



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



## LRA NEWS

### Election results.

- Our thanks to all those who took the trouble to contact us to congratulate our new Cllrs on their election – it's much appreciated.
- You can now see the party numbers at the [District Council](#) (hover over the segments to see the figures).

**Proposed road changes Chigwell Lane (Langston Road – Borders Lane).** LRA Cllr Chris Pond has objected to the detailed changes proposed by the County Council as part of the Langston Road retail park project - he thinks waiting restrictions are also needed in Colson Road and that anti-rat-running measures are needed in Westall Road/ Ibbetson Path.

**Vehicles apparently abandoned.** Residents have asked LRA Cllrs for help in two recent cases.

- On a council housing estate (including estate roads), report it to the [housing department](#) .
- Not on a council housing estate, report it to the [District Council](#).

If you're not satisfied with the response, contact your local Cllr or [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

**Pillar-box in The Broadway.** Since the Post Office closed, The Broadway has been without a post-box. LRA Cllr Chris Pond responded to a resident's query by saying that Royal Mail need to provide one. But apparently there is some dispute about where it is to go and how to be reached by the mail van. Unfortunately there's nothing Cllrs can do with this privatised company.



**Litter bin.** LRA Cllr David Wixley followed up a request from residents for a litterbin in Brook Road, near where the ice-cream van stops - the District Council's contractor will install one next time they're working in the area.

**Hilltop Close.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond followed up residents' complaints with County Highways, who have now said that Hilltop Close will be included in a major programme of works to address numerous issues in the area, hopefully by end-June.

### Fly-tipping

- **20 Ollards Grove.** LRA Cllr Trevor Downing is following up the state of the site, which has again suffered fly-tipping.
- **Other cases:** separately, two residents have contacted us about fly-tipping problems outside their properties. The weekly refuse collections won't deal with these – please see [fly-tipping](#) and then contact the waste team at the District Council ([erefuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:erefuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)).

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**Drug-taking.** LRA Cllr Bob Jennings was approached by Baldwins Hill residents about youths apparently taking drugs on the edge of the Forest. The police ask residents to [report](#) such incidents (wherever they occur) and to keep a diary listing the times and dates of any such gatherings, together with any other useful information such as the numbers involved, car registration etc, in order to better inform and focus the Police's response.

**Bus route 418** (Loughton-Debden-Abridge-Theydon-Epping-Harlow) has been re-routed to omit both the Broadway and the Abridge council estate. LRA Cllr Chris Pond is checking what route is registered with the Traffic Commissioners. This route (formerly County Council contracted service 541) used to run Newmans Lane - Rectory Lane - The Broadway - Burton Road, but its new commercial operators appear to be using 36ft long buses, which it appears cannot safely use the Debden or Abridge 541 routeing. Unfortunately, this decision cannot be challenged by Cllrs.

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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>**

**New Police & Crime Commissioner** for Essex is Roger Hirst. Look [here](#) for his plan for the County, news and information, and how to contact his office.



**Forest Road area parking scheme.** [Loughton Forest Parking](#) report NEPP as saying: “The proposal for the roads will be devised towards the end of this year, once our approved work for this year has been completed, with the proposal advertised, subject to the availability of funding, in Spring 2017.” [LRA has been pressing for a parking scheme, and hope that a satisfactory scheme can be developed.]

**Need a postal vote for the EU referendum on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>?**

You can apply to vote by post – the first issue of ballot packs are going out on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Download the [application form](#), print it off to fill in, and send it to Electoral Services, Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, CM16 4BZ. (There will be a second issue, but to make sure of your vote please apply now.)



**St Mary's Church, 201 High Road.** Work on the new Hope Centre building will start soon; they hope to open in April 2017. [More.](#)

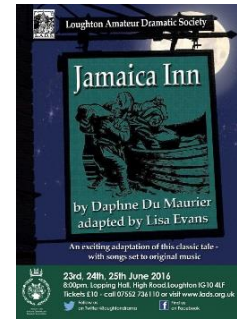


**Santander, The Broadway,** will be closing on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The nearest Santander branch will be in the High Road, and there are other cash machines in The Broadway.

**Proposed new M11 junction - [have your say.](#)**

**Roding Valley lake.** Following recent advice to keep dogs out of the water, the Environment Agency report that the problem has disappeared. [EFNW]

**Tickets now on sale for *Jamaica Inn*.** Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 25th. The classic tale of smugglers on the Cornish coast. Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS). Lopping Hall, 198 High Road. [www.lads.org.uk](http://www.lads.org.uk)



**Nu-Bar** – [police statement](#).

**Princess Alexandra Hospital Board** [agenda and minutes](#)

**Serious assault.** At Chelmsford Crown Court; a man has admitted causing serious injury to another man (who suffered life-changing injuries) in the High Road in November, 2015. [EFNW]

## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

**Check out the Loughton Festival events this weekend in our *EVENTS* email!**

**Forest Creative Writers** are looking for new members. They meet at Loughton Library, Traps Hill, every Thursday in term time 12.45 - 2.45pm. Please call into the Library for more info.



