



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LRA NEWS

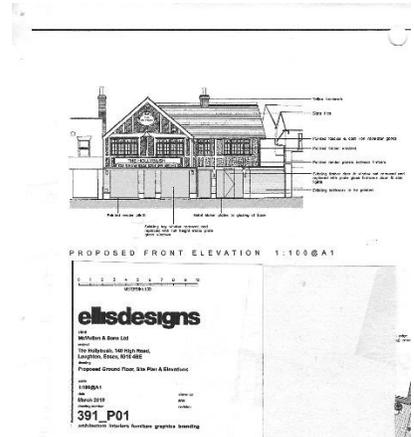
### Hollybush, High Road.

The LRA Plans Group will be objecting to McMullens’ planning application to replace the ground floor front of this pub with plate-glass. The pub is [locally listed](#), and the present facade is a valued part of the street-scene (but isn’t original). Ironically, McMullens’ own website says “the Hollybush is a key part of Loughton High Street’s rich history”.

(The Plans Group operates separately from LRA’s Cllrs)

You can see the details by putting EPF/0938/18 [here](#).

Please send us your views ([contact@Loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@Loughtonresidents.co.uk)) and also (by May 14<sup>th</sup>) to [Loughton Town Council](#) and the [District Council](#).



**Road-hump, Chester Road.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond reported to County Highways a disintegrating road-hump which is causing problems for drivers and pedestrians – they have now confirmed that they intend to repair it next month.

**Litter bins on Great Eastern Path** between Cheltenham Gardens and Highland Avenue: last month Independent Cllr Stephen Murray asked the District Council to ensure that Biffa empties these bins regularly. However, LRA Cllr David Wixley has had to have another “go” at them, as the bin near the Loughton Station car park was overflowing, and the one at the junction of Cheltenham Gardens and Danbury Road was full. We’ll keep at it.

David has also reported **fly-tips** at the junction of Lawton Road/Westall Road and in Hillyfields to the District Council – if you spot a fly-tip please report it [online](#).

**Lucton’s field, Borders Lane.** LRA Cllr Chris Roberts has asked the College, which owns the field, to tidy it up and prevent brambles from invading residents’ gardens.

## Please Vote LRA on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

You can find a summary of why we hope you’ll vote for LRA [here](#).

**LRA X**

All our candidates’ manifestos are available on our [website](#).

## LOCAL NEWS

FOR LOCAL EVENTS SEE SEPARATE EMAIL

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**Check ahead for events in red, which need to be booked in advance!**  
**FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>**

### Planning applications

- **The proposed 106-unit care complex at 13-15A Alderton Hill** was turned down at the District Council as too bulky, too dense and out-of-keeping with its surroundings. Concerns were also expressed about the lack of affordable housing, and whether the development would be financially viable. No doubt the applicant will now appeal – we'll keep residents informed.
- **The proposed flats on the old PO site**, High Road, were approved (although we understand that there may have been amendments to the plans to protect residents in Habgood Road; details awaited).

### Loughton Town Council

- **Loughton Horticultural Show** – the LRA-led Council is planning to hold a new Loughton Horticultural Show in The Murray Hall, Borders Lane, on Saturday 1 September 2018, with free entry to the public from 2 – 4pm. Classes will include fruit, vegetable, flower arrangements, cakes, jams and preserves.
- **New plaque.** The Council is making arrangements to install a plaque to commemorate the Oriolet Hospital and its chief, Josiah Oldfield, on a property in Staples Road.
- **[Local List for Loughton](#).** The Council has been pressing the District Council to review and update this list. The former Brook School site gates in Roding Road should be added to the Local List when it is next updated (if you have any information on the history of these gates please email [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)). (Inclusion on the List doesn't necessarily introduce any additional planning controls)
- **Flower Baskets.** The summer flower baskets in The Broadway, the High Road and Old Station Road should be installed by the end of May, for 18 weeks (net cost just under £7,000).
- **classic car rally.** This event will take place on Sunday 9 September as part of Heritage Open Days
- **Christmas Lighting.** The Council hopes to set up a new 3-year contract (£15,000 for three years)
  - to wrap up to 49 lamp columns with nets of at least 200 LED lights;
  - to install coloured motives on a number of columns to create a feature in the High Road and The Broadway;
  - to install a larger 5m display panel above Brickclamps Path in The Broadway
  - to continue to light the large Lime tree on Kings Green and the Horse Chestnut by Standard Green;
  - to consider the re-use of the miniature pre-lit artificial Christmas trees on columns in Old Station Road.
- **Former offices:** the Council has successfully let its former offices at 1 Buckingham Gate.



**Roadworks: Loughton Leisure Centre, Traps Hill.** The footpath on the southern side of the roundabout will be closed while building work goes on



## Epping Forest District Council

- **More wheelie bins?** The Council is looking at reducing costs by replacing the dry recyclables sacks with another wheelie bin. [LRA Cllrs are very aware that many residents couldn't house another bin, and will be concerned to ensure that residents can opt out if the Council introduces another wheelie bin.]
- **Epping Forest Shopping Park:** Nine of the twelve units are now operational. Of the three remaining units *Mountain Warehouse* has signed an agreement for a lease – we await news of the others.
- **Pyrles Lane Nursery:** This £3.5m site is intended to be shared-ownership to include the provision of Council Housing. 40% of the housing will be “affordable”. All the completed affordable rented housing will be purchased by the Council, at pre-stated prices, as part of the Council Housebuilding Programme.
- **Parkguard** have been employed by the Council since the end of January 2018 to provide high visibility targeted engagement. They have also provided a high visibility presence at The Broadway and Epping Forest College (Borders Lane), where they have worked with staff to identify and challenge unacceptable behaviour. Their deployments are constantly changing depending on demand at the time. Parkguard officers also assisted the Council's Housing teams to re-possess a property in Loughton which was subject of a Closure Order.
- **Safeguarding.** The Council's safeguarding team dealt with 28 new cases in the last month, including 12 children and 23 adults. Mental health concerns are currently the highest factor in cases identified, often in addition to other issues. Cases related to Council tenants with mental health issues who commit ASB tend to be very time consuming and complex, and often involve several Council departments.
- **Successful Outcome:** CCTV in The Broadway captured an incident involving an ATM robbery of an elderly male - the suspect was captured and arrested and 4 insurance claims received (the Council charged insurers a total of £480 for their services).
- **Refurbishing The Broadway:** the Council have refurbished the pedestrian walkway next to the shop at number 42 - the floor; walls and ceiling have been redecorated



