



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**Do you know a local charity or voluntary organisation which would like a free stall one month at the LRA's Farmers Market on Centric Parade, High Road?**

First Sunday of each month – next market Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm.  
We have spaces available from February onwards (but not for April or May).  
Queries and bookings to [contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk) please.



## LRA NEWS

### The Broadway

- **One-way by the old Post Office:** LRA Cllr Chris Pond has asked for the signage at the end of Torrington Drive to be sorted out, to stop hazards created by drivers going down it the wrong way
- **Pavement parking:** LRA Cllr Leon Girling is following up parking on pavement near Brickclamps Path, which creates hazards for pedestrians
- **central strip.** The Broadway Town Centre Partnership are concerned about the poor state of the flower beds. LRA favours surfacing them over, but leaving spaces for some flower beds

**Lady Mary's Path** (from Borders Lane to Rectory Lane). Last Autumn there were some problems with litter not being cleared – we'd welcome hearing from any-one who uses the path whether or not it's now being kept clear, please?

**New bus stop, Goldingham Avenue.** One of the two new bus shelters that LRA Chris Pond has got the County Council to install has unfortunately been labelled "Goldingham View" – County have promised Chris that they'll correct this to Goldingham Avenue.

## 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>**

**Colson Road closed** at the junction with Chigwell Lane until June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Diversion via Ladyfields or Colson Road, Borders Lane and Chigwell Lane while the widening of Chigwell Lane continues. (This is well beyond the current (extended) timescale for the Chigwell Lane works.)



**Proposed Tube strike.** Station staff who are union members are currently planning to strike from 18.00 this Sunday 8 January for 24 hours. If the strike action goes ahead, TfL expect Tube services to be severely reduced on Sunday

evening and all day Monday 9 January. They will run as many services as possible, but most Zone 1 Tube stations will be closed and there would be no service on either the Victoria or Waterloo & City lines. [More.](#)

### TfL at the District Council O&S Committee.

The Central Line Manager & a colleague spoke and responded to questions. [Watch the webcast](#)

- they have no current plans to extend the **Night Tube to Epping**
- they are still looking at extending **car-parking at Epping** [*LRA objects to this because the Central Line is already running at or over capacity and Loughton commuters would suffer*]
- LRA Cllr Leon Girling asked about having **better communication** between the Council and TfL
- **Oyster cards** can be bought from the ticket machines at Tube stations.

### Tfl fares [frozen](#) till 2020 by the Mayor of London:

- All fares on buses and trams
- All single pay as you go fares & paper single tickets on Tube/ DLR services
- All Santander Cycles hire and access charges
- All fares on Emirates Air Line [cable car](#)

Certain fares are also frozen until 2020 on:

- London Overground and TfL Rail
- River Bus

Travelcard prices and daily and weekly caps are set with the train operating companies and not solely by the Mayor.



**New town near Harlow.** The economic and social future of West Essex & East Hertfordshire has received a major boost with a [£0.5m Government grant](#) towards the *Harlow and Gilston Garden Town* proposal. Cons Cllr Councillor John Philip, Epping Forest District Council Planning Portfolio Holder, who also leads the development of the Epping Forest District Local Plan, said he was delighted. [*We would have preferred Cllr Philip to press for a new town in Epping Forest District as part of the Local Plan, instead of proposing to concrete over the green spaces in Loughton and elsewhere!*]

**Rise in attempted burglaries** where burglar alarms are fitted. [Details.](#)

**CQC [Review](#) of Whipps Cross Hospital** finds faults. However, the hospital managers say the report shows the quality of care at the hospital is getting better.



### CAB.

- **Activity:** During 2015/16 the local branches helped 2,761 clients on one or more occasion with 8,061 issues via 12,578 activities with or on behalf of clients. Almost 23% of clients reported a disability or long term health problem. Top six issues were:
  - Benefits and tax credits (32%)
  - Debt (21%)
  - Housing (11%)
  - Employment
  - Relationship and family
  - Legal issues (5%)
- **three new services for clients:**
  - the **Essex Citizens Adviceline** telephone service (Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm on 0344 477 0808);
  - the **Webchat service** (hosted by Citizens Advice [nationally](#));
  - **Pensionwise**, a Government-funded service to give those approaching retirement guidance in the light of the pension law reforms.
- **Outreach work** has commenced with other local organisations at Loughton Jobcentre's one-stop shop. This multi-agency centre gives local residents the opportunity to address a variety of issues in one visit.