**Five free *Lifewalks* in May.** Epping Forest District Council's Walking for Health Scheme, [Lifewalks](#), are offering all new walkers the chance to enjoy five free walks in May with their new diary of walks.



**Grants available** from Essex County Council of up to £20,000 to charities and other community groups and local parish councils, [Details](#)

**District Council *New Horizons* Day Trips.** Local pick-up points. Guides.

- **Friday 24th June. Oxford** the “city of dreaming spires”& Cruise Along The Isis. £41.85
- **Monday 12th September. Royal London**-with a visit to Buckingham Palace. £45.65
- **Tuesday 22nd November. Christmas in Faversham & Canterbury** including Choral Evensong (Cathedral). £28.75

Details: Karen Murray ([kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk) 01992 564222). Book & pay for trips [online](#)

**Weekend appointments** for doctors and nurses available across west Essex. Book at your GP practice. [West Essex CCG](#)



**Student in the family?** Pass on advice from *MIND*:

- [14 ways to beat exam stress](#)
- [Emoodjii](#) 😊, a new app to help students cope with the ups and downs of university life.

**Coach outings** National Trust Woodford Green Centre. Brenda Davis (020 8504 4007):

- **Saturday, June 4: Hever Castle**, Kent – Anne Boleyn's home. Adult -£24.40; Senior - £23.40, includes entrance fee and gratuity.
- **Wednesday, July 20: Waddesdon Manor and gardens** (NT), Bucks. French Renaissance-style chateau built by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in 1874 to house his collection of fine art. Cost: £12.75 to National Trust members; Additional entrance fee for non-NT members.
- **Tuesday, August 2: Knole** (NT), Kent, home of the Sackville family since 1603. Cost £11.75 to National Trust members; Additional entrance fee for non-NT members.



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## HELP WANTED



### Loughton Festival needs volunteers now:

- **photographers** Saturdays May 14, 21 & 28 and Sunday 29, who will be able to send in photos quickly so they can be used in press releases.
- **The BIG Gorilla Fair**
  - **directing traffic**, Saturday 14 May **from 5pm**
  - **stewards** Saturday 14 May just to walk around the site
- **Charity Football Match** Saturday 28 May to make tea at half time.

**Intelligence about dangerous bikers** or those on the road riding bikes that have no registration numbers (probably not insured and may be underage too). The police need to know who they are so they can take action. If they are causing a danger to other road users, for example wheelies, riding on the wrong side of the road, pavements or areas they shouldn't, please phone 999.

For information such as sightings email [hub.office.efd.brentwood@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hub.office.efd.brentwood@essex.pnn.police.uk) [EFNW]

**Bus Fares Consultation.** Essex County Council is consulting residents about raising bus fares on specific routes over a 3 year period, to understand the impact this would have on passengers. This is *not* a consultation on bus services across Essex with a view to reducing service provision. [Bus Fare Increase Online Survey](#)



**Find out more about volunteering. Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>.** Loughton Library, Traps Hill. 10am – 1pm. Local organisations will be recruiting new volunteers.

**GROW Community Garden** plan to transform a disused plot of land on Pyrles Lane into a vibrant, inclusive community garden bringing people of any age, background and ability together to grow food. To get started, they need to clear the land and get some basic infrastructure in place. They also want to deliver training workshops on food growing. They need some start-up funding - hoping to raise £5,000. Please donate and join them on this exciting journey to create Loughton's first community garden: [www.buzzbnk.org/grow](http://www.buzzbnk.org/grow)



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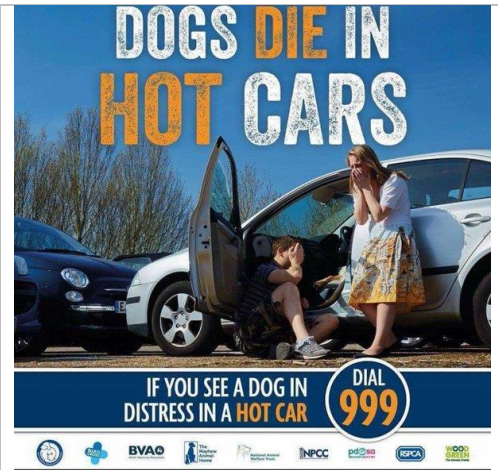
## GENERAL

**Planning a trip to the USA?** If you don't have a biometric passport you now need a visa to enter the country! [More.](#)

**Product recalls etc.**

[food.gov.uk](http://food.gov.uk)

- **Bitter apricot kernels including the powdered forms** should not be eaten, because a naturally-occurring substance in the kernels changes – after people eat the products – to cyanide.
- **Certain packs of Hill's Pet Nutrition cat food pouches** recalled because there are high levels of iron present in the pet food as a result of an error by an ingredient supplier. Your cat should not eat an affected product.



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## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Thursday May 26<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

David Linnell

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