



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A happy & peaceful New Year to all our readers

LRA NEWS

Jessel Green.

- **Local paper report and photo.** Lots of concerned residents turned out to show their concern about the potential loss of half of the Green (advertised by SaveJesselGreen, LRA and others – see the local paper [report](#) and photo
- **History:** LRA Cllr Chris Pond has responded to residents' queries about possible past landfilling (none apparently) and ownership – the Debden estate, including Jessel Green, was acquired by the London County Council in 1944 under Housing Act powers, passed by them to the GLC, and finally allocated to the District Council when the GLC was abolished.



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>

Old PO Sorting Office site, 256 High Road.

There is a new [planning application](#) (EPF/3210/17) to construct 29 retirement apartments in a single building of 3, 4 and 5 storeys and 20 parking spaces (the County Standard would be 47 spaces, but this can be reduced where – as here – there is deemed to be “good” public transport available).

[The LRA Plans Group will look at the proposals – please send any comments to the [Group](#)]

The District Council turned down an earlier application for a 6-storey complex of 30 units, among other things because of the potential effect on residents in Habgood Road and on the Methodist Church – the developers assert that they have overcome the previous objections.

PCSO Louise Coveney has recently retired. She has devoted the last 11 years of her career as a PCSO to working mostly in the Debden area, especially with young people and those a little older but as vulnerable.



Defibrillators coming to Loughton. The District Council has awarded grants to The Broadway Town Partnership (£1,500) for a defibrillator to be installed on The Broadway for community use, and similarly £1,000 to the High Road Town Centre Partnership, to be installed on the High Road (there's already a defibrillator on the wall of the Police Station, corner of High Road and Forest Road).



Parking.

- New schemes. North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) has approved
 - a Parking Restriction Scheme for Albion Hill
 - a Resident Parking Scheme for Algiers Mead/Algiers Close.It can take up to 18 months for NEPP to carry out further site surveys, to prepare preliminary designs for consultation and go through all the statutory requirements.



Pavement parking and blocked driveways:

- **inconsiderate or dangerous parking** which causes an obstruction or hazard
 - **will Police act?** This is potentially a criminal offence and Essex Police are responsible for enforcement. However, in practice the cut-backs mean they are unlikely to have staff to spare for this.
 - **NEPP take-over?** NEPP is considering approaching the Police & Fire Commissioner seeking permission to take over the enforcement of footway parking (including verge parking and obstructive parking, including parking on the carriageway near junctions). [More](#) (page 13).
- **vehicles parked over your vehicle crossing:** you can report this to [NEPP](#) (whether or not there are yellow lines) and, if one of their enforcement officers is available, he/she can give out a parking ticket to the vehicle causing the obstruction. However, they won't act if you can still get a vehicle in or out. Even if they issue a ticket that does not, of course, clear the offending vehicle out of the way.



Royal Oak development. The District Council has approved the revised plans, after a long debate in the planning committee. The approval was subject to asking for no resident parking permits, a higher fence, proper marking out of the public footpath through the site and preservation off-site of the inn sign as a town sign.

The new application had been carefully designed by the developer to get over the reasons given by the Planning Inspector for refusing the earlier application. Under the national planning laws, had the Council turned down the revised application, the developer would have been pretty sure of winning an appeal, with costs against the Council (that is, at the expense of Council tax payers).

Epping Forest District Council

- **Fly-tipping – avoid cold-callers.** The District Council warns that a lot of fly-tipped waste appears to be collected by rogue traders cold-calling when they spot waste outside a property and ready to be taken away – Council officers investigate fly-tips on Council land, and if possible will prosecute the *original* owners if they've used unlicensed traders! See the video [here](#).
- **Dealing with problem residents.** Most residents have little or no idea about some of the Council's most difficult work in safeguarding residents – for some example cases, see [here](#) (page 3).



- **Off-street parking for The Broadway.** Local Cllrs and Broadway traders have expressed concerns over commuter and worker parking and the impact this may have on the small businesses. In order to make an informed decision the Council commissioned an external consultancy firm to carry out surveys on The Broadway Car Parks. Once their report is received officers will be able to make recommendations for further action. In particular, officers are working on proposals to submit a planning application next year to create more parking spaces by demolishing a walled area and some garages in Vere Road, creating about 30 more spaces.

