



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

HELP NEEDED PLEASE delivering our *Loughton Life* newsletter

Copies will be available next week.

If you can help with any of these, please email david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk

- 1) Felstead Road, Kirby Close & Tylers Close (91 copies)
- 2) Borders Lane 112-170 & Colson Gardens (113 copies)
- 3) Borders Lane 2-102 (40 copies)
- 4) Etheridge Road area (112 copies)
- 5) Hillyfields (246 copies – could be split)
- 6) Felstead Road, Tylers Close, Kirby Close (91 copies)



LRA NEWS

Even more housing?! The Government is consulting on a new formula for the number of houses the District must provide land for – the proposals would have a much greater harmful effect than the present (already highly excessive) requirement.

Our local MP, Mrs Eleanor Laing, has written to the Secretary of State to protest, pointing out that 94% of the District’s land has some form of protection as green space, leaving little room for intensifying housing - LRA agrees and as part of our response to the Consultation will be making a practical suggestion about how the formula could be suitably amended to allow for each District’s proportion of protected green space.



Parking

- **The Drive:** a resident asked about the parking opposite the entrance & exit to the Council car-park, which is causing problems, especially on Sundays. LRA Cllr Chris Pond replied that it’s been on NEPP’s list for the last 3 years, and he’s expecting a petition from residents, which he’ll take forward
- **Torrington Drive.** The District Council has appointed new contractors to complete the long-awaited parking spaces, following a long-running dispute with the County Council about drainage, and the failure of the previous contractor. Had they taken our advice before starting - to wait to see whether or not the spaces would be needed once the Broadway area RPZ was in operation - the Council could have saved a lot of time and money, and residents would have been spared the apparently endless disruption!
- **Albion Hill.** Some residents have asked for parking restrictions – LRA Cllr Roger Baldwin took this up. The District Council are consulting Cllrs and the Town Council about this, and about a scheme for **Algers Mead & Algers Close**. If NEPP decide to go ahead with these schemes, the process can take up to 18 months.

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- **junction of Rectory Lane-Westall Road and Ibbetson Path.** A resident has raised with us the problems caused by vehicles parked right up to the junction. We will press for this could be dealt with in Phase 2 of The Broadway area Residents Parking Scheme, if not before.
 - **Traps Hill Car Park** has new LED lighting and CCTV systems

Faulty traffic lights

High Road/ Brooklyn Avenue/ The Drive: these lights have gone wrong several times over the last few months, and we've reported them each time

Rectory Lane: a faulty component meant the engineers had to turn the lights off completely recently – hopefully it won't happen again.

Reporting faulty lights: ring County Highways (0345 603 7631) asap



The Broadway area

- **Wrong way!** LRA Cllr Chris Roberts has raised with Cons County Cllr Gagan Mohindra the problems caused by cars turning into Torrington Drive from The Broadway between the petrol station and the old post office - a one way street in the other direction. We'll let you when he replies – in the meantime, please take extra care and look both ways if you're crossing here.
- **Commuter parking.** The Rectory Lane roadworks have caused the Broadway shops considerable loss of trade. Now they're losing trade because of commuter parking in the rear District Council car-parks and want the Council to limit parking time to prevent this.
- **Broadway area RPZ Phase 2** will look at covering areas within about 15 minutes' walk of Debden station (the likely area for displacement commuter parking from Phase 1). LRA Cllrs are pressing NEPP to get Phase 2 underway as soon as possible - please email [Qasim Durrani](mailto:Qasim.Durrani) to add your voice to a request to hasten the process.

Leisure Centre, Traps Hill. Residents have been approaching LRA Cllr Rose Brookes about the closure of the crèche and the recent announcement that the café will close too, with long-serving employees losing their jobs. A resident plans to ask a public question at the District Council's Full Council meeting next Tuesday. The Council's Leisure Portfolio-holder has regretted the loss of the crèche during the planned re-building work at the Centre. He hopes that the loss of the crèche will be compensated by new extensive Under-5 activity sessions during the quieter afternoon periods, together with allowing parents with particularly young children in carrycots into certain exercise classes. However, these matters seem to have been poorly communicated to users, who are understandably very upset.



