

LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

Roadworks.

- **Alderton Hill bridge.** Despite LRA Cllr Chris Pond's many interventions, NEPP and Highways took till the end of last week to sort out the Brook Road/Brooklyn Avenue parking restrictions; we understand NEPP started enforcement last Tuesday (*look for the signs which tell you where you're not permitted to park or even stop*)
- **Other roadworks:**
 - **Alderton Hill/ Alderton Hall Lane:** LRA Cllr Chris Pond called out the Highways Inspector to look at Thames Water's temporary lights at this junction because of safety concerns about their layout (raised by LRA Cllr Mick Stubbins)
 - **Thames Water works near 168 High Road:** given the congestion in the High Road caused by the Alderton Hill closure, LRA Cllr Chris Pond asked the County Council why these had been permitted. The Council confirmed that these had been emergency works over which the Council has no control. More generally, Chris had asked the Council to ensure that routine maintenance work by "services" cease while the Alderton Hill work continues (services try to get as much maintenance work done in the summer holidays as they can). The Council say they will be approving or refusing each application on its individual merits. They have also agreed not to close the Epping New Road (A104) except at night so as not to make congestion worse.
 - **Burney Drive potholes.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond had yet another go at County Highways about these deep numerous (around 20) potholes. They have replied that Burney Drive is programmed to have a Major Reconstruction scheme undertaken during financial year 2019/20. We await details; these schemes are always subject to slippage.
Meanwhile; they have agreed to carry out some temporary repairs! We will let you know when we hear more.



Parking

- **Forest Road/ Smarts Lane/ High Beech Road CPZ.** NEPP are proposing some alterations to the CPZ, and have discussed these with County Cllrs Valerie Metcalfe and Chris Pond (LRA).
 - Broadly, there'll be a small increase in the size of the CPZ, as well as spaces for a limited number of business users, mostly outside the present CPZ area.
 - The two Cllrs opposed NEPP's proposal to reduce the number of limited waiting bays for shoppers near the shops on the north side of Forest Road, and NEPP has dropped the idea.
 - NEPP will designate an advisory loading area near the picture framers' shop (number 73).
 - We expect a formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the next few weeks.
- **Parking – Broadway area phase 2.** Considerable work is going on behind the scenes, with LRA Cllr Chris Roberts heavily involved, to prepare the next set of residents' parking controls this Autumn (it has been envisaged all along that the "displacement" from the first round of residents' parking controls would adversely affect residents in the surrounding area, and that action would be needed to deal with this).



High Beech Road water leak. Following concerns expressed by a resident, LRA Cllr Amy Beales notified Thames Water of a long-running leak at the edge of the car-park – they will inspect it. (You can report leaks, and check on other reports, at Thames Water’s [website](#).)

66 & 87 bus services. EOS withdrew from these services at the end of July, and Arriva’s application to provide replacement services (at short notice) was initially turned down by the Traffic Commissioners. LRA Cllr Chris Pond was kept busy trying to pull things together, but finally the Commissioners approved the Arriva routes and the buses are now running.



Chigwell Lane bus stops at Rolls Park corner. LRA Cllr Chris Pond followed up a resident’s enquiry about two missing bus stops. They were removed when the new lights were being installed, and the District Council forgot to sort out new positions for them once the lights were in place – they’ve now promised to sort this out.

Barfields Gardens garages lighting. A resident raised the lack of lighting with LRA Cllr Chris Roberts, who contacted the District Council - repairs have now been done.

Noise from Sainsbury’s car-park. Residents in Meadow Road have been being disturbed late at night by youngsters in cars in the car-park near the station. As soon as we told them that there’d been problems, the store agreed to resume locking the gate each night, an hour or so after it closes. Hopefully this will stop the problem but, if the gate hasn’t been closed, and noise results, please talk to the Manager or one of the Customer Services Managers, and let [us](#) know too.



