



'Key changes' to Sainsbury plan

SAINSBURY has revised controversial plans for a supermarket in Loughton after reviewing comments made in a public consultation exercise.

Last year, Sainsbury submitted a planning application to Epping Forest District Council covering the proposed new store, Loughton station car park and a new public transport interchange.

The design of the proposed store remains unchanged – Sainsbury insists that reducing its size would render the scheme unviable.

However, following extensive consultation, Sainsbury says it has made key changes to the plans, including:

- Detailed landscaping proposals and adjustments to the scheme for maximum tree retention

- Improvements to the proposed public transport interchange layout
- Improvements for pedestrians and cyclists
- Increased scope of town centre enhancements
- Further traffic survey work to be carried out

Concerning traffic enhancements, Sainsbury says it will maintain the route of the public footpath through the site, provide better facilities for 'kiss-and-ride' trips to Loughton Tube, and upgrade short-stay parking near the station.

General enhancements for pedestrians include new pelican crossings on Old Station Road, outside the fire station and near Station Road, improved taxi ranks with a holding bay for waiting taxis, and a new northbound bus stop in Old Station Road.

Sainsbury is also proposing traffic calming measures around Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, and environmental enhancements as far as Barclays Bank.

At the time of writing, Epping Forest DC was seeking

comments on the revised scheme.

A full public consultation process is also to be completed before the scheme goes before the DC's Planning Committee for a decision, probably in December 2001.

New school of thought



The privately-financed new building for Debden Park High School, which opens its doors this term. See page 3

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Editor's notes

NOW the Town Council is safely installed in its new premises, we are inviting local people to come and see the building for themselves (see page 5).

We have appointed a new administrator, whose brief is to work on projects not yet progressed due to a lack of staff resources. We will feature him in the next edition.

The Town Council has decided that the main priorities are to bring the Millennium Remembrance Grove into being; getting the

names of servicemen and women killed in the Second World War, as well as any names from WW1 which are missing, onto the War Memorial; and tackling the problem of access on to the Roding Valley Recreation Ground, which is abused by motorcyclists.

As the Town Council has other projects in the pipeline, our new administrator will have plenty to keep him busy.

At the foot of this page, you can see the fruits of a local campaign by town councillors for a bus service to local hospitals. This is a great achievement, but we don't want to lose the service through lack of use, so make

sure it is well used and tell all your friends and neighbours about it.

Another facility for which the Town Council fought long and hard several years ago was a new secondary school (see below). It is, therefore, very gratifying to see Debden Park High School moving into its new premises, having occupied temporary premises in Chigwell.

The school has already established a good reputation and we look forward to seeing it go from strength to strength.

We are still ploughing on with the purchase of land adjacent to Davenant School in north Loughton. Although

the process has taken longer than we could possibly have foreseen, it will be worth it!

There will be displays of Christmas lights in the town again this year, with plans to make them even better than last year. 'Turn on' date is expected to be Saturday 24 November – watch out for details nearer the time.

The Town Council's tree on King's Green will once again be the focus for Light Up a Life, in conjunction with the St Clare Hospice, so if you would like to sponsor a light, contact the council office or the hospice direct.

Louise Fuller
Town Clerk

Debden Park's a class apart

WORK on Debden Park High School's new building in Willingale Road, Loughton, has been completed – and ahead of schedule.

The summer term finished two days early so books and equipment could be moved to the new building from the school's old site in Chigwell High Road.

The school was due to re-open in stages from 6 September to ensure all pupils

are familiar with the new building.

The scheme is the first Private Finance Initiative in Essex and East Anglia, and is only the third to open in the London region.

Since Debden Park High first opened in September 1999, pupils have been housed in the former Beis Shammai School in Chigwell.

They were given frequent opportunities to visit the site of the new school and have been

eager to move to the attractive new building.

The school's design – including paving, skylights and artwork – follows a circular theme. Pupils created spirals – using images of spiral galaxies found on the internet – for the aluminium panels above the main entrance.

Teachers, pupils, parents and school governors have been involved in the design process, including the sculptured seating found around the site.



