

Think Loughton



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News from Loughton Town Council

Your chance to air your views

**THE Town Council's
Community Forum
meets regularly to give
local people a chance to
talk with councillors in
an informal setting.**

Members of the public can speak and express their views, and give the Town Council their opinions on the way it is performing.

Guest speaker is Epping Forest District Council's "community cash guru", namely External Funding Officer Darren Barker. He offers free advice to community groups seeking charitable and other funding (see page 15).

During the refreshment break, there is the chance to meet and chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

The next meeting of the Community Forum is at 8pm. on Thursday 13 July, in the Methodist Church Hall, High Road, Loughton. Anyone

interested will be welcome to come along and join us.

For details of this and future meetings, call the Town Council office on 020 8508 4200.

■ NEW noticeboards have been erected by Epping Forest DC at six prominent locations in Loughton.

They are for shared use between the Town and District

Councils, and will include up-to-date information about the best ways to contact local councillors. Ward councillors have agreed to update the information regularly.



Irene Sampson puts the finishing touches to one of the new noticeboards

Hillyfields play area: committee ponders the future

FOLLOWING the Environment, Heritage & Leisure Committee's decision not to site a skateboard ramp at the play area on open space at Hillyfields, the site's future has been discussed.

The plan for the skateboard facility had included the removal of the existing play equipment.

As the equipment and surface are not in good condition, it was decided to continue with the plans to remove them, on safety grounds. Investigations will then take place into erecting new equipment.

Obviously, there will be cost implications so the committee will have to look at the figures and see what budget can be made available.

Plaque tribute for war hero

The town and former servicemen honoured Captain Richard Stannard VC at his former residence – 33 The Avenue – in a short ceremony.

As a tribute, the Town Council's pre-election chairman Cllr Judith Woodman, pictured right, placed a blue plaque on 18 March at the

Loughton house where he lived from 1937 to 1949.

She was accompanied by standard bearers and representatives of the Royal Naval Association and British Legion, together with Cllr Chris Pond, then vice-chairman of the Town Council's Environment, Heritage & Leisure Committee.



As reported in the Spring *Think Loughton*, Capt Stannard was awarded the Victoria Cross and the Norwegian War Cross for his part in aiding the British expeditionary land force's evacuation from the Norwegian seaboard in 1939 and 1940.

He was also awarded the DSO for his part in the break-up of a U-boat pack while commander of HMS Vimy in 1943.

Millennium mugs

A PROJECT aiming to give Loughton schoolchildren a commemorative mug is well under way.

Decorated with the Town Council logo and the words "To commemorate the millennium", the mugs have so far been given to pupils at Roding Valley High, Davenant and Debden Park High schools.

During the summer term, pupils at St John Fisher, Staples Road, White Bridge, Thomas Willingale, Alderton, Hereward and Oakview schools will also receive mugs. Mugs are also on sale from the Town Council.

Editor's notes

ELECTIONS for all 22 Town Council seats were held on 4 May, and the new list of councillors' names and addresses can be found on page 4.

Elections for the Chairman and committees were due to take place at the Annual Meeting on 17 May, after *Think Loughton* went to print, so those details are not included. Call the office or visit our website for current information.

At the end of its term of office, the Town Council thanked retiring members Joan Ormston and Peter Sare for their contribution, and also remembered with sadness Cllrs Richard Eveleigh and Frank Marshall, who had died during the four year term.

Town Council members look forward to working together for another successful four years.

Louise Fuller

Deadline dates

Edition	Copy deadline
September	21 July
November	29 Sept

Further copies of *Think Loughton* may be obtained from the Town Council Office, Traps Hill, or from Debden or Loughton libraries.

