

# Loughton Residents Association

## Roding Ward News

### April 2015



✓ **Loughton Town Council** (LRA-led) has adopted the memorial garden next to St. Michael's Church and employ a gardener to look after it. It has been well-received by local residents and it is a big improvement to the Roding Road street scene.



✓ We are working with the District Council to make improvements to Charlie Moules bridge in order to make it suitable for people with disabilities.

The erosion of the banks of The Roding is causing concern and the Town and District Councils are working with the Environment Agency on essential improvements.



✓ Despite cuts to the police budget & lower policing levels, overall crime in the area has dropped by 8.8%. However there has been a worrying increase in luxury car thefts where criminals by-pass electronic key fobs. Burglaries in the ward have lately have been rising again. Wherever you live it is worth considering reviewing your security. Loughton is still considered to be a low crime area although fear of crime remains high. Despite concerns to the contrary, reported crime levels actually went down after the lighting switch off. Sign up to newsletters from the police [www.essexcommunitymessaging.org](http://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org)

✓ It is essential that **all** crime is reported and is given a crime number (101 or 999 if it is urgent) as this enables the police to concentrate resources in those areas, *especially as burglars often return to the same area before they move on..*

✓ Loughton Angling Club is working hard to bailiff the lake and make improvements as well as keep the fish stocks high, attract new members and hold competitions but would like to work with Roding Valley Cricket Club to make further improvements to the area. So far the cricket club are proving hard to contact - if you can help please let Cllr. Ken Angold-Stephens know.

✓ The population of Loughton is expanding and almost all our primary schools are expanding or have expanded to cope. In addition, Roding Valley High School, with other local schools, will be offering sixth form education from 2015, a move which we strongly welcome, and will add another form a year from 2018.

✓ We have been working hard to get Highways to repair the serious potholes in Valley Hill and are pressing for some action soon; however there is a long lead time because of the workload and their limited resources.

#### Get in touch with your LRA Councillors

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or meet them at LRA's farmers' market in the High Road on the first Sunday morning of every month.

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Loughton residents working for Loughton*