Trailblazer: the scheme is the first of many such PFI schemes

All aboard! Harlow-bound buses on a trial run

DUE to public demand for a bus service from Loughton to Harlow, the Imperial Bus Company is to run a new route, the H1.

The service will start on 3 September and will run between Loughton station and Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, on a trial basis until Christmas 2001. If passenger numbers are low,

the service will be discontinued. So the message is: use it or lose it.

The service will operate Monday to Friday, and the first bus will leave Loughton station at 9am, arriving at Harlow at 10.04am.

The route runs via Homebase, The Broadway, Jessel Drive, Wakes Arms, Epping Tesco, Epping station, St Margaret's

Hospital, The Talbot, Potter Street, Tumbler Road and Harlow Bus Station. It will terminate at Fourth Avenue.

The last bus of the day will leave Harlow at 5.40pm, arriving back at Loughton station at 6.46pm.

Details of routes and timetables can be seen on Town Council noticeboards, as well as from Imperial on 01708 553953.

Deadline dates

Edition	Copy deadline
December	12 Oct
March 2002	4 Feb

Further copies of *Think Loughton* may be obtained from the Town Council at 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, or from Debden or Loughton libraries.

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Give your child a pre-school boost

THE Government has made funding available for children born between 1 September 1997 and 31 August 1998 to attend pre-school.

Children who attend pre-school education generally attain higher grades in later years, and the Government's move gives all children a

chance to attend pre-school services, which are Ofsted inspected - reports can be found in local libraries.

There is additional funding available for children born between 1 January 1998 and 31 August 1998 for parents or carers who receive Income Support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance.

There is also funding for multiple-birth children, such as twins or triplets born between the dates mentioned. Enquire at your chosen pre-school.

But hurry. All applications for funding must be made before 20 September. You can obtain advice from the pre-school helpline on 01245 512300.

Cllr Marion Taylor

We're showing off new home



LOUGHTON Town Council has moved to its new base in Rectory Lane.

The move went smoothly and the office was only closed for two days.

The new building consists of offices and a meeting room, where the Town Council will meet in future.

Now staff have settled in, an open day has been arranged on 6 October from 10.30am to 3pm. Councillors and staff will be on hand to show visitors around, and refreshments will be served.

So why not come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat?

Cllr Kay Ellis

Three minutes to achieve some planning gain

A FEW years ago, Epping Forest District Council created area planning committees to give members of the public a chance to air planning application objections.

The system works well, and

the Town Council has adopted a similar scheme. Residents can speak for three minutes on an application at its Planning Committee meetings.

Though not a planning authority, the Town Council sees all the local applications

and its views are put to the Area Planning Committee.

These meetings are held every other Monday. Residents wishing to speak must let the Town Clerk know by 4pm the previous Friday.

Cllr Kay Ellis

Name a path in one

LOUGHTON councillors are asking Epping Forest District Council to name the town's urban alleyways and paths.

The move will help improve pedestrian access, cut car use and aid the reporting of street lighting and cleaning faults.

Cllr Chris Pond researched and suggested some names, using the principles employed by the former Loughton and Chigwell urban district councils (and the London County Council for the Debden estate).

These authorities chose names that derived mostly from ancient field names, prominent local people, landmarks and notable local houses.

Names commemorating living people, or those too closely similar to existing street names, were not considered.

But the Town Council is interested in naming two particular alleyways, and is asking for suggestions from the public within the principles mentioned above.

The Town Council is looking for adults to name the footpath from 7 Coteford Close to Hillyfields, and to children aged under 16 for the alleyway from Clifton Road to the High Road, next to Chong's.

Please send the suggestions on a postcard addressed to: Alleyway Names, Loughton Town Council, 1 Buckingham

Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 2QZ, or by e-mail to loughton_tc@compuserve.com.

The closing date for

suggestions is 5 October. The Town Council would welcome comments on any of these suggested names.