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Epping Sports Centre	01992 564564
Waltham Abbey Sports Centre	01992 716194
Waste Management Hotline	01992 564320
Essex County Council	01245 492211
Registrar of Births & Deaths	01992 572788
Registrar of Marriages	01992 572789
Education Office	01992 560616
Loughton Library	020 8502 0181
Debden Library	020 8508 5869
Social Services	020 8508 9311

POLICE & FIRE (dial 999 for emergencies)

Loughton Police Station (non-urgent)	020 8502 3881
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HEALTH & HOSPITALS

St Margaret's	01992 561666
Princess Alexandra	01279 444455
Whipps Cross	020 8539 5522
Health Information Service	0800 665544
King George	020 8983 8000
Oldchurch	01708 345533
Holly House (Private)	020 8505 3315
Roding Hospital (Private)	020 8551 1100
Loughton Hall Clinic (Rectory Lane)	020 8508 6297

SPORT

David Lloyd Centre	020 8559 8466
Essex School of Swimming	020 8505 9436
Loughton Rugby Club	020 8504 0065
Roding Valley Cricket Club	020 8506 1001
Roding Valley Tennis Centre	020 8505 4008
South Loughton Cricket Club	020 8530 2200

ADVICE, HELP & INFORMATION

Citizens Advice Bureau	020 8502 0031
Loughton Information Centre	01992 564808
Trading Standards Office	01245 341800
Loughton Job Centre	020 8258 4740
Department of Social Security (Wentworth House)	020 8532 4200

ADVICE, HELP & INFORMATION (ctd)

Samaritans	020 8520 9191
SSAFA, Forces Help	020 8508 8960
Epping Forest College	020 8508 8311

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Stansted Airport	01279 680500
Gatwick Airport	01293 535353
Heathrow Airport	020 8759 4321
Luton Airport	01582 405100
London Regional Transport	020 7222 1234
National Railways Enquiry Line	0345 484 950
National Express (Victoria Coach Station)	0990 808 080
Essex Traveline	08457 000 333
Thamesway	01245 353104
Arriva Herts & Essex	01279 426349
Arriva London North East	020 8595 3088
Tourist Information Centre	01992 652295

PUBLIC UTILITIES

British Gas	0645 555208
London Electricity	020 8298 9898
Thames Water	0645 200 800

COMMUNITY

Royal British Legion	020 8508 5044
Epping Forest CVS	01992 564178
Care & Repair Service	01992 564086

CINEMAS

Odeon (Gants Hill)	020 8554 2452
ABC (South Woodford)	020 8989 3463
UCI (Lee Valley)	0870 603 4567
Virgin (Harlow)	0870 505 0007

BREAKDOWN SERVICES

AA	0800 887766
RAC	0800 828282

LOCAL AMENITY REFUSE POINTS

Chigwell (closed Bank Holidays)	Luxborough Lane
Waltham Abbey	Brooker Road
Ongar	Mill Lane

Sites open 8am-5pm, Monday to Sunday and Bank Holidays, until 31 Oct. For enquiries, call Epping Forest District Council

Want to advertise in this magazine? Contact Elaine Dryden on 01787 237412, by fax on 01787 238388, or by email at: totalmedia@aol.com

Stephen's charity run success

Town councillor Stephen Murray said a big "thank you" to all those residents who supported his London Marathon charity run on 16 April.

Cllr Murray said he hopes to have raised about £600 for Epping Forest Mencap, cash which will support the funding of a family advisory service for people with learning disabilities in the Epping Forest area.

A further £500 will also go

for Music in the Millennium, the Epping Forest District Council Chairman's Charity, to fund extra music provision in local schools.

Delighted

As for the run itself, Stephen said: "It was exhausting but exciting, and I was delighted to break the 2hr 45min barrier by completing the course in 2hr 42min and 20 seconds.

"The many Loughton faces in the crowds certainly helped to



spur me on and keep me focused."

And Stephen's reward for achieving his target time this year is a guaranteed place in next year's race as part of the Amateur Athletics Association Championship.

Exhibition looks at Biblical roots

CHURCHES Together in Loughton is marking the millennium with a unique and exciting exhibition offering a new perspective on the life of Biblical times.

The Bible Come to Life exhibition runs from 17 to 21 June at the Methodist Church, Loughton High Road.

Churches Together in Loughton is presenting the exhibition in conjunction with the Churches Ministry to the Jewish People and consists of 13 beautifully presented stands filled with authentic artifacts.

One, the "agricultural stand", features farming implements depicting rural life in Biblical times.

