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## LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### *Can you help please?*

After 20 years on the LRA Executive Committee, and spells as a County Cllr and LRA Chairman, David Linnell is handing over the behind-the-scenes jobs that support LRA's campaigning on behalf of residents.

If you'd like to help, please [email David](#) or call him on 020 8508 2932, or [email Chris Pond](#) or call him on 020 8508 2361.

## LRA NEWS

### Local Elections

There were no local elections in Loughton on 2 May...so there were no LRA candidates.

However, there will be important elections this time NEXT year. If you are an LRA supporter and would like to find out more about standing, please [email us](#) or ring Chris Pond on 020 8508 2361.

### Alderton Hill closure

This summer more work will be carried out at the bridge on Alderton Hill over Loughton Brook, directly east of the mini-roundabout. County Highways have said that:

- advance warning signs will be installed at least two months before the work commences, and at all major junctions outside Loughton.
- a diversion route for light vehicles and a separate division route for HGV and tall vehicles will be implemented.
- pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
- the entire length of Brooklyn Avenue will be a Clear-way (requested by relevant bus companies).
- communication will be made to local residents in the vicinity by letters, on site posters, Essex Highways website and 'Contact Essex'.



They will try to balance the length of working hours / weekend / night shifts - this is a difficult balance to achieve given the need to minimise disruption by completing the work as quickly as possible but also to give local residents and workers some respite and to comply with Health and Safety legislation. [More](#) (Item 226)



### Homebase is to become a Lidl store

Homebase, Church Hill, is to become a Lidl store, possibly open 7am – 11pm. No planning application for the change from Homebase to Lidl is required, as both are defined as A1 (retail) uses. A planning application will be necessary for signage and any associated minor changes they want. This has not yet been confirmed.

Lidl have applied for a licence to sell alcohol from June 6th 2019.

Our current understanding is that:

- The opening date is likely February-March 2020, but bit might be earlier if Homebase vacate early. A fit-out takes 3-4 months.
- The car park will be controlled by ANPR, but this will be considered for changing to ANPR+scanning of a barcode on a till receipt if ANPR alone does not work. Occupancy of a bay by a vehicle will be limited to 90 minutes. Their estimate of car park capacity is presently 39 cars, which they estimate will be sufficient. All the shipping containers and associated materials will be removed.
- The main deliveries will be outside shop opening hours, so that will probably mean before 8am or after 7pm. To minimise disturbance to neighbours, beepers on delivery vehicles will be suppressed, and rubber tyred trolleys for goods inward etc. will be put in place. The loading bay will be moved a few yards towards Church Hill.
- They are confident there will be no major highway disruption but will work to sort out any issues that arise.
- The shop will have an on-the-premises bakery.
- Sunday opening will be limited to 6 hours.



**Can you help us at LRA's Farmers' Market  
with our bookstall please?**

***Help on the bookstall***

***Help with a car***

LRA's second-hand bookstall needs occasional helpers for an hour at a time, between 10am and 1pm (especially 10-11am) to deal with customers. There are always other LRA volunteers on duty.

Markets are held on the second Sunday of every month but you don't need to be available every month.

The money raised goes to pay for our displays at the market and to support our other work.

Unsold books are passed to a charity.

To find out more please [contact Jill](#)

We are looking for the occasional help with transporting our tables and stands a short distance to the High Road.

We have regular volunteers for this, but do need reserve help for when our regulars are unavailable. All that is needed is someone with a car (a hatchback is sufficient) to pick up the materials and drop them off on Sunday market days (at 8am) and/or the reverse in the afternoon (after 1:30pm).

To find out more please [contact Jill](#)

## LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS ARE [HERE](#)

### More police for Loughton

Essex Police have provided an update on increases in police numbers and their future plans. [More](#)

### Harwater Estate

An LRA member living on the Harwater Estate has told us of a police raid on vehicles engaged in drug selling nearby.

Please continue to report to the police the index mark of vehicles you see and think may be involved in drugs, as the police need this sort of intelligence to act. 0800 555 111 is the number

### Bus Routes 66 and 87

The lack of up to date timetables for routes 66 and 87 in Loughton was raised at the high level County Council Bus Strategy Board by Chris Pond recently, in an attempt to bang heads together after several other attempts failed. We shall see if anything happens.

### Parking schemes in the pipeline

We have no further information on these at present.

- The Uplands: after years of pressure from residents and LRA, double-yellow lines are proposed for both sides of the right-angle bend by the entrance to the cricket club.
- Whitehills Road: double-yellow lines at the junctions with Church Lane and Durnell Way, and on both sides of the corner by the school.
- Nursery Road: we understand that it's **not** now proposed to make this pay to park in any part of the road not otherwise yellow lined. There will be paid-for parking at the top of Connaght Avenue.

### Whipps Cross Hospital Redevelopment

Barts Health Trust is looking at plans for the site and services at Whipps Cross Hospital and they are also keen to engage with local residents who may use services at the hospital. This will help plan services and the future of the site.

[More on how to be involved](#) and [background information](#)

### 12a Alderton Close

The appeal against the District Council refusal of permission was dismissed on the grounds that the proposed 4 x 3 bed houses would result in material harm to the character and appearance of the area. Some nearby residents, Loughton Town Council and the LRA Plans Group had objected. [More](#) (Search for Application Number EPF/1012/17). A plan to demolish 38 High Beech Rd and replace it with two semi detached houses was also dismissed by the inspector.

### Shaftesbury - Staples Road TV Filming

On 30-31 May and 1 June, a film crew will be operating in the Shaftesbury -Staples Rd area for a Sky TV detective series, Bulletproof2. They say they have chosen it as a perfect suburban utopia of quiet. (!)

Since 50 vehicles will be present, resident utopians may care to stay away.

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## GENERAL

### Loughton Festival

The programme for this year's end-May-June events is available [here](#).

This is an annual festival, organised entirely by volunteers and most of our events will raise money for local charities and good causes. This year the work of Accuro, a charity that supports people with disabilities and their families, will be highlighted

VAEF, Haven House Hospice and Neighbourhood Watch will also be supported. One of the Quiz Nights will support a local wildlife group in the Epping Forest District.



### Loughton Open Gardens Day

There will be a Loughton Open Gardens Day in aid of St Clare Hospice on 22 June. To register your garden, contact the Town Council on 0208 508 2361.

### Trees in conservation areas

There has been a recent problem with trees being cut back in a Conservation Area without permission. This can attract a £2000 fine, so it pays to do things properly.

If you wish to do works to trees when the tree is in a conservation area, or overhangs a Conservation Area, you by law must give notice five weeks before the works to the District Council. This is known as a TPX application. You cannot rely on tree surgeons doing this for you, as is demonstrated by the recent case.

If in any doubt or to make an application, contact Robin Hellier on 01992 564000.

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## OFFERS AND HELP AVAILABLE



### Foodbank Co-ordinator needed

Epping Forest Foodbank are looking for a highly relational, motivated and organised candidate to join their committed, passionate and enthusiastic volunteer team. This position involves volunteer recruitment, implementing training and coordinating volunteer rotas, with the support of the Project Manager and other key volunteers. [More](#)

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## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Saturday 18th June.
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.
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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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