



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Have you thought of standing as an LRA Cllr on the Town or District Councils next May?

LRA Cllrs form the majority on the Town Council  
and are the second largest group on the District Council.

Training is provided and you would be part of a strong and experienced group.

To find out what is involved please contact Cllr Chris Pond on 020 8508 2361

or send an email to [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

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## LRA NEWS

**Lucton's field**, Borders Lane. Loughton will need a new school within a decade or so. LRA Cllrs Leon Girling, David Wixley, Howard Kauffman and Chris Pond recently fought at a District Council meeting to retain the field, much-valued by local residents, for educational use.

However, they were defeated by the silent Conservative majority on the committee.

More in your next LRA *Loughton Life* newsletter.

### Essex Highways

- **Rectory Lane potholes.** Essex Highways report that they have fixed potholes in pavement outside number 7 & near the junction with Marjorams Avenue which we reported to them on August 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Traps Hill junction with High Road.** We have reported the missing bollard again (in December we reported it and it was re-attached to the base, but obviously not firmly enough)
- **Highways updates:** to get these direct see <http://ow.ly/WNpuw>



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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>**

**Council tax 2016-17.** We currently expect the following:

- **Loughton Town Council** (LRA-led): no increase
- **Epping Forest District Council:** no increase
- **Essex County Council:** increase of 3.99% (the maximum possible without a referendum), which is £43 for a Band D property
- **Police & Fire Services:** not yet known, but we expect an increase in the Police precept.

**Note:** out of every £1 of Council Tax, the County Council gets 72p, the District Council gets 10p, the Police 10p and the Fire Service and the Town Council 4p each.

## Question Essex Police & Crime Commissioner or Chief Constable.

Live webchat Monday January 25th, 6 - 8pm. Email your questions in advance to [ask.us.live@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ask.us.live@essex.pnn.police.uk) or submit them on the night.  
[http://essex.police.uk/contact\\_us/talkback\\_live.aspx](http://essex.police.uk/contact_us/talkback_live.aspx)



## Police non-emergency call back request.

If you would like to request a call back to report a non-emergency crime at a time to suit you, see  
[www.essex.police.uk/contact\\_us/reporting\\_crime/online\\_reporting.aspx](http://www.essex.police.uk/contact_us/reporting_crime/online_reporting.aspx)

**Charity collectors in High Road** seen regularly since last month, usually outside Costa Coffee or on Centric Parade (not *Big Issue*). It's been suggested that these are not genuine. If you see them, please contact the police on 101 ([Outerlondon@aol.com](mailto:Outerlondon@aol.com)). [EFNW]

**Robbery; Marks and Spencer; 6.55pm, January 13<sup>th</sup>.** Police investigating a robbery at Marks and Spencer, High Road, would like to identify the men in these CCTV images. Anyone who was in the store at the time or who has any information is asked to contact PC Leon Rossi at Loughton CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



**Talk. Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>.** *The French Lesson* is the acclaimed follow-up to historian and broadcaster Hallie Rubenhold's first novel *Mistress of My Fate*. Loughton Library, Traps Hill. Essex Book Festival. Essex Book Festival. <http://essexbookfestival.org.uk/event/thefrenchlesson/>

**Fake parking notices 261-309 High Road** headed 'PARKING RESTRICTION'. See <http://tinyurl.com/zpqmv3o>



**Tube strikes:** the train drivers' union Aslef is reportedly proposing 24-hour strikes on January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Recent vehicle thefts** from outside owners' houses – make sure you lock your vehicle even if you're only leaving it for a short time.



**Review of Loughton Fire Service** may result in the loss of a fire engine (page 9 of <http://tinyurl.com/goxvl2n> which also deals with other proposed changes to the Essex Fire Service).