The exhibition has been presented in such a way to meet the needs of the 21st century.

But the brief remains the same — to remind or teach the Church about the Eastern and Jewish roots of the Scriptures.

Admission is priced at £2 (£1 concessions) and light refreshments will be available. Call 020 9509 4624 for details.

GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

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BROADWAY WARD

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 59 Colson Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 3RL

Cllr Joan Davis 020 8508 3180
 4 Barrington Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 2AY

Cllr Thomas G Owen
 15 Lower Park Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4NB

Cllr Marion E Taylor 020 8508 5152
 52 Lower Park Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4NA

ST JOHN'S WARD

Cllr Kay F Ellis 020 8508 6018
 31 Algers Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4NG

Cllr Roger E Pearce 020 8281 1386
 32 Millsmead Way, Loughton, Essex IG10 1LR

Cllr Christopher C Pond 020 8508 2361
 Forest Villa, 7 Staples Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 1HP

Cllr Robert J Wilmot 020 8508 1987
 50 Baldwins Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 1SF

DEBDEN GREEN WARD

Cllr Michael D Hogan 020 8502 5483
 3 Debden House Cottages, Debden Green, Loughton, Essex IG10 2NZ

Cllr Montague W Juniper JP 020 8508 5930
 31 Alderton Way, Loughton, Essex IG10 3EQ

Cllr Michael G Sellears
 76 Roding Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 3EF

Cllr Victoria Wisenfeld
 The Garden Cottage, The Warren, Loughton, Essex IG10 4RN

ST MARY'S WARD

Cllr Anthony T Lee 020 8508 7649
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 98 Roding Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 3EJ

Cllr Michael W Wardle 020 8508 2771
 61 The Drive, Loughton, Essex IG10 1HG

FOREST WARD

Cllr Suzanne M Harper 020 8508 4770
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Cllr Judith P Woodman 020 8502 0785
 164 Forest Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 1EG

Cllr Leslie J Harris 020 8508 1333
 32 Upper Park, Loughton, Essex IG10 4EQ

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Cllr Edward V Boatman 020 8508 1890
 24 Roding Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 3ED

Cllr Larry M Ford
 47 Stonards Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 3EH

Cllr Stephen W Murray 020 8508 7548
 1 Avondale Court, Loughton, Essex IG10 3BT

Cllr Betty R Siggers 020 8508 2100
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EHL= Environment, Heritage & Leisure
 F&GP= Finance & General Policy
 Please note that elections take place on 4 May, and that council seats may change hands.

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Cllr Leslie J Harris 020 8508 1333
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 32 Millsmead Way, Loughton, Essex IG10 1LR

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 15 Lower Park Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4NB

Cllr Paul A Bostock 020 8508 3482
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MP FOR EPPING FOREST

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Robert Sturdy **Eryl McNally** **Jeffrey Tittford**
Andrew Duff **Bashir Khanbhai** **Richard Howitt**
Christopher Beazley **Geoffrey Van Orden**

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THE 400-seater Loughton Cinema, pictured top, stood in the High Road at numbers 237-239, opposite the present Post Office.

Owned by the Loughton Cinema Company, it opened in October 1928. The photograph probably dates from around 1929. The March family, which owned the Cinema Company, later sold out to the Granada Group, which renamed the cinema The Century. However, it closed on 25 May 1963, killed by the spread of television.

The Town Council recently gave its blessing to an Epping Forest District Council planning brief which might bring a cinema back to Loughton after nearly 40 years – in this case, to the Langston Road area.

Picture 2, bottom, shows York Hill in around 1900, with the old Wheatsheaf beerhouse and School Green in the background.

The pub was replaced within a decade by the present building but, otherwise, all these buildings remain, including the two fine mid-Victorian houses beyond the pub.

The Town Council is concerned to secure a suitable and safe replacement for the former glass shop on the corner beyond the two houses so that whatever is built enhances the conservation area.



The flicks come to town



Met move signals Visitors' demise

ON 1 April 2000, responsibility for the policing of Epping Forest district moved from the Metropolitan Police Force to Essex Police.