Getting the alley habit...

new path name	name derived from
■ Ryegrass Path (Alderton Way to Barncroft Road)	Ryegrass Field
■ Railway Path (Algers Road to Loughton station)	The railway
■ Oates Path (Baldwins Hill to Sedley Rise).	A distinguished local surgeon
■ Luctons Path (Borders Lane to Colson Road)	School of same name
■ Gould's Alley (Brooklyn Ave to Traps Hill car park)	George Gould, who built Brooklyn
■ Meads Path (Church Hill (75) to Church Lane)	The boundary of The Meads house
■ Tee Path (England Lane to The Croft)	Goldings Church founder James Tee
■ Rayhouse Path (Englands Lane (97) to Pyles Lane)	House of same name on the site
■ Dragons Path (Forest View Road to Nursery Road)	Prominent house The Dragons
■ Hardings Path (Habgood Road to the school, Staples Road)	Harding's clearing, opposite the school
■ Brook Path (High Road to Brook Road)	Named already, but nameplates lost
■ Cuthbert's Alley (High Road opposite St Mary's Church to Smarts Lane)	Ironmongers at the corner
■ Polefield Path (Kenilworth Gdns to Cheltenham Gdns)	A nearby field
■ Brickclamps Path (Lenthall Road to Torrington Drive)	Brickclamps House
■ Gillingham Path (Roding Road to Loughton station)	D W Gillingham, a local naturalist
■ Great Eastern Path (Station Approach to Highland Ave)	The railway and athletic club
■ Reavely Path (The Broadway (41) to Vere Road)	The Reavely Maitlands
■ Staples Hill Path (The Drive (107) to 25 Staples Road)	Leads directly up to Staples Hill
■ Lowery Path (Upper Park to Albion Park)	Sir Joseph Lowery, who lived nearby

Rainbow warriors

ST Mary's Church grounds and hall recently rang to the sound of Guides, Brownies and Rainbows when the Friends of Guiding organised a fundraising fayre in aid of local guiding groups.

Each unit ran a sideshow, including hot dogs cooked on the front lawn. There was also a selection of stalls in the hall.

Pictured are Rainbows, Alex, Joely and young leader, Joanna,



running the Rainbow group's key game.

4,000 bask in Debden Day sun

THE second Debden Day, organised by the Broadway-Loughton Town Centre Partnership on 26 May, was an even greater success than the first and a wonderful time was had by all.

All entertainment was free, and though not intended as a fund-raising event, the day raised £1,300, to be donated to several local groups.

An estimated 4,000 people attended during the course of a glorious day. Thomas Willingale School was opened and plenty of entertainment was laid on for children – a bouncy

castle, Kidz Club puppeteers and a team of face-painters, who during the day painted the faces of 141 children.

In The Broadway, there were local interest stalls run by shopkeepers, a funfair, live music from jazz to pop, an old time music hall show by actors from the E15 Acting School, and even belly dancers from Epping Forest College.

The Winston Churchill pub also joined in the spirit of the day, selling beer at £1 a pint. It also hosted a bucking bronco and live music until midnight.

The Town Council donated £500 towards the event.

Free home checks for over-75s

FALLS are the biggest cause of accidental death and injury at home among people over 75.

Free Fall is an Epping Forest Council for Voluntary Service initiative to reduce the number of such falls, under which the over-75s may be eligible for a free home safety check survey

and repair work. A co-ordinator visits their home to identify hazards and shortcomings which could cause a fall, and recommend remedies.

Any repairs are carried out free by a team of volunteers or contractors, where appropriate. For details, call the Epping Forest CVS on 01992 564178.

