

LRA NEWS

Independent Examiner needed. Each year the LRA accounts have to be examined by an independent person (who may be an LRA member) with the relevant ability and experience. An examination is a less onerous form of scrutiny than an audit. Our long-serving and much-appreciated Examiner is now standing down, so if you have financial and/or accounting experience and would like to help, please contact david.linnell@loughtonresidents.co.uk



Local Plan – come to the District Council Cabinet meeting October 6th. You're welcome to come along to the Council offices in Epping to hear the discussion on the draft Plan, to support your local LRA Cllrs, and to let the Cabinet be in no doubt about the level of public disquiet! Meeting starts 7pm in the Council Chamber – public viewing gallery above. [Agenda papers.](#)

Rubbish & dog-poo bins. LRA Cllr Judy Jennings took up with the District Council a resident's report of an unemptied dog-poo bin, which also needed securing properly – this has been done, and the bin has been emptied. (Please report similar problems to erfuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

Oakwood Hill estate. Some time ago one of our then Cllrs secured a substantial investment for the District Council to transform the long-neglected foot-ways and street lighting in the estate. So far nothing has been done: LRA Cllr Chris Pond recently chased this up (again) and we are promised that work will start next year when the weather warms up.

Planning matters:

- **Royal Oak flats:** the LRA Plans Group objections are [here](#); you can see the Town Council's comments [here](#). We are grateful to the residents who took the trouble to comment to the Town and District Councils, and copied us in.
- **LuXe 126 High Road** planning application to demolish and replace it with flats and a restaurant turned down: see <http://tinyurl.com/h9ag42h>
The District Council is still being monitored LuXe for compliance with its licence. However, this has become complicated by the planning definition of what is a night-club and what is a bar (its authorised use); officers are currently gathering information and evidence of continued use as a night club with a view to prosecuting.



Neighbours (See also *Local News* for what to do about noise)

- **Noise from the Foresters Arms.** LRA Cllr Bob Jennings followed up complaints from neighbours with the District Council, who have taken action.
- **Students next door?** LRA Cllr David Wixley followed up residents' ongoing issues with clearing rubbish from the last tenants, and noise in the early hours and skunk-smoking from the new intake of E15 college students. (If you have similar problems, the first port of call is the college - Morgan Lee-Stephens 020 8508-5983).

Footpaths

- **Lady Mary's Path** (Borders Lane – Rectory Lane). LRA Cllr Judy Jennings followed up complaints about the condition of the path with the District Council. Hopefully it's now cleaner but please let us know of any problems.
- **Meads Path** (Church Hill – Church Lane). LRA Cllr Chris Pond got a far less helpful response from the County Council in September when he reported overgrown vegetation along Meads Path. The Council said they'd wait for their annual inspection in October to see if any work was needed.....



Traps Hill new miniroundabout. As a preliminary to the new miniroundabout at the Church Lane junction, workmen have installed new lamp-posts. LRA Cllr Chris Pond is checking on a resident's query about this, but we know that *all* lamp-posts in Essex are gradually being replaced with more efficient lights, so this may be the explanation.

The Broadway pavements. A number of LRA Cllrs held a "surgery" in The Broadway recently, and residents pointed out the dirt, dust and chewing gum etc on the pavements. LRA Cllr Chris Pond took this up with the District Council, who said that Biffa's gum-removing machine was now back in action and that The Broadway is on the list for treatment.



Apologies for the size of the files containing the email bulletins sent out on 16 19 16 – at the last moment I normally "compress" the pictures, but forgot to do so last time.

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>

Financial challenge ahead! Essex County Council set to see an 84% reduction in Government support over the next four years. The Council looks after aspects of education, heritage & culture, planning, personal social care, transport & highways, and other matters. [More.](#)



Local Plan meeting: we hope as many residents as possible will attend a special event on November 8th for the Loughton and Buckhurst Hill area, to discuss a strategy and action plan for "Trees and Green Infrastructure" across the district. This workshop will be held in the evening at The Murray Hall, Borders Lane; time to be confirmed.

Unveiling of new City of London sign in Forest Road with Town Mayor Cllr Judy Jennings, LRA Town Cllrs and 4 family members of Spradbery family.



Displaced Loughton road sign
(A121 Goldings Hill close to the Wake Arms roundabout).
The Town Council will repair and reinstate it (cost £95).

