



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

Broadway area parking restrictions phase 1 come into effect 21 August.

See <http://tinyurl.com/y9dpbkuj> (Epping Forest Amendment 5).

Residents will get letters from August 7th.

LRA has been pressing for residents to be offered these proposals for ten years –they have only got this far because LRA Cllr Chris Pond has fought so doggedly for them!

Although the results won't be perfect, we hope that residents will gain some respite from commuter parking. The proposals cover the roads NEPP considers to be worst-affected – phase 2 should follow in around a year, and should include Langston Road, which has been dropped from the phase 1 restrictions.



Forest Road/ Smarts Lane area Controlled Parking Zone. Residents' parking will go ahead as planned and advertised, but with Business Permits only issued as considered appropriate (one or two per business address, to be re-thought). The scheme will be installed next after the Broadway area Phase 1 scheme, and NEPP currently expect it to go "live" at end-September (this may slip).

Residents, together with local Cllrs, particularly LRA County Cllr Chris Pond (Loughton North) and Cllr Valerie Metcalfe (Buckhurst Hill & Loughton South), have long been pressing for relief from "outsider" parking. We know that there will still be significant parking pressure in the area, but the new restrictions should make life easier for residents.



Highway repairs

- **High Road pavement.** LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been pursuing County Highways since last May for repairs outside 202 High Road., but they said it didn't meet their repair criteria. Following an accident in which a resident tripped and fell, they have finally conceded but are only promising action by end-September!
- **Reconstruction of Burney Drive** (top end) has finally started after a long campaign by LRA Executive Committee member George Meltser & LRA Cllrs Chris Pond and David Wixley
- **High Road resurfacing.** Although most of the yellow and white lines were reinstated reasonably promptly, LRA Cllr Chris Pond had to intervene to get the bits they missed painted.

Oakwood Hill estate refurbishment. Some years ago, an LRA Cllr obtained a commitment (now £200,000) from the District Council to improve the poor condition of the estate, and in particular to repair the footpaths. There has been delay after delay. We reported a month ago that LRA Cllr Chris Roberts had followed this up, and had been assured that the funds are still available.



We are delighted that the District & County Councils have now decided to go ahead with resurfacing, either most of it with standard surfacing or part with a more expensive one.

Residents will be consulted in October and work will be carried out in 2018 (it can only be done in summer and there's now insufficient time for proper consultation and action this year).

Buses - dangerous tree on Jessel Drive. On Wednesday morning bus services had to be suspended on the Debden estate north and west of Rectory Lane. LRA Cllr Chris Pond liaised with the District and County Councils, and by Wednesday lunchtime District Council Grounds Maintenance staff had acted promptly and efficiently to sort out the problem so bus services could start again.

LRA's Farmers Market on Centric Parade, High Road

Sunday August 6th 9am – 2pm.

Bring your questions to our volunteers,
and browse our second-hand books.

From September we will have a new company running the markets
– please bear with us in the meantime.



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>

Loughton Town Council on the move! Council staff are now in new office space on the first floor of Loughton Library, Traps Hill, alongside the Citizens Advice Bureau. All future Full Council and Council committee meetings will be held in the Library. The Council will rent out 1 Buckingham Court.

[We welcome the moves to open up the Library to new uses.]



Stephen Murray retires from Roding Valley High School.

After more than 30 years in the teaching profession, Stephen Murray is retiring. However, he will be continuing as an Independent Cllr on the Town and District Councils and will be doing more voluntary work in the Town. [More.](#)

2 Connaught Avenue. A local resident spotted that the delivery and collection of skips was damaging the cedar, and called in the District Council – deliveries now seem to be better managed. She raised the hoardings with County Highways – these have been unlicensed for two years now, and Highways seem curiously reluctant to take effective action – and also the unsatisfactory state of the pavement at the corner of Ollards Grove & Connaught Avenue.

Road closures (timings may vary)

- **Clays Lane**, until August 6th for major gas mains replacement.
- **Cuthbert's Alley** (by Wimpy Bar, High Road) till August 21st, wall underpinning
- **York Hill**, August 21st for 3 days, for 5m from the junction with Staples Road and Queens Road for BT cabling work
- **certain roads in east, west, central and southwest London and Surrey**, on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July, as part of a weekend of Prudential RideLondon cycling events. Many bus routes will be on diversion or will stop short of their normal destination. For the most up to date information: www.tfl.gov.uk/ridelondon



Buses -- route 66 (Loughton-Waltham Abbey & Cross).

The commercial operator is making changes from 1.8.17 as follows.

- service frequency increased to 20 minutes much of the day
- but
- the service will be diverted in Waltham Abbey so as to do a long additional loop around Upshire Road, increasing the journey time from Maple Gate to Quaker Lane to approx 27 minutes. People travelling to Waltham Abbey town, Tesco, etc, may find it quicker to get off near the old Green Man PH and walk down the hill.



Torrington Drive parking spaces - work is re-starting at last.

See the District Council letter at <http://tinyurl.com/ycz3atsr>



Taxi fares. The District Council are consulting on a change to local fares – they are saying that Sunday fares would be cheaper. [Give your views.](#) [Existing fares.](#)

Essex Police

- **Special Constables.** They plan to increase the number of Specials from 358 to an eventual complement of 700, with a target of 500 for this year.
- **Contacting the police:** £500,000 is to be invested to recruit more staff to handle 101 calls (it's easier to report crimes [online](#); use 999 for emergencies)



Pupil increase at Oaklands School, Albion Hill. Following the approval on appeal of the school's planning application to build a teachers' car-park and pupil drop-off point on land accessed from Warren Hill, the school applied to increase pupil numbers by 30. Residents, Loughton Town Council and the LRA Plans Group are sceptical that the new arrangements will significantly reduce the traffic problems on Albion Hill and nearby roads.