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>

Traffic problems

- **Sat-nav madness.** To add to our other traffic problems, on July 31st a Bulgarian articulated lorry was caught at the top of York Hill and then in Woodland Road. It demolished a street sign, several bollards and damaged a cable box. Police attended. The driver was bound for Enfield and was using a walkers’ sat-nav. [He obviously failed to read the large direction signs on Church Hill.]
- **renewing the main electric cable feed to Loughton.** This is currently at the planning stage, and we don’t have a timetable yet (hopefully it’s a year or two away) but it will involve disruption in Oakwood Hill and Langston Road.....

Make sure YOU can vote! Household Enquiry Forms will be dropping through letterboxes over the next few weeks and every home within the Epping Forest District should respond by 21 August - see <http://ow.ly/xbJZ30I78Yv>

- **You can reply online** – it’s easy, particularly if your reply is “No Change”.
- **Direct message**
- **If you’re not currently registered**, your name will not appear



on the form - the easiest way to register is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or you can call Electoral Services on 01992 564411 (you must also respond to the canvass form).

Epping Forest:

- **Epping Forest Focus magazine** Autumn 2018 [here](#)
- **freehold sales.** At the last Epping Forest Forum, members voiced concerns over the Corporation's decision to sell freeholds with development opportunities rather than long leaseholds and queried why this decision was made as it would bring a long-term loss of property income.

The Corporation had reviewed its property holdings, which include 109 properties at Epping Forest, because of their high maintenance cost (currently, over £40m of essential maintenance is deferred each year). So some difficult decisions about rationalising the estate had had to be made.

Epping Forest Heritage Trust has now been formed by the merger of The Friends of Epping Forest and the Epping Forest Centenary Trust: [more](#)

- **Programme of walks & other events:** [here](#)
- **Epping Forest Centenary Walk**, Sunday 9 September 9am – 5pm. Discover more about Epping Forest by walking the entire length from south to north in the day (circa 13 miles) or take part in one of the local sections of the walk. Celebrate how lucky we are to have Epping Forest!



Travellers in Hillyfields & Burney Drive. Earlier this week a group of travellers pitched camp in Hillyfields. The police, the City of London Forest Keepers and the town Council responded quickly, and the travellers moved on to a grassy area in Burney Drive owned by the District Council. Council Enforcement Officers, working with the police, applied for a court order with a view to moving them on again, which has been served on the group - if they don't comply they will be taken to court (which is normal procedure).

If you have any complaints about the behaviour of the travellers, please report the details to Essex Police either online (<http://www.essex.police.uk>) or by calling 101.

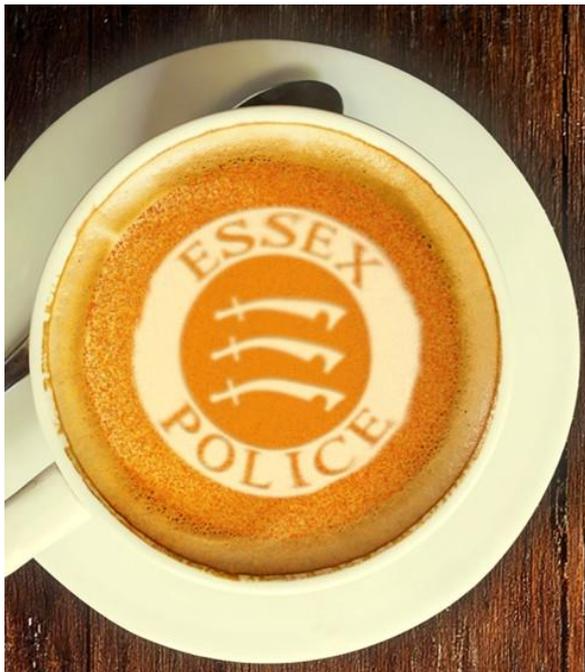
If you see a group of travellers move in, please report this to the police (contacts as above) and the Town Council (contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk or 020 8508 4200).

