



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

**LRA's Farmers Market on Centric Parade, High Road
Now on the second Sunday of each month!
Next market Sunday September 10th 9am – 2pm
Please tell your friends and neighbours**



If you could put up a poster (on your gate, a tree or in your window) to tell your neighbours of the change, please contact me for a laminated copy on david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk

New Church Hill pedestrian crossing near Kings Green. In the last email bulletin I wrongly attributed the pressure to get a crossing here to LRA Cllr Chris Pond instead of to LRA Cllr Caroline Pond, who started this off in 2003.

As so often in local government, getting action can take a long time, but it's now in use and so we have a safer route for children on their way to & from school!



Bus services

- **routes 250, 66 and 13 - evening services.** The County Council have withdrawn these routes from the end of this week. LRA Cllr Chris Pond contacted *EOS*, a commercial bus operator, about the possibility of them running replacement services as an experiment – they have agreed. [Details.](#) They will be monitoring usage on these journeys very closely and the routes will be reviewed at the end of November 2017.
- **Langston Road retail park.** Chris has also asked the District Council to provide a bus service, but they have refused to do so. A commercial operator might be interested but will inevitably want to first see whether the retail park is successful in attracting customers.

Broadway area parking review.

- **The Broadway.** We have had a number of residents contacting us to complain of vehicles parked on the pavements in The Broadway. As a result, LRA Cllrs Chris Pond & Leon Girling asked NEPP to include double yellow lines on the relevant parts of The Broadway as part of phase 1 of the scheme– they're already having an effect!
- **enforcement:** some parking tickets have already been issued
- **Barrington Green/ Barrington Road.** NEPP have confirmed to a local resident that these roads will be in phase 2 of the review, in 2018



- **Double yellow lines on corners.** LRA Cllr Chris Roberts got the lines on the corner of Colson Road and Honeycroft advanced from phase 2 into phase 1 because of the accidents there. Other junctions, such as Bushfields/Colson Road, will be done in phase 2 of the RPZ (which will stretch roughly over the area within 15 minutes' walk of Debden station).
- **Rectory Lane service road.** We were asked why Pay* & Display had been introduced here, as there are no residential properties. LRA Cllr Chris Pond replied that unrestricted parking had meant that the entrances to the clinic, OAP homes, Ambulance Station and University were obstructed, the verges got ploughed up and people visiting the Clinic couldn't find anywhere to park. There is obviously a demand for commuter parking and this stretch, we thought, could be legitimately adapted for that purpose, by regulating and charging, but at the same time aiming to prevent obstruction. (*90p up to 1 hour; £1.80 up to 2 hours; £3.80 up to 6pm).
- **Displacement parking.** It's inevitable that roads just outside the controlled zone will now suffer more commuter parking. NEPP will be watching this closely in the run-up to Phase 2 of the scheme, scheduled for next year

Lady Mary's Path (Borders Lane – Rectory Lane). LRA Cllr Judy Jennings responded to a query about the state of the path by taking photographs, discussing the problem with the Town Council, and reporting the potholes to County Highways. Although much of the path is a public Highway, at least five different bodies own parts of Lady Mary's Path, which may cause problems in sorting out repairs.



Planning Decisions. Below are the Loughton decisions made at last Wednesday's local District Council Planning Committee (for details see www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/?p=33640)::

- 51 Parkmead -permission granted
- 7 Beech Close -permission granted
- 102 Southern permission granted
- 240 The Broadway - permission granted
- 12A Alderton Close decision deferred. Residents and the LRA Plans Group were concerned about aspects of the plans and the Officer's Report on this application, and we are pleased that it has been deferred for clarification of the contested issues.

How do we look? A couple of readers have contacted me because our recent emails have come out very narrow (side to side) on their screens. As far as I can tell, the problem seems to be local to their computers. *However, if you have similar problems, and you'd rather get our emails as Microsoft WORD documents, please let me know.*

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>

August 28th Bank Holiday

- **parking.** Remember that NEPP traffic wardens now work on Bank Holidays. Unless the sign says that charges don't apply, they do!
- **if you're unwell over the bank holiday** remember NHS 111 is available 24/7 to offer medical advice and help when it isn't an emergency.



Smarts Lane/ Forest Road Parking Zone.

NEPP have been marking out the new parking areas.

Note that any current single yellow lines will be removed when the zone is created.

[Map 1](#) & [Map 2](#) show the zone and all the new restriction lines planned, with certain unshaded areas already subject of restriction lines.



Road works

- **Cuthberts Alley** (by Wimpys, High Road) didn't reopen as planned on August 22nd. Heavy rain on August 9th delayed work, so it may not reopen till end-August
- **M25 junction 28 (A12) improvement scheme.** There are plans to improve this junction – see the [Public Consultation Report](#)

Langston Road retail park.