**Citizens' Advice Bureau moves!** From Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>, Loughton CAB will be on the first floor of Loughton Library, Traps Hill (lift available) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.30am - 1pm. Or phone 0344 477 0808 (Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm) or visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



## Debden Station car-park.

- **“Dropping-off”.** A resident complained that she had been charged for parking when all she had done was to drive round the car-park to drop off a friend, and had then left. There are now automatic cameras operating. NCP say that there is a 15 minute grace period during which customers who enter and leave are not required to pay. [EFNW]

- **More on station car-parks & how to pay:** <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/tube-station-car-parks>

#### Government Funding cuts:

- **Police cuts & the District Council's response:** see <http://tinyurl.com/gl6fyz8>
- **Funding for Essex County Council** directly affects your Council Tax. In a letter to David Cameron, the Council has expressed serious concerns about the recent financial settlement from central Government. <http://ow.ly/WN5AZ>



#### At the District Council:

- **Park & Ride scheme – North Weald to Epping.** We are pleased that the District Council has decided that such a scheme would not be viable – LRA's concern would be that any resulting increase in usage of the Central Line would adversely affect Loughton commuters using Debden & Loughton stations, as use of the Line is already at or over capacity.
  - **Waste and recycling contract with Biffa** was reviewed at a recent District Council meeting – see <http://tinyurl.com/jg5og4y> & <http://ow.ly/WNCTU>
  - **Reality Roadshow initiative** is a personal safety and health & well-being event that brings together a host of statutory and voluntary agencies, to deliver a day of educational workshops to Year 9 (14 year old) pupils at school in the district. More at <http://tinyurl.com/gm98p5w>
  - **Review of CCTV in Loughton & the rest of the District** by the District Council: <http://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/documents/s67151/CCTV%20Action%20Plan.pdf>
  - **Local Plan update:** <http://tinyurl.com/hzgxw2x>
  - **Aerial cameras.** The council will buy two aerial cameras from its special 'Invest to Save' budget, to carry out its own photographic surveys. <http://tinyurl.com/gqjgqew>
  - **Council housing.** The Council's total anticipated expenditure on the housebuilding programme over the next 4 years is £40.3m. As part of this, they will undertake feasibility studies at 13 sites across Loughton (listed in the second weblink below), for 40 new affordable homes (bungalows, houses and flats), to be built by November 2018. See <http://tinyurl.com/htjdm6> (items 16 & 17) and <http://tinyurl.com/jmgofqr>
- Langley Meadows:** the Council has dropped plans to build two one-bedroom council flats on part of the land at this site. <http://tinyurl.com/zzbm2pl> item 6.
- **Off-street pay and display car parks.** The Council will appoint a new contractor to replace the current management arrangement with the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP), in the hope of saving £31,000 - £113,000 a year. <http://tinyurl.com/gqjgqew>
  - **Unlicensed taxi driver:** the District Council have prosecuted a driver who illegally plied for hire in Loughton & Epping. <http://tinyurl.com/zjpmcnu>



**Traditional table top games session including cards, scrabble, dominos etc.** New Wednesday morning free drop-in sessions run by Loughton Voluntary Care - a 10 – mid-day. Starts Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Loughton Library, Traps Hill.

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## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Do you know some-one needing help?

- **Can't get to the Library?** If you know some-one who can't get to the Library, see the Home Service details at <http://1drv.ms/1lyYeV8>
- **Help in a power cut:** the elderly, those dependent on medical equipment or who have a disability or young children can register with UK Power Networks (see a full list [here](#)).  
[www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/)
- **Winter Warmth Campaign** –Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF)  
VAEF will be providing various forms of help to those whose health and wellbeing is at risk during the cold weather. Please refer any-one needing help - 01992 564 138 or [info@vaeef.org.uk](mailto:info@vaeef.org.uk)
- **Essex Dementia Care** is a local Charity which provides trained Dementia Care Practitioners who work and support people and their families living with dementia. <http://www.essexdementiacare.org.uk/>



**Dementia information and resources for schools and colleges:**

[www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents\\_info.php?documentID=2890](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=2890)



The **Living Well Essex website** provides a one-stop place for adults in need of care and support and for their families in Essex - keep yourself healthy, happy and able to live in your own home for longer.

**Healthwatch Essex launches online feedback centre** – share your views about hospitals and hospices in Essex; read about the experiences of others. More health and social care services such as GPs, pharmacies and care homes will be added in coming months.