Essex Police

[EFNW]

- **Recent burglar arrests** will we hope reduce the level of local burglaries – and thanks go to those residents who helped by reporting something suspicious as it happened
- **Watch the meeting with the Commissioner** [here](#). One of the things he said was that when he was in a room with other forces, all bidding for more cash, the thing that decided who got the money was the number of crime reports. So if you'd like more police locally, please keep reporting crimes on www.essex.police.uk or 101 (999 for emergencies only)
- **When should you dial 999?** A lot of police time is wasted by calls that should have gone to 101 (or online at www.essex.police.uk), so please only call 999 when there is a direct and immediate threat to life or property or if a crime is in progress. Here are some examples:
 - someone is using or threatening to use violence
 - there is a danger to life
 - serious damage is being or could be caused to a property
 - you know your neighbour is on holiday and you can see a torch being used inside their house
 - a potential criminal has been disturbed or apprehended
 - a road traffic collision has occurred where someone is hurt and/or a danger is being caused to other road users.





coffee with cops

Your chance to get to know your Local Community Policing Team over a coffee. Ask questions, voice concerns – tell us how we can help you!

Location:

St Marys Church, High Road, Loughton, IG10 1BB

Date / Time:

Tuesday 14th August, 9am to 11am

Forest View Road area roadworks.

A resident queried why County Highways were about to go ahead with resurfacing works when residents had also been told that the streets are to be dug up for new gas mains to be laid (normally, County Highways would not be permit this to be done in the 5 years *after* a street is resurfaced). It appeared that Highways weren't aware of the clash! However, local County Cllr Valerie Metcalfe has now been assured that the gas work will be carried out *before* the resurfacing.

Roding Valley Recreation Ground.

- Loughton Town Mayor, Cllr Stephen Murray, accompanied by LRA Cllr David Wixley, chairman of the Town Council's Recreation Committee, recently presented the Grounds Maintenance Team at Epping Forest District Council with a certificate of appreciation for their work at the Recreation Ground, which has enabled the Council to win several awards. [More.](#)
- On the Recreation Ground, the Town Council provides facilities for athletics, cricket, football and tennis. There is also a children's play area and outdoor gym. Their next major project will be the refurbishment of the football changing rooms and adjacent car park area.



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service – how are recent major changes working out?

The County Council has a duty to provide various children's services from before birth to age 19. Prior to April 2017 there were four separate 'health' and six "family support" provider agencies delivering different elements of care, including (but not only): Children's Centres, School Nursing, Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership, Healthy Schools and the National Child Measuring Programme.

However, families felt that services needed to be more joined up so that they were easier to access and navigate and so that the families didn't need to repeat their story to every professional they met. Just over a year ago, with other bodies who look after children, the Council made major changes – [progress has recently been reviewed](#). *[In general we welcome this sort of change, which links up services from different providers in ways which benefit residents.*

It's very difficult to achieve, and County Cllrs' duties include holding those responsible to account.]