But few will be aware that this also signalled the demise of a little known group of unpaid volunteers – the Epping Forest Lay Visitors panel.

This panel was one of many brought into operation following the Scarman Report, which looked into the causes and police handling of the riots in Brixton in 1981.

At the time, public concern had been voiced that there was no way of independently checking on police conduct

once inside the police station.

Lay visiting panels were set up to enable members of the local community to observe, comment and report on the conditions under which persons are detained at police stations.

Lay visitors also witness the practical operation of statutory and other rules governing detainees' welfare, with a view to securing greater public confidence in these matters.

The Epping Forest Lay Visitors Panel began its work in July 1988 and has made unannounced visits to Loughton Police Station every 10 days or so for the past 12 years.

The panel has comprised between 10 and 12 members

who are formally appointed by the Home Secretary and serve for a maximum of six years.

Members are "independent persons of good character" who live or work in the district, capable of making informed judgements in which the community can have confidence and which the police will accept.

The panel has selected its own successors after advertising for members of the public to submit applications.

Training has been provided by the National Association for Lay Visiting and by the Metropolitan Police service.

Visits have been made according to a rota by pairs of members choosing the time of their visit within a ten day period.

It can be a difficult and delicate job to gain the confidence of both the person in custody and the respect of the custody sergeant, and also to make impartial observation.

Helping to ensure the highest possible standards of treatment for detained persons and the adherence of the police to the required standards of conduct has been a valuable and worthwhile service to the community.

For this, all the many past volunteers are to be greatly thanked.

Who wants to be a volunteer?

EPPING Forest Volunteer Bureau is celebrating National Volunteers Week (1-7 June) in style.

The EFVB volunteers will be enjoying this year's volunteers lunch, to be held in the marquee at the Bank of England Social Club, Loughton. The highlight of this event will be the presentation of certificates by a celebrity to volunteers nominated by local organisations.

This event is an opportunity to recognise all volunteers' hard work, and to increase the awareness of volunteering across the Epping Forest district.

EFVB aims to build on the outstanding success of last year's event, held at the same venue, when 70 certificates were presented by Sky Sports presenter Matthew Lorenzo.

Loughton Family Centre, Loughton Voluntary Care, and the Loughton Branches of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Royal British Legion were among the 35 organisations who nominated volunteers in 1999.

EFVB provides support and advice on choosing the most suitable volunteer placements.

EFVB will also be touring the district during the week to talk to local people interested in any aspect of volunteering.

For details, call Nigel Barber on 01992 564256.

Town's farewell to a seasoned campaigner



THE Town Council was very sad to announce the death on Friday 17 March of Cllr Frank Marshall.

Frank had been chairman of the Environment Heritage & Leisure Committee since its inception in 1996, and was also vice-chairman of the Town Council for the year 1999/2000.

Although Frank had been ill

for some time, he was very committed to the Town Council's work, and attended and participated in meetings as much as possible, even when he was suffering the effects of his illness.

His contributions were always sensible and well considered and he made a helpful addition to the debate. Frank will be sorely missed.

