 Ollards Grove.** LRA Cllr Trevor Downing and Loughton Town Council have asked the District Council for action on the state of this property, and the process has started
- **resident's concerns.** LRA Cllr Judy Jennings followed up a resident's concerns about the state of a neighbouring (rented) property which is subject to a planning appeal for redevelopment. In the event, although the property needs some repair and is untidy, it has not yet reached a condition where we can ask the District Council to take action.

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## 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>**

**Traps Hill playground – official opening July 9<sup>th</sup>** (10.30am - 12.30pm). Loughton Town Council have recently refurbished the Traps Hill play area, next to Loughton Library. It's currently attracting a lot of interest from children of all ages. They hope to see as many children – and accompanying adults – as possible at the official opening event. They will be happy to answer any questions. [More.](#)



### Police & Crime Commissioner's plans:

[www.essex.pcc.police.uk/news/community-safety-defining-priorities/](http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/news/community-safety-defining-priorities/)

**Essex Fire Service cuts.** At a [meeting](#) last month, cuts were agreed to the service, including the loss of one of Loughton's two fire engines.



## Bus route 167 – your views needed.

A reminder that TfL have issued a [consultation](#) on changing – and reducing – route 167 issued by TfL. TfL have hand-delivered forms about the consultation to households within a quarter mile of the route (north of Loughton Station).

Please do comment on the proposal, and let LRA ([contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)) know your views.



**The future of Epping Forest.** The Superintendent of Epping Forest and the Chairman of the Friends of Epping Forest recently presented the outcome of the City of London's consultation to a District Committee. [View the webcast and presentation](#) and find out more [here](#).

## Fly-tipping.

- Following a tip-off, the District Council recently successfully prosecuted a Loughton man who decorated a house and then left 13 bags of trade waste in Highwood Lane. [More](#).
- employees of a company in Langston Road gave their trade waste to an unlicensed man in a van, despite the company's usual practice of arranging removal with a skip company. They failed to carry out the necessary checks and didn't request or keep a [waste transfer note](#). The waste was fly-tipped as a result of their negligence, and the company has been fined. [More](#).



[Report fly tipping online](#) or call 01995 564608. [Further information about fly tipping](#)

## Planning

- **51 High Road.** A Planning Inspector has turned down an application to convert and enlarge this property into 8 flats, because the harm this would cause to the character and appearance of the area, the living conditions of the occupants of 53 High Road and the lack of justification for the loss of the building, a non-designated heritage asset.
- **garages at rear of 109-127 Pyrles Lane.** District Cllrs turned down an application by the Council's housing partners to put two houses on this site. (The LRA Plans Group and Loughton Town Council had objected to the site as unsuitable).

[All about our District.](#) This portrait of our local authority area is one of a series of profiles for each of the districts and boroughs in Essex. The series forms part of the Essex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which is intended to provide the evidence base for all commissioning across the county. The portraits paint a broad picture of the local authorities including data on lifestyles, health, education, inequalities, transport and housing



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## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Do you “care” for some-one? Find out about staying happy & healthy, about the costs of care and about health support on [the Living Well website](#) and get advice and help from the [Supporting Carers in Essex Partnership](#).



**Free, 1 to 1, sound business advice** from local professionals at the District's first ever Pop Up Business Café at the newly-refurbished Epping Forest District Museum in Waltham Abbey on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 10am -1pm. [More, and how to book.](#)



**Protect your shed!** EFNW have had reports of sheds being broken into in the Loughton area. You might not think that you have much in there, but if you have to replace your lawn mower or pressure washer, then it soon adds up. They suggest it's cheaper to buy a strong padlock – or perhaps even an alarm....

**Got a question for the Police?** Try the new website [Askthepolice](#)  
As an example: [what to do](#) if your child is being bullied by another child at school.

### Buses

- **Essex Saver Bus Ticket** - unlimited same day bus travel for £8 on every registered local bus service within the [administrative boundary of Essex County Council](#), and also into neighbouring authorities, providing the journey starts or finishes in Essex and no change of bus is made outside Essex. 0345 7430 430 or [publictransport@essex.gov.uk](mailto:publictransport@essex.gov.uk)
- **NextBuses** is a useful service available on your smartphone which helps you find bus times in your local area. Visit [www.nextbuses.mobi](http://www.nextbuses.mobi)



**Free Pension Wise service for the over-50s** provides guidance on the new pension freedoms that came into effect April 2015, on the phone or in person at a nearby Citizens Advice Bureau. To find out more please visit [Pension Wise](#) or call 0300 330 1001.

**Memory Cafés for people with early onset of Dementia**, who can come with their carer. Carers benefit from the safe environment (with music, games, tea and cakes) and are able to talk and discuss problems and issues with each other.



- **second Friday of the month.** The Loughton Club, Station Road (Loughton), 10am – mid-day. enquiries: 07984 100379. Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell Rotary club
- **last Friday of each month.** 10am – mid-day. Chigwell Convent, Chigwell Road, Woodford Green. The Rotary Club of Leytonstone & Woodford.

Free, no booking needed. People are welcome at either – or both.

## HELP WANTED

**Can you help identify** a group of about a dozen young men on motor crossers and quad bikes who drove like maniacs down through Theydon towards Abridge over the weekend of June 18/19. If you have any information about this group, especially if you know their names and addresses or have had problems with them, please let the police know on 101. Or phone Crimestoppers anonymously (0800 555 111 - please let them know that the police are aware and that you are phoning in response to a Neighbourhood Watch appeal). [EFNW]

**[Booby trap for dogs in Epping Forest:](#)** if you find any dangerous material. Please call the forest keepers' 24 hour emergency line on 020 8508 1010

## GENERAL

**Essex Community Messaging (ECM):** did you know you can sign up to ECM and receive messages directly from Essex police or Neighbourhood Watch on your phone or by email. If there is a burglary or other incident locally, you will hear about it via ECM. <https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org>



**If you get a letter from the District Council addressed to “The Occupier”,** Don’t bin it - it may be about a nearby planning application which might affect you and your family. The Council does its best to let neighbours know but some seem to go astray, either in the post or because the recipients think their junk mail!

[The Little Book of Scams](#) (published by the Metropolitan Police). [EFNW]

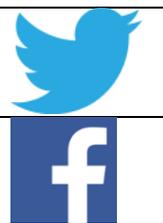
Loughton Police are reminding people to keep their windows closed and locked when they go out or sit in the garden, even small ones! In the summer, nearly half of all burglaries are through unlocked and open windows or through doors that are not securely locked. [EFNW]



**Replacement boilers?** At least two people in the Loughton area have received calls from 'Ahmed' who is trying to find someone to talk to about a government scheme to replace people's boilers. EFNW checked the number he is phoning from (0012 127 773 456) which comes from a bonafide company that is nothing to do with boilers. [EFNW]  
To check a number try <http://whocallsme.com>

**Rogue Traders.** Beware cold callers pretending to be workmen, such as “tree surgeons”.

- Essex Trading Standards has produced an [animation](#) highlighting what to look out for.
- use a Buy with Confidence trader. Everyone on this scheme has been audited and approved by Trading Standards - call 03454 040506 or visit [buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://buywithconfidence.gov.uk)
- If you are concerned that a member of your family, friend or neighbour has been the victim of a rogue tree surgeon or other rogue trader, you can report the incident to the Trading Standards national helpline, run by Citizens Advice, on 03454 040506.



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## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Thursday July 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](mailto: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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