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>

Epping Forest - Recent news ([more](#)):

- **installation** under the Branching Out project of orientation, interpretation, waymarked trail and fingerpost signs
- **13 fly-tipping-related prosecutions** were conducted during a recent 2-month period;
- **further outbreaks of Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars** at Wanstead Flats and the adjacent City Cemetery and Crematorium



- **the number of fly tips** recorded for the 7 months to July fell by 22% to 265 (provisional), compared with a rise of 4% for the last recorded year. There has been a strong 57.5% fall in July tipping in gated car-parks, compared to a 15% rise in possible displacement to ungated car-parks.
- **rough sleepers:** the Forest Keeper team continue to work proactivity with outreach organisations and local authorities to address Rough Sleeping within the Forest (22 incidents so far in 2017, up 29% compared to the previous year)

The [Local Highways Panel web pages](#) show all the planned and current road safety schemes in the Town.



Weed spraying in residential roads. Up until now, weeds have not been cleared as this is not part of Biffa's contract for roads on alternate weekly schedules. Essex County Council generally supply funding for three weed-sprays in the District each year. This year funding has only just been agreed but the amount has been reduced and therefore only two weed-sprays will be carried out instead of three – we don't yet know when this will start.

Street Pastors no longer needed. The closure of Loughton's three former night-clubs has meant that the sterling team of volunteers from Christian churches to patrol the streets in the early hours to "care, listen and help" without judgment or preaching are no longer needed. [More.](#)

The High Road Town Centre Partnership (TCP) brings traders, residents and Cllrs together. At the last meeting it was reported that proposals to wind up the TCP and the TCP for The Broadway in favour of a "Community Forum" had been put on ice until the effect of the Langston Road Retail Park on trade could be evaluated.

New Police helicopter base.

North Weald Airfield is set to become a new base for the National Police Air Service. Three helicopters and a fixed-wing aircraft will be based at the council-owned airfield. The Police will be joining a range of other aviation tenants including the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.



Apply for secondary school places. Parents and carers of children currently in Year 6 are encouraged to apply now for their children's secondary school places for September 2018.

It is crucial an application is received by the closing date (October 31st).

Applications can be made at essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website also enables parents to search for school information and check admissions criteria.

Suspected drug den. The District Council's ASB Investigators have been dealing with complaints about activity at a Loughton address which had caused distress to neighbours, some of whom are elderly. The Council have obtained a Closure Order on the premises, which prohibits any visitors to the property not named on the order, and which may allow the Council Housing Dept to repossess the premises. Breach is a criminal offence for which police can arrest and prosecute.

Epping Forest Shopping Park, Langston Road

- **Official launch.** The District council hopes to hold an official launch in early December when the major anchor stores, *Next & Aldi* should be open.
- **Letting.** The Council say that the park is 80% let and negotiations are concluding with tenants for the final units.
- **Roadworks.** The Council asserts that the majority of the improvements are now in place with full completion estimated by the end of October.
- **Vehicle charging points.** A resident has told us that there are five free electric vehicle charging points at the car-park entrance, for use within the opening times of the carpark.



You need to have your own Type 2 cable, and should check the charging time needed.

“Landmark” building, corner Rectory Lane/ The Broadway.

The District Council say initial agreements have been reached with tenants for all of the Council’s retail units on the ground floor - they hope to have all the businesses trading by Christmas.



District Council Summer Activities Programme. The Council delivered another successful summer holiday activities programme this year - a wide range of activities to engage children, young people and their families. Over 2,500 local residents participated in an extensive range of activities, which included physical activities such as Multi-Sports Camps, Tennis, Basketball, Play in the Park and Play in the Forest sessions and dance programmes. Creative activities included; “A Musical in 2 days”, “How to...Draw”, “How to Paint”, “Be an Animator” and “Be a Textile Artist” workshops. Museum family-days and sessions were also provided and there was a comprehensive disability inclusion programme on offer for children and young people with additional needs.