Dates for the diary

- **16-21 Jun:** Loughton Methodist Church, CTL "Bible Comes to Life" Exhibition
- **19 Jun, 8pm:** St John's Wives Group, Above The Streets of London – Guided Tour
- **25 Jun, 12 noon:** St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Loughton – Pig Roast
- **27 Jun:** National Trust visit to Sudbury, Suffolk, and Beth Chatto Gardens near Colchester. £12.50. Call 020 8530 4665 for details.
- **2 July, 11.30am:** Loughton Open Gardens Day. Programmes £2 in advance from Loughton Book Shop or £3.50 on the day from St John's Church, Church Lane. Lunches and teas available.
- **5 July:** National Trust visit to Bateman's and Michelham Priory. Tickets £16.35. Details: 020 8502 1246.
- **15 July, 7.30pm:** Roding Players Orchestra summer concert, Loughton Methodist Church. Includes pieces by Sousa, Lehar and Schubert. £4.50/£3.50 concs. Call 020 8505 2185 for details.
- **19 July:** National Trust visit Kirby Hall and Burghley House. Tickets £18.90. Call 020 8504 9982 for details.
- **29 July:** National Trust Canals Cruise. £12.50. Call 020 8989 2590 for details.
- **8 Aug:** National Trust visit to Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich, and Somerleyton Hall and gardens. £16.50. Call 020 8989 2590 for details.
- **17 Aug:** National Trust visit to Shaw's Corner and Knebworth. £12.30. Call 020 8559 1455 for details.
- **2 Sept:** National Trust visit to Highclere Castle and gardens. £19.50. Call 020 8508 1212 for details.
- **7-12 Sept:** National Trust tour of Cornwall. Call 020 8505 3008 for details.
- **First Sunday of month at 3.30pm:** Church Service, St Michael's Church, Roding Road, Loughton. Friendly, informal service, welcomes those who have learning difficulties and their friends. Lasts about 30mins.
- **Every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm:** Roding Valley Players Orchestra rehearses at Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton. New players welcome. Call Miles Howard on 020 8505 4329 for details.
- **Every Monday, 8-10pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir meets at Epping Methodist Church Hall. New members welcome, especially tenors and basses. Call 020 8989 1551 for details.
- **First Tuesday in the month, 8pm:** Royal British Legion Branch and Club meetings, 118 Church Hill, Loughton.
- **Second Tuesday of month from 7.30pm:** The Forest Philatelic Society meets in the Centenary Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Call Margaret Browning on 020 8508 1244 for details.
- **Every Thursday, 12.45pm:** The Rotary Club of Loughton meets at The Roebuck Hotel, North End, Buckhurst Hill. Membership enquiries on 020 8504 6367.
- **Every Thursday, 7.30-10pm:** Modern Sequence Dancing at St John's Church Centre, High Road, Buckhurst Hill. Newcomers welcome. Tel: 020 8508 7201.
- **Alternate Fridays: 1.45-3pm:** Toddler Time, St John's Parish Hall, Church Lane, Loughton.

Contact Carol on 020 8502 4739 for more details.

■ **Second Saturday in month, 10am-12 noon:** Acorns Junior Group of the Essex Handicrafts Association, Trinity Church, Mannock Drive, Loughton.

LABOUR COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES:
First Saturday in each month:
 ■ 9.15-10.15am: Oakwood Stores, Longcroft Rise
 ■ from 10.30am: Broadway shopping parade (under the walk-through)

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Second Saturday in each month:
 ■ 9.30-10am: outside Londis, Valley Hill
 ■ 10.30-11am: outside the Mother Hubbard pub, Valley Hill

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS			
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June	5	Monday	Planning
	7	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	19	Monday	Planning
	28	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
July	3	Monday	Planning
	12	Wednesday	Full Council
	13	Thursday	Community Forum‡
	17	Monday	Planning
	26	Wednesday	Community
	31	Monday	Planning
August	21	Monday	Planning
September	6	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	11	Monday	Planning
	20	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	25	Monday	Planning

All meetings at Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road, at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise.
 ‡ Methodist Church Hall, at 8pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

Copies of the agenda and minutes of meetings are held in the library, and can also be seen at the Town Council offices which are housed in the Information Centre in Traps Hill.

Can 21 million people really be wrong?

TWENTY-ONE million people in the UK spend on average four hours a week volunteering.

And to tie in with national Volunteering Week, which runs from 1-7 June, Loughton Citizen's Advice Bureau is calling on local people to step forward and join their 16-strong team of experienced volunteer advisers.

Ninety per cent of CAB

workers are volunteers, providing free, confidential and impartial advice on many subjects from housing, debt and the legal system to tax, benefits, family matters and consumer affairs. Formal qualifications are not needed and full training will be given.

Loughton CAB manager Alison MacBrayne said: "The challenge and variety that the CAB service offers are big

attractions and can help with job prospects in future for younger people.

"A stint as a CAB adviser offers a real chance to develop skills, knowledge and confidence."

Anyone interested in the work and available for two sessions a week should contact Alison at St Mary's Parish Centre, High Road, Loughton, or call 020 8502 0031.