Dates for the diary

- **16 Sept, 2-4pm:** High Beech CoFE Primary School 4th Annual Craft & Produce Show, High Beech Village Hall, Avey Lane, High Beech. Admission 50p. Entries: 9am-10am.
- **23 Sept: 2.30pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir, St John's Church, Epping, for the 21st Anniversary Ceremony of Epping-Eppingen Town Twinning with Epping Church Choirs Association and Epping Forest Band.
- **6 Oct, 10am-3pm:** RNLI Table Top Sale, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton.
- **27 Oct, 8pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir, St John's Church, Epping – Concert Petite Messe Solennelle de St Cecilia (Gounod). Tickets: £5 (concs £3, £2 under-12s). Bookings: 01992 560612. Details: 020 8923 5025.
- **1, 2 & 3 Nov, 8pm:** Hayfever, by Noel Coward. Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society, Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton. Tickets: £5. Bookings 020 8502 5843.
- **17 Nov, 10.30am-1pm:** RNLI Christmas Bazaar, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton.
- **Every Sunday, 3.30pm-5.30pm (term time):** Kidz Club for children aged 6-12. Contact: 020 8502 0695.
- **Every Sunday, 7.30-10.30pm:** Social Dance – ballroom Latin and popular sequence, Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell. Admission: £3 + refreshments. Details: 020 8508 0313 (after 6pm).
- **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. Includes a number of modern Christian songs, a talk and a few prayers. Lasts about half an hour and is followed by tea. All welcome.
- **Every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm:** Roding Players Orchestra rehearses at Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton. New players welcome. No audition. Call Miles Harwood 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. Details: 020 8923 5025. Web: www.pnms.co.uk/epc
 - **Every Monday, 9.30pm:** Loughton Mountaineering Club, Victoria Tavern, Smarts Lane, Loughton. All hill walkers and climbers welcome. Call Jeff Harris 020 8508 2888.
 - **Every Tuesday, 7-9pm:** Reiki Healing, Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road, Loughton. Details: 020 8502 3169.
 - **First Tuesday in the month, 8pm:** Royal British Legion Branch and Club meetings, 118 Church Hill, Loughton.
 - **Wednesday evenings (not weekly), 7.30-9.30pm:** Sahaja Yoga, Life Eternal Trust, Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road. Session dates from 020 8508 0056.
 - **Second Tuesday of month from 7.30pm:** Forest Philatelic Society meets, Centenary Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Details: 020 8508 1244.
 - **Every Thursday, 12.45pm:** Rotary Club of Loughton meets Roebuck Hotel, North End, Buckhurst Hill. Call: 020 8504 6367.
 - **Every Thursday, 7.30-10pm:** Modern

Sequence Dancing, St John's Church Centre, High Road, Buckhurst Hill. Newcomers welcome. Details: 020 8508 7201.

■ **Every Thursday, 4.45pm-7.45pm:** The Valley School of Dancing, Children's Dancing Classes, Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road, Loughton. Details: 020 8508 7349.

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

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

Copy date for next issue: 12 October 2001.
 Dates in next issue will cover mid-Sept to early Dec

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

2001			
September	3	Monday	Planning
	12	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	17	Monday	Planning
October	19	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	1	Monday	Planning
	10	Wednesday	Full Council
	15	Monday	Planning
November	24	Wednesday	Community
	29	Monday	Planning
	7	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	12	Monday	Planning
December	21	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	26	Monday	Planning
	5	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	10	Monday	Planning

See noticeboards, local press and the next issue of Think Loughton for details of meetings after 10 December.

From 19 September, all meetings are held at 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, at 7.30pm. Copies of the agenda and minutes of meetings are held in local libraries and can also be seen at the Town Council offices. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

Forget the summer – get festive!

Best Dressed Window Competition 2001 ENTRY FORM



Shop:

Manager/contact:

Address:

Class: (please tick as appropriate)

Key Stage: Local/independent [] Multiple/chain store []

COMPETITION RULES

- ① **Eligibility** All shops and businesses within the Town Council's boundaries may enter.
- ② **Classes of entry** Entrants will be split into two classes, as above. All entries must be on the Town Council's official entry form or photocopy. The closing date for entries is 23 November. Window displays must be in place for judging by 4 December.
- ③ **Judging** will be carried out by a Town Council panel. Judging will take place during the period 4 to 17 December. Results will be announced the following week. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- ④ **Theme** Entrants may base their display on any Christmas theme.
- ⑤ **Judging criteria** The window displays will

- be judged on a range of criteria, including:
 - Overall impression/visual impact
 - Creativity/ideas
 - Artistic merit
 - Inventive use of materials
 - Effort
- Window displays relying primarily on considerable expenditure to achieve their impact will not be judged favourably. There is no maximum or minimum size for the display.
- ⑥ **Prizes** All entrants will receive a certificate indicating their participation in the competition. The first prize winner in each class will receive an engraved cup to retain for 11 months (to be awarded again the following year), a certificate to keep and a £100 donation to the charity of their choice. The runner-up and highly-commended entries in each class will be awarded a certificate.

ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 2QZ. Tel: 020 8508 4200 Closing date for entries: 23 November

Please state the name and address of the charity you would wish to nominate to receive the Town Council's £100 donation made in the event of your entry winning.

Christmas 2001 Card Competition ENTRY FORM AND RULES



Name:

Address:

Class: (please tick as appropriate)

Key Stage: 1 (infants) [] 2 (juniors) []
3 (years 7/8/9) [] 4 (years 10/11) []
Adult []

Please write your name clearly on the REVERSE of your entry.

COMPETITION RULES

- ① Entries not in accordance with the rules will not be judged.
- ② Size of paper used must be A5 (148mm x 210mm).
- ③ Designs may be landscape or portrait orientation.
- ④ There must be a 1cm-wide plain white border around the edge of the entire design.
- ⑤ Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged and no responsibility for entries is accepted.
- ⑥ The overall winning entry and its copyright remain Town Council property.
- ⑦ Entries will not be returned unless they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- ⑧ The judges' decision is final.

ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council, 1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 2QZ. Tel: 020 8508 4200 Closing date for entries: 26 October

Please note the overall winning entry remains the property of the Town Council. Other entries will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

ALTHOUGH Christmas Astill seems a long way away, Loughton Town Council has been thinking about its two Christmas competitions.

As they were so successful last year, it has been decided to run both competitions again this year. So, with summer almost behind us, this is a good time to start thinking about your entries.

In the Decorated Christmas Window Competition, shops and businesses across Loughton are invited to dress their windows with a Christmas theme. There are two categories of entry: local/independent shops and businesses, and multiple/chain stores (three or more branches).

The closing date for entries is Friday 23 November (see entry forms above). Forms can also be obtained from the Town Council.

Each entrant will receive a certificate to display in their window, and the winning entry in each category will receive a certificate, an engraved cup to keep for 11 months and a

donation of £100 to the charity of their choice.

Last year, the two winners were the Flower Shop in the High Road, whose nominated charity was the Rhys Daniels Trust, and Barnardo's in The Broadway, which nominated Barnardo's for the £100 prize.

The Christmas Card Competition is open to everyone and the Town Council will use the winning design as its official Christmas card.

Designs may be in colour or black and white, portrait (upright) or landscape orientation, but please remember that the winning entry must be suitable for reproduction.

There are five age-related categories and the winner in each class will receive a £20 gift token. A display of the best entries will be on show in the Loughton and Debden libraries. The closing date is 26 October.

Last year's winner, Annie Skipper, not only saw her card made into the Town Council's official Christmas card, but The Art Shop in the High Road framed it for her as a keepsake.

Time to spring into action

NOW is the time to throw away those summer bloomers. Yes, it's time to start preparing for your spring display.

Discard the summer bedding from your pots and hanging baskets, take out the top three inches of soil and replace with fresh compost. There are plenty of bulbs to choose from.

Keep to one variety for

each pot, coupled with winter flowering pansies. Winter will not seem quite so dreary.

Or why not try a woodland scene? In a large container place a dwarf conifer in the centre, add three winter flowering heathers, three cyclamen (outdoor variety) and you will have a display to last through to spring. When it starts to look sad, add three polyanthus.

Don't cut back your

perennials; as they seed and die, they will add character to your garden.

When the frosts set in, it will have a mystical appearance that can look quite enchanting.

As for the vegetable plot, double digging is a thing of the past; roughly turn the soil and let the frost do the work.



The Friends are calling

THE Friends of Epping Forest is a registered charity which supports and campaigns for the conservation and expansion of the forest.

Founded in 1968 to represent all sections of the public who appreciate and use the forest, it now has over 1,600 members.

The Friends' main aim is to further the knowledge and appreciation of the forest, as well as campaign to stop developments in and around it, especially the ever-creeping infringement of roads, houses and commercial premises.

Membership costs £5 a year, £12 for three years, or £30 life membership.