**Advertise your business (free).** Free Listing in Epping Forest Use Local – for both businesses and non-profit. Loughton 1<sup>st</sup> ([johnmahoney@uwclub.net](mailto:johnmahoney@uwclub.net))

**Grants for facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation:**

see the Grange Farm Trust ([www.grangefarmcentre.co.uk](http://www.grangefarmcentre.co.uk))



**Lopping Hall**, 189 High Road.  
Hall for hire, with Barre and piano for dancers. <http://www.loppinghall.org.uk>

**Reduced price theatre tickets:** Get Into London Theatre <http://www.getintolondontheatre.co.uk/>

**HELP WANTED**

**Salt bin volunteers** needed by Loughton Town Council. If you're in the hillier areas of the town & would like to help keep the side roads and pavements (not driveways) safe when there's snow & frost, ring 020 8508 4200.







**Become a local tree warden** & help conserve your local tree heritage and enhance it for future generations. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm about your local trees and some spare time! Training provided.

More at <http://1drv.ms/1NmwrO4>

**Give blood.**

Do something amazing and save or improve up to 3 lives in an hour.

<http://bit.ly/1IUrKzK>



**Find out how to join the Specials** at [www.essex.police.uk/specials](http://www.essex.police.uk/specials)



**Look, no mud!** Perfect walk wintery weather  
High Beach access path: fantastic pollards, benches, views, loos nearby. 020 8532 1010  
<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eppingforest>

**New Treasurer needed** by Herts & Essex Architectural Society (HEARS):

contact [lesley.hansen@sky.com](mailto:lesley.hansen@sky.com)



**Volunteers needed:** more at <http://1drv.ms/1NmqX5T>

- Volunteer Information Assistants at the Epping Forest Visitor Centre, High Beach
- Activity Volunteer at the Centre
- volunteers to support groups with learning difficulties working in the Forest. Friends of Epping Forest and Epping Forest Centenary Trust.

**Sponsorship - the National Jazz Archive** (Loughton Library, Traps Hill) are looking for individuals or organisations that might be willing to sponsor one of their fund-raising concerts later in the year.

Can you help, or do you work for an organisation that might consider this?

020 8502 4701 or [enquiries@nationaljazzarchive.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nationaljazzarchive.org.uk) <http://1drv.ms/1OyYLkg>



**Table-top Sale.** Enquiries or to book a table: Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 10am - 3pm. St Michael and All Angels Church, Roding Road. In aid of necessary refurbishments. 020 8418 7944 or [st-michaels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:st-michaels@hotmail.co.uk)

**Want to volunteer?** [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/2016/01/volunteer-essex-website-goes-live/](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/2016/01/volunteer-essex-website-goes-live/)

**Thought about fostering?** At least 40 new foster families are needed across Essex in 2016. If you would like to provide a stable and loving home to a child, why not visit this [website](#)

## GENERAL

### Advice on winter driving.

- **Driving:** [www.essex.police.uk/be\\_safe/winter\\_driving.aspx](http://www.essex.police.uk/be_safe/winter_driving.aspx)
- **winter travel web page:** salt bins, salting (gritting) routes and links to other winter-related advice about school closures, flooding alerts and health
- **Follow @Essex Travel and @EssexGritters** for all the latest winter road updates from Essex County Council on Twitter.
- **A12, A120, M11 and M25.** Visit the [Highways Agency website](#)



### Loughton High Road and Lopping Hall c.1900

[Epping Forest District Museum;

- <http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/index.php/out-and-about/museums>
- Local History website: <http://efdhistory.org.uk/>

Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: [your guide to organising a street party](#)



**Treasures From The Thames:** article from the West Essex Archaeological Group (WEAG), see page 2 of <http://1drv.ms/1Qo0rjb>



**Waste not, want not!** Morrisons are to become the first supermarket to donate all unsold food to community groups. <http://tinyurl.com/hugl6qy>

**Toxic lead shot in human food chain.** You may be as surprised as I was to know that wildfowling with lead shot is still allowed in the UK and can result in lead getting into human food. More at <http://tinyurl.com/z9onkqt/> and a petition to sign at [www.Tinyurl.com/bantoxiclead](http://www.Tinyurl.com/bantoxiclead)



### Product recalls.

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

Fromagerie Beillevaire UK has recalled a batch of its 'Brie de Meaux à la Truffe' with a 'use by' date of 22 January because high levels of the bacterium *Listeria monocytogenes* were found in the product



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## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday February 5<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. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch

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