## Essex Police

- **burglary at Franklins Jewellers, High Road.** Essex Police have charged a man in connection with a burglary on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has also been charged with nine counts of burglary following reports of locker burglaries at Loughton Leisure Centre from March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>. [EFNW]
- **Loughton vehicle recovered** thanks to public's vigilance!  
Officers who located and recovered three stolen vehicles in the Epping district in a week have thanked members of public. [More.](#)
- **New police officers:** approximately 50-60 officers will join Essex Police at regular intervals throughout 2018/19, with the most recent intake in March being full with 66 officers. The training process, followed by attachments to Local Policing Areas, leads to final postings for new officers approximately 52 weeks after joining; it's only at this point that officers become fully deployable having achieved independent patrol status and a wider understanding of the force.  
It's expected that all the new Officers will be in place by the end of January 2019.
- **Police & Crime Plan [quarterly update](#):** see what's happening.



**Loughton man fined for illegal driveway.** Despite a failed appeal and extensions of time granted by the Council, a Planning Enforcement Notice wasn't complied with and the resident was fined £2,400 and is liable to pay the council's prosecution costs of £508 and a victim surcharge of £170. [More.](#)

[Always check if you need planning permission](#)

**Concern about District school funding cuts** – see [here](#)

**Roding Valley Nature Reserve.** A resident reported an area littered with junk. We established that this was on land looked after by Essex Wildlife Trust, who have told us that this is an old nuclear bunker which was sold to a new owner a couple of years ago. The new owner brought some building materials on to the site with the intention of renovating the bunker. The District Council have recently issued an enforcement notice and so hopefully the site will be cleared up soon.



A [Register of Brownfield sites](#) has been published (belatedly) by the District Council. It provides publicly available information on brownfield land in the District that the Council considers appropriate (on specified criteria) for residential development (just because sites are listed doesn't mean that they've been granted planning permission, or that they will be).

**Bluebells:** a superb display (see picture) at Apes Grove, Abridge, a level but uneven ten minute's stroll from the road – see [here](#) for details (a half-hour walk; can be extended).



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## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE



Details [here](#).

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## HELP WANTED

### Could you be a CAB Trustee?

Citizens Advice Epping Forest District provides advice and information to about 3,000 clients per year on a wide range of subjects.

Most of the work is done by a team of over 50 volunteers, with support from a small number of paid supervisors and managers, working at Epping, Loughton and Waltham Abbey with outreach services at Ongar and Limes Farm, Chigwell.

They are currently looking for people who have a clear understanding of the needs of the local area to join the Board to help us oversee and develop this much-needed service.

The Board meets usually four times a year and although the post of Trustee is unpaid it provides a wealth of new experiences and great satisfaction.



For further information contact Alison McBrayne (020 8504 2491; [alison@mcbrayne.idps.co.uk](mailto:alison@mcbrayne.idps.co.uk))  
For further information about local and national Citizens Advice services see [www.efcab.org.uk](http://www.efcab.org.uk) and [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

**Volunteer Path Surveyor** in Epping Forest. To help with the surveying of the paths in the extensive Forest (and to hopefully push along the putting down of a new surface), the City of London are asking for volunteers to help. Induction and training will be given. If you're interested, please apply [here](#):

## GENERAL

**Road traffic accidents:** these websites may be of interest:

<http://www.crashmap.co.uk/Search>

<http://www.collisionmap.uk/>

**Milk deliveries in glass bottles.** Apparently the recent Blue Planet II series has led to increased demand for home deliveries in glass bottles. This service is available in Loughton – just Google “Loughton milk deliveries”.



**Rotary Club of Loughton, Buckhurst Hill & Chigwell:** a lively, friendly and social club with a good mix (gender, ethnicity and age) of local people who care and raise funds for local charities. They meet on Thursdays 6.30pm at The Blue Boar, Abridge. Contact Pesh (020 8500 2527; 07973 166940; [pesh@londonresidential.co.uk](mailto:pesh@londonresidential.co.uk)) or see [www.loughtonrotary.org.uk](http://www.loughtonrotary.org.uk)

**Have you installed the latest software updates?**

Install the latest software and app updates on all of your devices. These updates often contain important security upgrades which help protect your device from viruses and hackers.

If you want to know more, CyberProtect now has pages on Facebook and Twitter. Follow them now for more advice and support: [www.Facebook.com/cyberprotectuk](http://www.Facebook.com/cyberprotectuk) [www.twitter.com/cyberprotectuk](http://www.twitter.com/cyberprotectuk)



**Post Offices nearby** <http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder>

- **Goldings Hill**, 11 Englands Lane
- **The Broadway**, 47-49 The Broadway
- **High Road**, Hutchins of Loughton The Chemist, 197 High Road
- **Loughton Way**, 142 Loughton Way, Buckhurst Hill
- **Theydon Bois**, 112 Coppice Row, Theydon Bois

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## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday May 11<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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