## Police

- **Drugs & violence.** Police have begun a countywide crackdown aimed at reducing drug use and violence associated with the night-time economy. Operation *Lynx* will see Officers and drugs dogs out in force at weekends patrolling towns & cities across the county.
- **If you think that drugs are being taken,** or there is intimidating behaviour, please report it to the police at [Report a non-emergency crime](#) If a vehicle is involved, please give the details. Unfortunately, following the cuts, policing is driven by following up information, rather than patrolling – **your reports can really help!**
- **Road deaths.** Police have urged road users in Essex to take care and act responsibly following a rise in the number of people killed (63 in 2016; 44 in 2015) or seriously injured (955 and 788). Motorcyclists and young men were again the most vulnerable road users
- **number plate thefts.** Following a spate of thefts in the last six months, PCSO Hayley Shelton from Loughton's Community Policing Team successfully bid for £750 from the Proceeds of Crime Act Board to pay for 1,000 anti-tamper number plate screw kits. These have been given to residents free of charge; some have been also supplied to car sales garages in Loughton and Epping to fit to new vehicles.



**On the ball:** Loughton Town Council has been awarded a £3,000 Community Initiatives Fund grant for outside table tennis tables to be placed on Roding Valley Recreation Ground and Willingale Road Playing Fields

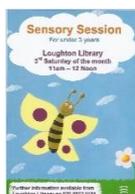
## OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE



### Got a real Christmas tree to dispose of?

The District Council will be collecting them!

Leave them out with your food and garden waste collection throughout January. <http://ht.ly/PNLG307DGvP>



### Starts Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>. New *Sensory Wall* for under-threes.

11am – mid-day. Loughton Library, Traps Hill. 020 8502 0181.

Special sessions for the under 3's on the 3rd Saturday of the month.



### Recycle small electrical items.

- [find a place](#) to deposit *broken* electricals near you **or**
- if it *works*, [find a charity](#) that'll accept it.



**Access needs?** Google maps now include some accessibility information for wheel-chair users and others with access problems, such as poor sight or even a large buggy.



### Eating out? Getting food in?

Check the [food hygiene ratings](#) at of a restaurant or takeaway.

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## HELP WANTED

**Loughton Festival needs volunteers** to deliver programmes in April - if you can help, please email [loughtonfestival@aol.com](mailto:loughtonfestival@aol.com) If you can't walk too far, why not just offer to deliver to your road or leave a supply in your church, club or centre? It all helps!



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

**Disposing of household waste.** A reminder that various types of waste, and various types of vehicles, are banned from our local sites at Chigwell (Luxborough Lane) and Waltham Abbey (Brooker Road) and several other sites across the County, and other waste quantities restricted. [More.](#)

This will mean that some ordinary residents may have to make much longer journeys to dispose their household waste legitimately. LRA Cllr Chris

Pond objected strongly to this aspect of the changes, but the Council are adamant. **If this happens to you, please let us know at [contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk](mailto:contact@LoughtonResidents.co.uk).**



**Epping Forest Re-USE case history:** one Tuesday in November, at 15:53, they had an emergency call from the social worker of a single mother of 3 children, all under the age of 10. The family had just been moved into a new, unfurnished flat - the only thing the children had to sleep on that night were divan bed bases with no mattresses. Despite it being almost closing time, the team loaded up beds, wardrobes, drawers, bedding and soft furnishings - everything the family would need in their new home. After a difficult journey, they arrived at the (4th floor) flat (in a building with no lift) and moved the furniture into the family's new home. Once everything was in place, one of the little girls turned to one of their staff and said, "thank you for my curtains!" - at which he broke down in tears.

