



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LRA NEWS

**New Church Hill pedestrian crossing near Kings Green.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been pressing for this for some years (since 2003!) because of the volume of traffic and the number of pedestrians using the current traffic island, including children on their way to/from school.

It was all finally agreed by County Highways a couple of years ago, but they have only now got round to installing it. A short stretch of Church Hill will need to be closed 9pm-5am on August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and the 20 buses re-routed. Because of overhanging trees on Traps Hill and Alderton Hill, TfL decided that during the two nights' closures the buses wouldn't call at Loughton station. In the meantime, County Highways have been cutting back the trees, and Chris is trying to get TfL's decision changed.

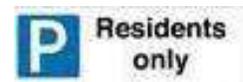


### **Highway repairs outside 202 High Road.**

We reported last time that pressure from LRA Cllr Chris Pond on County Highways after an accident in which a resident tripped and fell had led to Highways promising repairs by end-September – we are pleased to report that the uneven flagstones have now been replaced.

**Building work next door.** Over the last couple of months, LRA Cllr Judy Jennings has been responding to the problems a resident has had with building work next door. As a result, the District Council asked for some changes to be made. However, the resulting construction is now within the “permitted development” limits, which means the Council has no powers to require anything else to be done. Nor, unfortunately, do they have any power to require the owner to clear up the builder's mess in the front garden.

**Broadway area residents' parking zone.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond followed up a Colson Road resident's query. NEPP delivered letters about applying for permits under Phase 1 of the scheme to all homes in Colson Road including those (from around number 80 upwards) that will be outside the scheme. It's likely that these residents will anyway be consulted about parking restrictions next year, as part of Phase 2 – although it's been suggested that the parking situation there isn't as bad now, there is likely to be “displacement parking” when Phase 1 takes effect later this month.



**High Road hanging baskets.** The Town Council has provided an excellent display this year (the Council had already asked their contractor to sort out one basket in a poor condition).

**Chigwell Lane roadworks.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond asked County Highways to respond to a resident's complaints about what he saw as over-long timings for the temporary traffic lights, leading to vehicle congestion building up on the approach to the M11. Highways say that the signals are normally manually-controlled in peak hours, so that the changes can be varied to the traffic situation.



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[We understand drivers' frustration at the queues and the long waits for a green light. However, when traffic is heavy, longer periods of flow in each direction are more effective, because the total time taken by the safety gaps between phases forms a smaller proportion of the total "Go" time.]

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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>**

**The next Community Police meeting** will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at Limes Centre, Chigwell IG75LP to discuss local priorities. Come and meet our local police team. It doesn't matter where you live in Epping Forest, you can bring your concerns along.



**New M11 junction.** Essex County Council have announced that work is set to begin on the new interchange.

**Builders scams.** Police are hunting bogus builders who conned a pensioner resident out a three-figure sum. [More.](#)

**Whipps Cross Hospital redevelopment:** [information and newsletter.](#)



**A reminder that Loughton Town Council have moved offices!** New contact details:  
Loughton Library and Town Hall, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1HD  
0208 508 4200 [contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk)





**Make sure you can vote!**

If you've received a reminder to complete your Household Enquiry Form for annual canvass, you need to reply *even if* nothing has changed!

Save time - do it online or by text. [More.](#)

**Fly-tipping**

- **Fines.** Two Loughton men have been fined a combined sum of £2,788.38 and prosecuted for fly tipping offences in Loughton. [More.](#)
- **fly-tipping in Goldings Hill car park.**  
The Forest Keepers are aware of this. it will be checked - if owner can be identified, a prosecution is likely
- **Fancy £500?** That's the reward City of London offer for information leading to the prosecution of fly-tippers on fForest land.  
<http://tinyurl.com/ks7z2tu>



## HELP WANTED

**The Broadway needs you** to come back and support your local shops!

Because of the present Chigwell Lane roadworks, Debden has seen 50% less customers and this may force some traders to close. There's a wide range of independent stores, including bakers, a butchers and a greengrocers, plus the refurbished supermarket.



**St Clare Hospice:**

- **Good quality furniture wanted** for sale in their shops – get your [surplus furniture collected](#), and help the charity too
- **[Business sponsor wanted](#)** to meet the cost of the graphics on their new collection and delivery new van – in return for advertising space on the van.
- **Donate stock to new-look 271 High Road shop.**  
The Hospice are re-branding the shop as '271 Fashion'. It's set to re-open on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the charity's Retail team is asking donors to send in their best menswear and fashion donations to help stock their shelves. Call 020 8508 0766.



## GENERAL

**Nominate a [Community Payback](#) work project in Loughton.**

Community Payback can be part of a 'community sentence' - the offender is supervised in the community and has to carry out between 40 and 300 hours of unpaid work to benefit the community by doing tough demanding work. You can nominate work projects, such as



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| • clearing litter and rubbish from public areas | • removing graffiti |
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- clearing undergrowth from paths and other areas
- working on projects which benefit the environment

- repairing and decorating public building such as community centres

**Microchip your cat!**

It's not compulsory but it may be a help if he or she ever gets lost!



**Rogue Trader Notice - Solar PV kill switch warning.** The District Council are warning owners of solar PV systems that a number of companies in the area are attempting to sell additional equipment including battery packs,

inverters or fire kill switches. They may make untrue claims that there are changes to regulations requiring these devices to be fitted, exaggerate potential savings, or say there is imminent fire risk or that the fire service will not attend an emergency if these devices are not fitted. The items are both unnecessary and overpriced. If you have purchased these items or have any concerns, speak to Trading Standards on the Citizens Advice consumer helpline number (03454 04 05 06).

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**NOTES**

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>.
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

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