Noisy neighbours? We've had several incidents recently. If it happens to you, ring the District Council on 01992 564000 and ask to speak to whoever deals with noise problems - this is a 24-hour service. In case it happens again, you can also report the incident to the Council at enofficers@eppingforestdc.gov.uk so they build up a record.

See www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/index.php/residents/your-environment/crime-safety/noise-nuisance

Reminder – you can design this year’s official Christmas Card for Loughton Town Council - any age. Open now - closes November 9th. Details [here](#).



Film crew (*Scout Productions*) parked at the end of Eleven Acre Rise (Traps Hill) are filming in West View. <http://www.scoutproductions.co.uk/>

Travellers parked on Pyrles Lane. The Town Council are taking the necessary legal action to move them on, but the process is painfully slow.

District Council

- **Planning our future:** [new website](#) about the draft *Local Plan*.
- **Illegal ads**, by side of railway bridge, Chigwell Lane, have been re-erected. Council will have them removed and may prosecute the offenders.
- **Travellers.** The Council has received around 450 complaints and served 25 notices, 11 of which have been appealed against to the Planning Inspectorate. (In 2015, 664 complaints were received and 14 enforcement notices served, 5 of which were appealed against - 3 notices were dismissed and 2 allowed.
- **Fraud.** Three Right to Buy applications were stopped or withdrawn following Corporate Fraud Team intervention, saving discounts of £233,000 and maintaining rents of around £137,000. Another property has been recovered as a result of fraud being detected, resulting in a saving of approximately £18,000
- **Allocation of District Council Accommodation.** The District Council runs a choice-based lettings scheme. [More](#). For the 12-month period July 2015 - July 2016:
 - 259 Council and housing association properties were allocated to Homeseekers;
 - 22 properties were allocated direct to homeless applicants;
 - 10 flats were allocated to applicants leaving supported housing;
 - 21 properties were let to homeless applicants (generally families)
- **Council car-parks**
 - **Credit card/debit card payments** will be possible soon in all Council car-parks
 - **Enforcement:** from March 31st next, NEPP will cease to look after all District Council off street car-park enforcement and associated functions, which will be outsourced to a contractor working directly for the Council. [We hope that this will lead to better and fairer enforcement.]
 - **Traps Hill car-park:** a new CCTV systems will be installed
- **Summer Activity Programme 2016:** Once again, the Council’s Community Services Team organised and delivered a very successful summer holiday activities programme for children, young people and families - over 2,500 people took part. [More](#) (page 2).

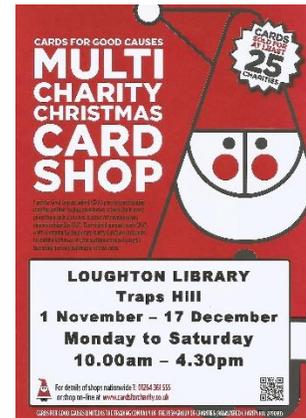


Loughton Town Council

- **Skate Loughton: next event.** Roding Valley High School, October 27th & 28th. Supported by the Council (c£3,000).
- **Shop window Christmas display challenge:** any shop or business in the town can enter – details coming soon



Charity Cards. Have you some time to spare to support this at Loughton Library, Traps Hill? Starts 31st October.
Ask at the Library. <http://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk/>



Public Rights of Way On 1 January 2026 the official (definitive) maps will be closed against the addition of paths claimed on the basis of historic evidence. Now's the time to let us know of any paths that aren't PROWs, but should be (contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk)

Fly-tipping

- **in the Forest:** last year fly-tipping cost the Forest nearly £60,000 (in addition to the £300,000 spent on clearing litter) - money which could be better spent elsewhere. This autumn the City of London Corporation will be targeting offenders and taking cases to court. With your help, fly-tips can be identified and dealt with as quickly as possible – please report them [online](#), [by email](#) or ring 020 8532 1010 (24 hours)
- **elsewhere,** ring the District Council (01992 564608 during office hours or 01992 564000 at all other times, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/zwj253k>)



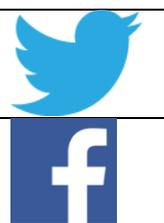
Easy way to [register](#) as an **Organ Donor** with the NHS.



GENERAL

As darker nights unfold, after dark:

- turn on lights around your property
- on foot, wear something bright or reflective; carry a torch
- on a bicycle, make sure that you can be seen, with good fixed lights, front and rear (mountain bikes are not exempt).



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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 14th.
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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