WEA daytime adult education courses in Loughton, Epping, Gants Hill and Redbridge – see details in our email *EVENTS* bulletin.



Essex Trading Standards cut by 66%. Trading Standards are vital in helping to keep residents safe. However, according to a [BBC report](#), Essex County Council has cut their budget by 2/3rds. [The County comment that Trading Standards will be “intelligence-led” presumably means that they will have to wait to hear from residents rather than acting pro-actively.]

Compulsory smart water-metering, for properties currently without water meters, is coming to Loughton next March – May (existing meters won’t be replaced until the end of their useful lives). More:

- [Epping Forest – Smart Metering Programme Briefing](#)
- [Smart Meter Booklet](#)
- [Smart Meter FAQs](#)



Loughton Town Council Christmas Window Competition 2017

Congratulations to the winners who received an engraved silver cup and a framed certificate, and the Town Council made a £100 donation to their nominated charity.

Congratulations too to the runners-up and the highly-commended shops - details [here](#).

Winners in class	Winning businesses	Nominated charity
Local/Independent	Bababoom, 255 High Road	National Autistic Society
Multiple/Chain Store	Magnet, 215 High Road	National Autistic Society
Charity Shops	St Clare Hospice 72 The Broadway	St Clare Hospice

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

District Council grants.

- **Community groups.** Could your community group use funding to help the social and physical wellbeing of the districts residents? If yes, apply now for a grant towards projects to improve facilities, equipment purchases, capital projects and new initiatives. [More.](#)
- **Need a housing repair, energy efficiency works or disabled adaptations?** Got an empty home? Financial assistance for home-owners and private tenants is available. [More.](#)

Urgent GP appointments 8am – 8pm until 7th January

at your GP or one nearby.

Contact your practice for more info.

<http://nhs.uk/Gpaccess>



Are you an employer?

See updated videos, webinars, online courses and email updates from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC):

- [Help and support for VAT](#)
- [Help and support for employing people](#)

Public Transport

- **Bus Passenger News:** local bus service changes
- **find your nearest bus service or plan a journey:** visit www.essexbus.info or [Traveline](#) or [@Essex_PT](#) on
- **live updates on buses:** you can also follow your local bus operator on Twitter by clicking here: [Arriva](#), [Chambers](#), [Ensign](#), [First](#), [Heddingham](#) and [NIBS](#).



HELP WANTED

Loughton Building Design Awards – do you have a nomination?

The Town Council invites your help with this annual awards scheme, which aims to celebrate good design and give public recognition to recent local building projects in Loughton that make a positive contribution to the local environment. [More](#)

Picture - last year's winner: The Lodge at 90 High Road.



Open TfL consultations

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| • Have your say on the transformation of Oxford Street | Date Closes
3 Jan 2018 |
| • Have your say on proposals for a new river crossing between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf | 8 Jan 2018 |
| • Have your say on the introduction of a Heavy Goods Vehicles Safety Standard Permit as part of the Direct Vision Standard to reduce road danger | 24 Jan 2018 |
| • Have your say on changes to the Ultra Low Emission Zone and Low Emission Zone | 28 Feb 2018 |
| • Quietways, Grid and Mini-Hollands consultations by boroughs and partners | 18 Mar 2018 |

Police Independent Advisory Groups. Local Independent advisory groups across Essex, and the Strategic IAG (S-IAG) are seeking new members. If you're interested in shaping the way policing is delivered in Essex and ensuring your community has a voice, email the police at iag@essex.pnn.police.uk, or contact the diversity unit by calling 101 ext 130072 for more information, or [fill in an application form](#) [More](#).



GENERAL



Why wait till you're burgled?

The first thing most people do after being burgled is fit an alarm system and CCTV. Why wait until then? Do it now! [EFNW]
And if you've got an alarm system, please turn it on when you go out....

On Facebook? I recently checked my Facebook a/c to find an unauthorised login!
It's easy to check out and protect your Facebook a/c - see [here](#).
[Thanks to Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch for the tip!]



KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS



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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 January 19th.
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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