- **new tenants:** despite the District Council's initial assurances that the retail park would be fashion-led, the only new tenant we're aware of is *Greggs* the bakers
- **openings:** we understand that *TK Maxx* opened this week, but I have not been to check this. The first shop opened on August 6th and the last one, *Aldi*, is supposed to be in business by mid-October



Eight Rocks Deli And Wine, 238 High Road. The District Council has approved an application to amend the premises licence to allow alcohol to be sold with meals, and for recorded music between 8am and 11pm; the Council refused to allow recorded music between 7am and 8am. [More](#)

Do you belong to a group with a specific interest in the heritage, recreation and conservation of the Forest? The Corporation of London is asking for groups to join a new consultative committee - see <http://bit.ly/2wQdWCu>



Travellers move on. We understand that a group of travellers arrived on Hillyfields open space yesterday afternoon and departed a short while after, thanks to the bund, a large group of forest wardens plus tractor, and a police unit.

Magazine for local businesses:

Epping Forest District Council's. [One Business Briefing](#) for Summer 2017

[£24,474 in grant aid](#) has been awarded by Epping Forest District Council to 9 local community and voluntary groups - the grants go towards improving the social and physical wellbeing of the district's residents – including £1,700 to *GROW* Community Garden (Loughton) for a poly-tunnel to grow organic vegetables.

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF) Benefits Advice.

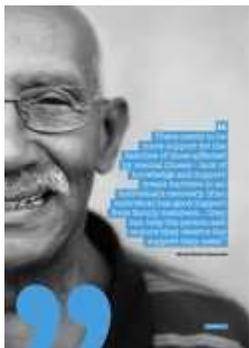
VAEF offer advice on housing, benefits and debt, as poor housing and low income are often major barriers to recovery and wellbeing.

The service includes Benefits checks, including Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, assisting clients with the change-over to Personal Independence Payments, advice on welfare benefits and

information and referrals to other support services. If you know someone in the District who is housebound and unable to seek assistance locally, please put them in touch with [VAEF](#).



Are you an Epping Forest District Council tenant or leaseholder? If you would like to have a say in how your housing service is run, or would like an opportunity to influence housing related decisions before policies are made, then why not join the [Tenants and Leaseholders Panel](#)?



Let's Talk about mental health is the new pan-Essex strategy launched recently to support every Essex resident to get the right support at the right time from the right people in the right way. About 1 in 6 Essex residents (around 150,000) are known to live with a mental illness. For more information and to access support visit the dedicated [Living Well Essex page](#).

Starry Night - A Celebration of Young Talent in Loughton, 28th September.

12 Acts // 4 Judges // 4 Winners. Can you sing? Act? Dance? Are you a solo act, a band or group of performers? Are you between the ages of 16-25? You could be the star we're searching for!

To apply [Fill out the Form Here](#) with a [1 Minute Video Audition](#). Methodist Church, 260 High Road.

Could your community group use £5,000?

If your community group could use up to £5,000 to help with your one-off project, initiative or even the further development of an existing scheme, apply now. Find out if your group is eligible at [Grants for sports, arts, leisure and community groups](#). [More](#).

Contact grantaid@eppingforestdc.gov.uk or 01992 564096



Road safety improvements - check approved schemes to be built this year. Also lots of information on the local Highways Panels now on the Essex Highways website at <http://ow.ly/CiHP30eDVb5>

HELP WANTED

Memorial Garden, Roding Road. A resident asked us about the poor condition of the box hedging. The Town Council looks after this garden, and they have been monitoring the box hedging for the last couple of years because of problems with box tree caterpillars. The Council plans to replace it early in 2018 but with more sustainable choice of planting.

As budgets are under a considerable strain at the present, the Town Council would be very grateful for **any donations from residents** towards the cost of replacement – details available from the Town Clerk (Mrs E Walsh) on 020 8508 4200 or contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk

GENERAL



Stay secure at home.

- **Lock your doors.** A resident has asked us to pass on the following message: to securely lock your front doors *even when you're inside the house.* Recently, thieves forced her front door lock, came into the house and stole her car keys and purse with bank cards in and drove off with her car – a terrible, shocking experience.
- **Keep an eye on your neighbours' houses & cars.** Thefts can happen anywhere (for example, recently a car stolen in Forest Road & break-ins to Transit vans), so please report anything suspicious to the Police, if possible at the time it's happening.

Pavement parking – what the law says:

<https://northessexparkingpartnership.wordpress.com/2016/07/01/pavement-parking/>



Visitors Parking Permits. Hosting friends? Need NEPP visitor permits?

It's easy to get them at <http://www1.parkingpartnership.org/north/mipermit>



Organic slug pellets perform as well as those with toxic metaldehyde

Ongoing RHS trials have shown that organic slug pellets perform as well as toxic synthetic chemical ones. [More.](#)

Report fraud and cyber crime to Action Fraud and receive a [police crime reference number](#).

http://actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud



or



Your Waste is Another's Treasure. Before throwing something away, why not try other options such as friends, neighbours or people near you via a service like [Freecycle](#) or [Freecycle](#). You don't want it - but someone else might! The online community pairs



people that are looking for items with people who want to give them away. It's free and easy to use, especially as the person taking items will collect - saving you a trip to the tip!

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NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday September 8th.
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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