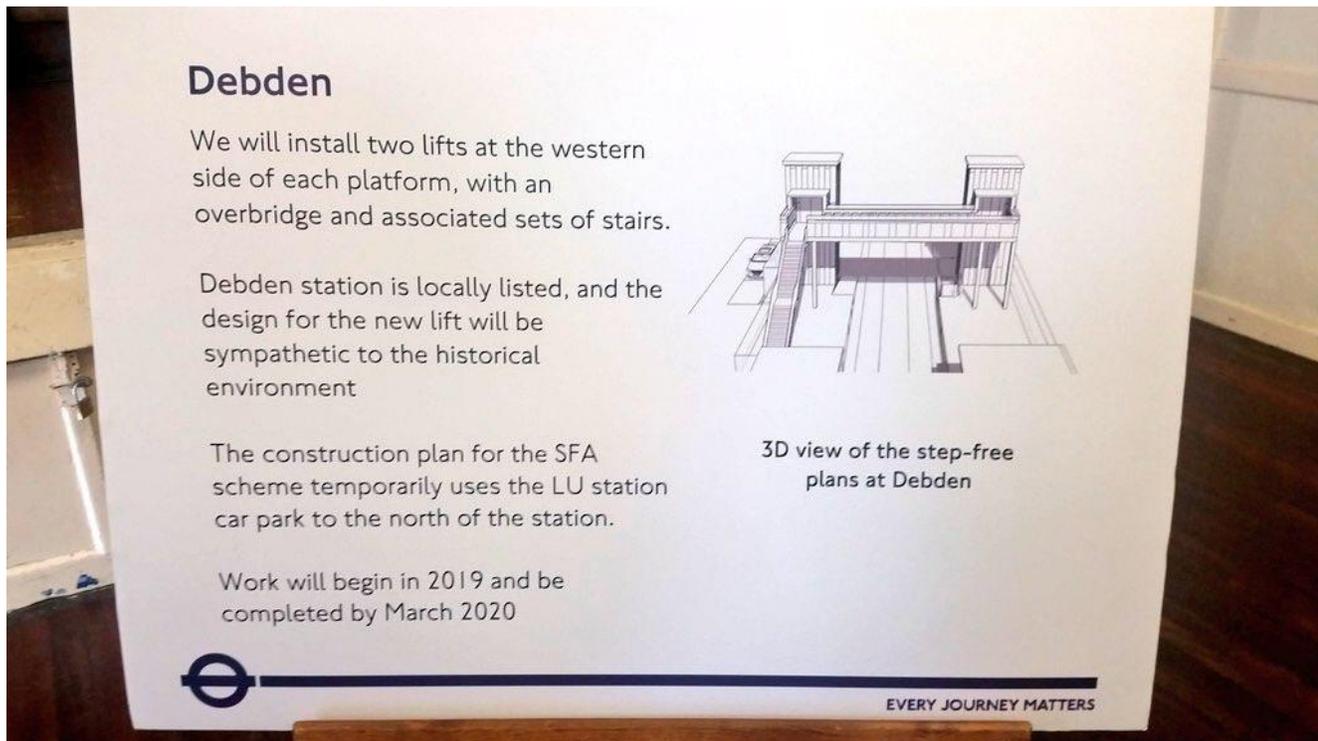


Photo courtesy of SaveJesselGreen

Loughton Health Centre

- **The online appointment system** has been changed and there are now up to 17 BODO (booking on the day only) appointment slots, put on every morning at 6am and 8am
- **CQC poor report:** [letter to patients](#) from the Practice in response
- **Patients' Group** [meeting minutes](#)
- **join the Patients Group** [here](#)



Trees

- **Fallen oak.** On Wednesday a large 150-year old oak tree came down near the children's play area at the corner of Newmans Lane and Rectory Lane. The District Council have told us its root plate has failed, probably mostly as a result of the drought. Its companion tree was inspected as a result, and also found to be decayed, so that is having to be removed on Monday. These trees will be replaced in the next planting season, beginning in October.
- **street trees**
 - several street trees have also died because of the drought. If you see any, or notice any empty planting pockets, please let us know and we will report to the District Council (it can take a while for a replacement to appear as they work to an annual cycle)
 - please water any trees on the verge outside your house if the hot weather returns for any length of time - an occasional bucket of water can make all the difference.



Hillyfields Open Space potential flood alleviation scheme:
informal drop-in session Loughton Library, Traps Hill, 4 – 7pm,
Wednesday August 29th.
If you live nearby, go along to find out more.

Torrington Drive parking spaces.

At long last the District Council have published the formal consultation Notice required to make these 32 parking spaces available to residents as permit-holder-only spaces (£50pa). As these spaces are within the Broadway Controlled Parking Zone, LRA Cllrs have pointed out to the relevant District Council Cabinet member the stupidity of the Council requiring residents to buy two permits to park near their homes.

StopStanstedExpansion: [update](#) on what's happening

Jacob Epstein's studio. The shed in which he worked c1924-33, behind no 49 Baldwins Hill, has been demolished by a developer as the Conservation Officer at Epping Forest District Council failed to act to save it.

The shed is undistinguished as architecture but its sometime occupant of course wasn't.

Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, [Board papers](#) for August meeting

HILLYFIELDS OPEN SPACE

POTENTIAL FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

to protect homes in the
Pyrles Lane and Colebrook Lane areas
in the event of extremely heavy rain



Join ECC officers at an informal drop in session at
Loughton Library from 4pm – 7pm on
Wednesday 29 August 2018 to find out more



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Join Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch!

We share information with them, but we cannot include more than a fraction of their output, so go to www.eppingforestnhw.org.uk to find out more.



New gym, cycling & exercise studios opening August 18th at Loughton Leisure Centre, Traps Hill. www.loughtonleisurecentre.org.uk or 020 3225 5460.

- New 2-storey 15 –station gym area (including a virtual cycling studio)
- 2 new workout/exercise studios
- Up-graded wet changing facilities for the pool.

Come in and ask a staff member to show you round.

Run by Places for People Leisure Ltd for Epping Forest District Council.



Buy with Confidence!

- To find a trader approved by Essex Trading Standards, why not [take a look](#)
- Or try [Which? Trusted Traders](#)

[Epping Forest District CAB](#) provides specialist and generalist advice from their offices in Loughton Library, Traps Hill, and elsewhere in the District, as well as two outreach services from Limes Farm and Ongar library.

CAB advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

**citizens
advice**

Core areas of expertise include benefits, debt, housing, employment, relationships, legal matters financial services, tax, discrimination and consumer issues.

District Council launches online grant aid applications

– up to £5,000 available each for community groups & other organisations. [More](#).



LifeWalks – walk your way to health. The District Council run a programme with a choice of 5 short walks every week on good paths (no stiles or obstacles), 1 to 3 miles long, which you can walk at your own pace. Pay on the day: £2 or you can pre-pay, or you can be referred by your GP for a month's free walks. Diary of walks at www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/lifewalks



Forever Active. LifeWalks is just one of the District Council's range of sporting, social and leisure pursuits - from badminton to yoga, dancing to petanque and the ever-popular bowls and day trips.

- Over 60 activity sessions every week - such as gym training, bowls, dance and yoga - all at affordable prices. Equipment and tuition is included for most of these activities at no extra charge.
- Day trips throughout the year to places such as stately homes, gardens, coasts and major events, as well as regular tea dances and other special days.
- If you would like to stay fit and healthy, are looking for a new interest or would simply like to enjoy the company of new friends, take a look at the events calendar or brochure.

For details, just email kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk or ring 01992 564222 and leave your details

New club for people with mental health issues meets informally.

The Open Door Friendship Group offers a caring safe environment for vulnerable adults with mental ill health.

Formed by carers and service users, the club aims to plug a gap in community mental health provision and to give vulnerable, isolated adults a safe place to meet.

The club meets once a week on Fridays 3.30 - 5.30pm at St Michael & All Angels Church, Roding Road. They also run weekly activities and monthly outings, chosen by their members.



HELP WANTED

You can report non-policing issues to the council online.

The police get thousands of calls a year to report inconsiderate parking and abandoned vehicles, but did you know these are generally issues that the council deals with?

Just go to <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/> and it'll take you to the right place, whether it's a police matter or not.



Loughton Football Club has vacancies for players in its under-nine team. 07986 186428.

GENERAL

Identity fraud. You are far more likely to be a victim of identity fraud than you are burglary, and if you are, you may have a horrendous job trying to clear your name and your credit record, so how do you protect your data and personal information? See [here](#)

[EFNW]

Police use paper planes to issue burglary warning.

The “i” newspaper reports that police in Dorset, out on patrols, recently launched an initiative to stop people becoming burglary victims – by flying paper aeroplanes (made from leaflets about how to avoid burglary) through open doors and windows. (In hot weather, open doors and windows are open invitations to thieves, particularly while householders are upstairs in bed).

Weather problems. Not a current issue now, given how hot it has been, but apparently in February this vehicle was seen driving in Loughton, glass not defrosted, and the driver was charged with careless driving. Recently a court agreed and handed down a fine totalling £270 and 3 penalty points. The red shows the only area that was clear. [EFNW]



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Not on Twitter? See our tweets at www.loughtonresidents.org.uk

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 August 24th.
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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