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

New Action for Family Carers drop-in sessions on 3rd Tuesday of the month 12.30 - 2.30 pm. They provide support for unpaid carers of all ages for anyone who needs help with their day to day life. Please come along and see what support is available to you and the person you care for. Next one October 17th.



Action for Family Carers
Inform • Support • Empower

Action for Family Carers provides support to unpaid family Carers of all ages who look after someone who needs help with their day-to-day life because of a long-term illness, a disability, mental health problems or substance misuse.

IS THIS YOU? Come and meet us in Loughton Library



Every 3rd Tuesday of the month	19 September
Feel free to drop in between	17 October
12:30 - 2.30pm	21 November
	19 December

HELP WANTED

Report car break-ins, please.

EFNW report that they have been getting a lot of posts about cars being broken into. Unfortunately, not everyone is telling the police and they are very concerned about this - so even if nothing was taken, please let the police know.

Roads affected include Wellfields, Burney Drive, Valley Hill, Traps Hill and others in the area.

If you have been affected please tell the police (101 or [online](#)) - CCTV footage welcome.

A car was stolen from Wellfields recently – please keep an eye open for any suspicious behaviour, and report it asap.

Epping Forest Centenary Trust

Appointment of Part time Membership and Admin Officer. [Details](#).

12 hours per week (0.32 FTE)

Closes Sept 29th.



EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CIVIC AWARDS

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR **2018** TEAM OF THE YEAR

Epping Forest District Council's Citizen of the Year Award recognises people in the community who make positive changes in our district

Know an individual over 18 or a team who make a real difference? Nominate them for a Citizen of the Year or Team of the Year Award

Pick up a nomination form from any EFDC building or make the application online

www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/citizenoftheyear



[The Arthur Morrison Society](#). “For the last two years we have been going nowhere, but now we would like to form a new committee and see where we go from there. We are based in Loughton, which is on the Central Line and we are happy to meet in London, if that is more convenient.” Email Sue Taylor at info@loughtonfestival.org



GENERAL

Your house at risk? Now the evenings are darker, it's easy for burglars to spot an empty house – and burglaries increase between dusk and when you get home. Make your home appear occupied even when you are out. Simple things like lights on timers in rooms that you would normally occupy whilst in and a TV simulator for the evenings, you can now even get a timer that fits over your light

switches (search on the internet for light switch timer) and door bells you can monitor and answer remotely via your mobile phone.

During the day leave a radio on, boots outside the back door, newspaper over the arm of the chair with a drink on the table and a pair of spectacles, the list goes on.

Don't leave garden tools out in the garden though or you may find the burglar uses them. Lock tools securely away in a secure shed or garage; use a shed alarm these can also be remotely monitored too. Please look out for any suspicious behaviour, and report it asap to the police (101 or [online](#)). [EFNW]



Driving in France? All vehicles, including motorbikes, driving in central Paris, Lyon and Grenoble now need to display a special ‘pollution sticker’. You must display a sticker to drive in central Paris from 8am to 8pm on Monday to Friday. In Lyon and Grenoble the requirement to display a sticker can be implemented at any time, depending on pollution levels. Some older vehicles don’t qualify for a sticker at all due to their high emissions - these vehicles can’t be driven in central Paris at all from 8am to 8pm on



Monday to Friday. For more information, and to apply for a sticker, visit the [French Ministry of Environment website](#) (in English).



Parking
restricted to
permit holders

RPZs and CPZs. From [NEPP](#) “Resident permit bays are for use of residents that have a residential parking permit. Other permits are available for visitors, carers and traders. These can be obtained from us and further details can be found on our [permits page](#).”

“Some residential permit schemes are zones rather than individual bays. These are known as Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) and only have signage on entry to the zone and smaller repeater signs within the restricted area, rather than bay markings.” Bays take up more space and therefore RPZs are preferable in congested areas.

The [#NewTenPoundNote](#) features a coloured quill that changes from purple to orange when you tilt the note. www.thenewten.co.uk



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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 October 6th.
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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