



## PRESS RELEASE

### Council scoops awards

We are delighted to announce that Loughton Town Council has been recognised by the Essex Playing Fields Association for the excellent standard of maintenance at our children's play areas and recreation grounds.

Recreation committee chairman, Cllr David Wixley, and services manager, Paul Hoy, received the awards at a prestigious ceremony last evening held at the Essex County Cricket Club.

The awards were presented by Lord Petre, Patron of the EPFA, and Cllr John Aldridge, chairman of Essex County Council.

The Traps Hill play area was the outright winner in Classes 3 and 7, 'children's play areas' and for 'exceptional work carried out during the year'.

We also received three gold awards for the Roding Valley Recreation Ground, the Westall Road children's play area and the Willingale Road Playing Fields.

Cllr Wixley said, "We are of course delighted with these awards but must pay credit to the work of all those involved in the Traps Hill play area refurbishment project and of course our contractors that look after the grass cutting of the outdoor green spaces – Epping Forest District Council Parks Department and Pinnacle Essex. I should also make special mention of our park wardens who inspect and litter pick these areas daily throughout the year to ensure they are safe to use and looking their best all year round."



Services Manager Paul Hoy & Cllr David Wixley      Cllr John Aldridge, Cllr David Wixley & Lord Petre,

Essex Playing Fields Association have been supporting, creating, promoting, protecting and maintaining playing fields, playgrounds and sports grounds right across the county since 1924. More information on the Essex Playing Fields Association may be found at [www.essexplayingfields.org/](http://www.essexplayingfields.org/)

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