This is just one of many of the times staff and volunteers have gone above & beyond what is expected of them to help those in need. They will not see children go to sleep without a bed to sleep on!

Find out more about the goods they have for sale, about donations and about volunteering at <http://www.eppingreuse.org.uk/>



**The Essex Restorative Justice and Mediation Service** is a new scheme which facilitates safe communication between those involved in a crime or conflict and allow victims to ask questions and receive meaningful reparation for the harm that has been caused. They are searching for people over 18 to volunteer their time and skills, people who have the ability to learn the skills needed:

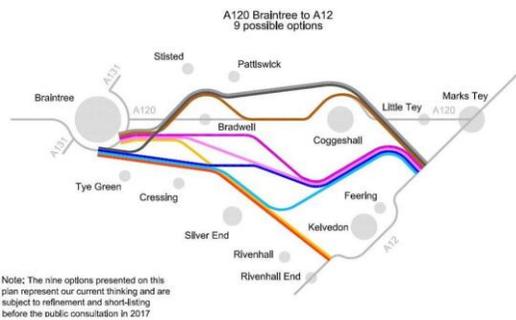
- You would receive full training and ongoing support
- You would become part of a friendly and supportive team
- You would be able to fit this role around your existing commitments

More: [restorativejustice@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:restorativejustice@essex.pnn.police.uk) or 01245 291609

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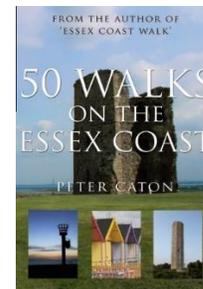
## GENERAL

**How others see us!** *Diamond Geezer's* [visit to Loughton](#) and the surrounding area.

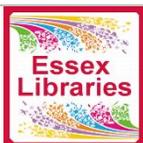


**A120 Route to A12:** [map](#) detailing nine possible options released ahead of a public consultation in mid-January.

**50 Walks on the Essex Coast** is a walking guide describing routes covering the whole of the Essex coast, in full colour, with many photos and routes shown on Ordnance Survey maps. Available at the usual outlets and [www.swanbooks.co.uk](http://www.swanbooks.co.uk) (free post & packing).



**Are you a cyclist? Or is some-one you know?** Watch the upper and lower clips at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DFiTOIG0q8> and see which cyclist the motorist sees first (no prizes, except possibly staying alive!)



**Loughton & Debden Library reservation notifications by email** will be starting soon. Does the Library have your up-to-date email address? [Log into your account](#) and check your details are correct.

**Secure your home.** *Neighbourhood Watch* are recommending the ERA Fortress 3 cylinder lock - it can't be snapped, bumped or drilled and is designed to give ultimate protection. If you use an ERA Approved Master Locksmith, they can fit new cylinders quickly around your home and your keys can be 'keyed alike', eliminating the need for lots of different keys – Get a free [home security survey](#).



**Protect your Christmas gifts.** Help Police in the event of a crime.

- take photographs of your devices,
- write down their unique serial or identification numbers and store this information safely and securely (these details could also assist with any insurance guarantee or warranty enquiries)
- security mark your property
- register it free with [Immobilise](#), which helps identify the owners of recovered property



**Emails from “Amazon”.** *Action Fraud* has received several reports from victims who have been sent convincing looking emails claiming to be from Amazon (“[service@amazon.co.uk](mailto:service@amazon.co.uk)”) claiming recipients have made an order online. The emails cleverly state that if recipients haven't authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. More at [www.amazon.co.uk/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201489210](http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201489210)  
To report a fraud or cyber crime, contact [Action Fraud](#)

**Big Garden Birdwatch** takes place 28-30 January.

[Register now and get £5 off and free delivery.](#)

Then send in your results via post (Freepost) or online from 28 January.



**Broadway Town Centre Partnership** brings residents and traders together.

- **next meeting [agenda](#)** Epping Forest College, Thursday 12th January, 6:15pm
- **[minutes](#) of last AGM**



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## **NOTES**

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday January 20<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

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