At last Wednesday's meeting of the District Council's Plans South committee, a resident and LRA Cllr Roger Baldwin were not wholly against the increase, but wanted it deferred until the effects of the new traffic arrangements could be evaluated.

Unfortunately the committee were advised that the advice from County Highways, and the appeal Inspector's comments, made it likely that, if the pupil increase was turned down, an appeal would be successful - the application was approved by a narrow majority. [More](#) (and the [webcast](#) of the debate).



Lopping Hall, High Road. As part of the multi-year programme to refurbish the entire building, the Hall has already had a new roof installed, a lift, and electrical, gas, fire safety and telecoms infrastructure replaced.

Over the past year the two small meeting rooms have been refurbished, and attention has now turned to the outdated front entrance and the dilapidated main hall, stage and bar. [An appeal](#) has been launched to raise £11,000 to replace the 30-year old plastic seating with modern comfortable chairs.

[My Care Record](#) allows clinicians at The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust in Harlow to view a patient's medical history over a secure network. Initially the system was piloted in A&E but has now been rolled-out across the whole hospital. [More.](#)

Licensing application: The Light Tree Bistro, 262 High Road. Live Music (6 – 10pm), Recorded Music (8am – 11pm) and supply of alcohol (mid-day – 11pm). Opening hours: 8am -11pm. Any representations (which must relate to one or more of the [licensing objectives](#)) by August 8th to Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, 323 High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4BZ.



New Butchers to open in the High Road end-August.

Goldings Church, Englands Lane. We understand that the imminent closure of the church has been averted and services etc continue as normal. Their finances continue to be of concern but any plans to close have now been put on hold.



Driving in London.

From 23 October, cars, vans, minibuses, buses, coaches and heavy goods vehicles driven in the central London Congestion Charge Zone will need to meet minimum emission standards, or pay a daily £10 *T-Charge* (officially known as the Emissions Surcharge). This will be in addition to the Congestion Charge and will operate from 07:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday. This is part of TfL's plans to reduce harmful emissions to help clean up London's dangerously polluted air.

If you are an existing Auto Pay customer, if your vehicle does not meet the emissions standards and you drive within the zone you will automatically be charged £20.50 for the Congestion Charging and the T-Charge.

- to check if your vehicle is affected, visit tfl.gov.uk/t-charge
- to view a copy of the new terms and conditions, please [click here](#)



Police Commissioner to take responsibility for Fire Service to support closer working. The aim is to create a more joined-up response to incidents, provide crime and fire prevention advice, create community safety hubs, and share buildings to generate significant savings which can then be reinvested back into front line services. [More.](#)

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Need local help? There are various websites where you can ask residents to recommend a trader or advise on a problem, among them www.Kahuti.com and <https://nextdoor.co.uk/> (was streetlife).

Anti-social Behaviour - who to contact? If it's happening now, report it to Essex Police on 101 or [online](#), or ring 999 if there is a crime in progress and there is some threat to people. Otherwise, if it is of a repetitive and annoying nature, report it to the District Council's ASB officers ([details](#)) or [online](#) to Essex Police.



EVENTS

For lots more events see our *EVENTS* email!

Saturday August 19th. Coach trip to Sandwich and Richborough – some places still available.

Herts & Essex Architectural Society. [Details.](#)

Wednesday August 23rd. Teddy bears picnic. Join Epping Forest Countrycare and their teddy bears for some fun outdoor activities. Details in our *EVENTS* email.

HELP WANTED



Are you worried about drivers speeding in your road?

Loughton Town Council is looking for volunteers to form groups to carry out roadside activities in order to improve road safety.

Contact contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk or 020 8508 4200

Nuisance motorbikes – can you help? Police are re-appealing for information about nuisance motorbikes being ridden dangerously and anti-socially in the Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell areas. Following an appeal in April three people were identified and dealt with, but Officers still want to identify two people pictured seen riding a white motorbike. [More.](#) [EFNW]

Epping Forest Volunteering Opportunities.

The Conservators are looking for Volunteer Wardens, Path Surveyors and Water Level Monitors.

See [volunteer roles](#) for more details and to apply.



Join *The Friends of Epping Forest.* Their main aims are to support the presentation of the Forest as an open space for recreation and to preserve its natural aspect; and to further the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment and use of the Forest. Guided walks. Single Membership, £10pa, Joint/family Membership, £15pa. Contact: Membership Secretary jean.brockington@btopenworld.com Call: 020 8529 3077. Lots more information and printable application form [here](#)



GENERAL

Secure your garden & shed: [5 tips](#) from www.immobilise.com

Going away on holiday? Make your home look like someone is living in it:

- Ensure that windows, doors and gates are closed and locked correctly.
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights and radios on when it goes dark; also consider “Fake TV”.
- If you have an intruder alarm make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.
- Use the [Royal Mail's keepsafe service](#) - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away - mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.
- Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.



Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites - burglars can use any information you post on there to their advantage

The [Police UK website](#) has useful advice and details of local crimes

[EFNW]

Your next waste & recycling collection: see [here](#)

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TWITTER: Follow us on Twitter at @LoughtonRA



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 August 11th.
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

David Linnell

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