The Loughton CAB office is open:

- Monday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm;
- Tuesday 10am-1pm;
- Wednesday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm;
- Thursday 10am-1pm;
- Friday 10am-1pm.

The Bureau at Debden Library is open:

- Tuesday 10am-1pm;
- Thursday 10am-1pm.

Don't burn bridges with your neighbours

GARDEN bonfires are a traditional way of disposing of garden waste.

But if care is not taken over when and where the fire is lit and what is burnt, a serious nuisance may be caused to neighbours.

No byelaws govern bonfires in this district. However, under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, it can be an offence to have a bonfire which causes nuisance to others.

It is not necessary to burn waste as other methods of disposal are available, such as composting, purchasing designated bags for garden refuse material from Epping Forest DC offices and various

commercial outlets, and using Essex County Council disposal sites. These are situated at:

- Luxborough Lane, Chigwell
- Brooke Road, Waltham Abbey
- Mill Lane, Ongar

No trade waste is accepted at these sites.

If you must have a bonfire, you are advised to follow the dos and don'ts below, to minimise the chances of upsetting your neighbours or possible legal action by the Local Authority.

DO:

- Only burn dry refuse;
- Inform your neighbours of your intentions;
- Attend the fire throughout;

- Locate the fire as far from other premises as possible;
- Take care to ensure that smoke does not drift over other people's property or roads;
- Consider other methods of disposal, such as composting, purchasing official garden refuse bags and leaving them for collection, or taking the waste to the Civic Amenity site.

DON'T:

- Burn any combustible fuel, plastic or other material likely to give off offensive odours, dark or black smoke;

- Light a fire when weather conditions will cause a problem or at other sensitive times when the smoke is more likely to cause a nuisance;
- Allow the fire to smoulder;
- Use petrol or similar inflammable liquids to light bonfires;
- Light a bonfire in unsuitable weather conditions – smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evenings;
- Burn at weekends and bank holidays when people are more likely to want to enjoy their gardens.

Victim support group's appeal for volunteers

DO YOU like people? Are you a good listener? Can you spare 1-2 hours each week?

Following the change in police boundaries, the area covered by West Essex Victim Support has been enlarged to include that formerly covered by Redbridge Victim Support, but only five volunteer visitors have transferred to West Essex.

As a result, there is an urgent need for volunteers who can offer support and practical advice to victims of crime and other traumatic incidents in Chigwell, Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Waltham Abbey.

Men and women aged up to 80 are eligible. All applicants will be subject to a police check and need to attend a two-day training course scheduled for 13 and 14 July.

However, applicants are asked to get in touch, even if they are unavailable on these dates as more courses will be run in future. Volunteers are also given additional training and ongoing support.

Anyone interested should apply for an information pack and form from Ronni Ayres, Kingsmoor House, Paringdon Road, Harlow, Essex CM19 4QT, or call 01279 641074.

The town hall maze

Confused about which council is responsible for what? If so, you are not alone!

Below is a list of which council is responsible for which services.



Essex County Council

Essex County Council
County Hall, Chelmsford

Education

- Most schools
- Special education
- Nursery, adult and community
- Youth service

Heritage and culture

Planning

- Strategic planning
- Mineral and waste planning
- Highway development control
- Historic buildings

Economic development and enterprise

Personal social services

- Securing provision for the elderly, children and those with disabilities

Transport

- Public transport
- Highways, parking and footpaths
- Traffic management

Emergency planning

Recreation and arts

- Parks and open spaces
- Museums
- Encouraging tourism
- Libraries

Registration

- Births, Marriages & Deaths

Consumer protection

- Trading standards
- Public analysis

Environmental services

- Refuse disposal by the provision of civic amenity sites



Loughton Town Council

Traps Hill, Loughton

Allotments

(Except Loughton Potato Ground)

Loughton Cemetery

Open Spaces

- Roding Valley Recreation Ground, including football pitches
- Kings Green and Standard Green
- Hillyfields
- The Lindens

Planning

- Commenting on local and strategic plans, planning applications and tree preservation order applications

Education

- School governor appointments

Kingsley Hall

Heritage plaques

Street furniture (under negotiation with EFDC)

- Litter bins, bus shelters and seats

Emergency planning

Community matters

- Think Loughton newsletter
- Community Forum



Epping Forest District Council

Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Housing

- Letting and re-letting council accommodation
- Management and maintenance of housing stock, policy and co-ordination
- Homelessness
- Sheltered accommodation

Housing benefits

Highways

Car parks and street lighting

Planning

- Local plans

- Planning applications
- Tree preservation orders
- Historic buildings and conservation areas

Transport

- Offstreet car parking
- Footpaths
- Bus passes

Electoral registration

Environmental services

- Refuse collection
- Street cleansing
- Building regulations
- Environmental health
- Health and safety
- Public conveniences

Recreation and arts

- Parks and open spaces
- Swimming pools
- Sports centres and facilities
- Support for the arts
- Museums
- Encouraging tourism

Emergency planning

Uniform Business Rate and Council Tax collection

- Licences** including:
- Public entertainment
 - Street collections

Charity funding – get the know-how

ANYONE setting up a community scheme or initiative is likely to have a whole list of questions.

Each will be fundamental to the scheme's operation and eventual success. Who do we speak to? Who can help us complete an application form? What's the best way to present our case? Who will fund our

project? Are we eligible for a grant? How do we write a business plan?

But Epping Forest District Council has come to the rescue with its free community funding advice sessions.

Anyone thinking of making an application to improve their group, repair a church hall, explain a historic building, an

environmental project, develop a sport or the arts, or undertake a charitable scheme, could find help is just a phone call away.

Finding the money to fund a project is not an impossible task. EFDC voluntary service funding development worker Perry Aldred will also be on hand to offer advice on a range of matters, including on how to

research potential funders and basic fundraising advice.

Anyone who needs to talk over their idea or project can book a one-to-one slot. Slots of between 30 minutes and an hour are available. Call External Funding Officer Darren Barker on 01992 564484.

The bookings are made on a first come first served basis but, if demand is high, other sessions can be arranged. Bookings can be made between 2-6pm for the dates below:

July		
3	2-7pm	Loughton Library
4	2-7pm	Roding Valley Hall, Buckhurst Hill
5	2-6pm	Theydon Bois Village Hall
6	2-7pm	Waltham Abbey Town Hall

There will be more sessions organised in August and September. But remember, this service is free of charge, and will help you be more successful in securing funding.

Call Darren Barker now on 01992 564484 to book a slot.

Town celebrates children's author

LOUGHTON Town Council's latest blue plaque, at Roding Valley High School, has a dual purpose.

Firstly, it commemorates the site of Loughton County High School for Girls, which opened in 1908. And, secondly, it honours children's author Winifred Darch (1884-1960), who taught there until 1935 when she took early retirement due to her parents' ill health.

In addition to teaching English, French, Greek history and scripture at the school, she

edited the school magazine, produced (and often wrote) the annual school play, organised the Shakespeare Reading



Group, ran the Guide company, accompanied school trips and became housemistress.

No doubt drawing on her own experiences, Winifred Darch wrote more than 20 girls' school stories between 1920 and 1939.

International flavour to Frinton jamboree

THIS summer, 80 scouts and guides from Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell are set to join up to 10,000 youths at the Essex Jamboree, which runs from 29 July to 5 August.

The 10 to 16-year-olds will join others from Essex and other counties, as well as from Europe and many other countries around the world for the one-week camp at Frinton.

The Guides and Scouts will be sending representatives from many of the local groups to participate in this great experience.

Each of the groups is seeking to gain sponsorship or donations towards the costs and,

therefore, are seeking help from local companies. Supermarket chain Waitrose has already indicated its support.

There will be a wide range of activities available during the event, including go-karting, quad bike and mountain bike riding, sailing, abseiling and cooking, in addition to meeting others from North America, Chile, Kenya, Japan and France.

The organisers are looking for help from coach and transport companies and local newspapers, as well as anyone willing to donate prizes or gifts. They are open to suggestions.

Write to Robin Bradley AGSL at 37 Harwater Drive, Loughton, Essex IG10 1LP, or call 07971 186440.