Anyone who would like to join should send a cheque payable to "The Friends of Epping Forest", along with their name and address, to 47 Long Deacon Road, Chingford, London E4.

Sunday must mean the Kidz Club

WITH 80 children on the Kidz Club register, Sunday afternoons at Grosvenor Hall can be exciting.

Together with a team of 10 adult volunteers, they meet for a free fun-packed afternoon of song, games, Bible adventures, video-clips and puppetry.

Founded in 1999 by Marie-Anne Joiner and members of Epping Forest Community Church, it aims to provide local children aged between six and 12 with well-organised sessions focusing on the club's adopted motto "God made you special and he loves you very much!"

During the week, volunteers bring competitions and quizzes. The leaders say this is one of the best parts of Kidz Club as

the team get to know the children well.

But it does not stop there. Kidz Club organises activities for parents too. A summer camp at Lambourne End will have given the children a chance to make friends while taking part in team challenges, singing around camp fires and generally having a good time.

Loughton Town Council was pleased to provide Kidz Club with a £500 grant so the group could buy puppets Kenny, Whoopee, Juanita and friends (who made their debut appearance at Debden Day) and a head microphone.

"It makes a real practical difference to have your hands free when organising the children and their activities,"

said Michelle Harryman, one of the trained leaders.

For further details, call 020 8502 0695.

Meet the stars

AUTUMN is nearly upon us and the nights are drawing in.

The longer hours of darkness allow the amateur astronomer to begin observing. After the autumn equinox on 22 September, we shall have more hours of darkness than daylight.

By mid-November, the summer constellations will be disappearing and Orion, the precursor to winter, will be rising in the east.

Stargazing from a large town can be difficult given the light pollution and haze, but there are things to see.

You don't need expensive kit to see many splendid sights. A set of 15x binoculars will enable you to see the mountains and craters on the Moon, the four main moons of Jupiter, Saturn's rings and the rich star fields of the Milky Way.

Planets

Mars, which was prominent in the south through the summer, is still visible but is beginning to recede from its closest approach to the Earth in July.

Throughout this quarter, Venus rises before the Sun and, on 15 September and again on 15 October, lies very close to the crescent Moon in the east.

The gas giants Saturn and Jupiter become more prominent during this quarter. At the beginning of September, Saturn is rising about 11pm with Jupiter around midnight. But by the end of November, both planets have risen by mid-evening.

Meteor showers

The Leonids meteor shower has



its maximum on 17 November and has given some good displays in the past. The meteors appear to radiate from a point in the sky in the constellation Leo, which rises in the north east after midnight.

International Space Station (ISS)

The ISS can be seen by the naked eye and will become brighter as new modules and solar panels are added to it over the coming years.

It is difficult to predict its appearances over the months as it is 'boosted' to a higher orbit

on every visit of the space shuttle. This makes long-term orbit predictions unreliable.

However, if you have access to the internet, excellent short term predictions are available at www.heavens-above.com, which also has star charts and a huge amount of useful astronomical information and links.

Loughton Astronomical Society

The society meets from 8 to 10pm on Thursday nights at the Theydon Bois Scout Hut. New members are always welcome and they are having an Open Evening on 6 September.

Their website address is: ds.dial.pipex.com/allan.bell/las_home.htm

Other useful websites

Jodrell Bank site:

www.jb.man.ac.uk/public/nightsky.html

The Sky at Night:

www.bbc.co.uk/skyatnight/observing.shtml

In the next issue, Skywatcher will be taking a look at our winter skies

Viewpoint

Protect and enjoy

THE county of Essex has an amazing variety of countryside and towns.

Geographically, this variety stretches from the coastal remoteness of Foulness to the land mass of the Colchester-Chelmsford-Braintree triangle, and on up to the north western plateau once dominated by arable agriculture.

In Essex, past and future are much in evidence. Throughout history, Essex has played its part in harbouring industry.

The future, both the threat of yet more roads, houses and industrial development, and the promise of good design and new landscaping – in particular tree and hedge planting, which received such a big boost in the 1970s – is equally evident.

Essex rivers once served millers of every variety in their sheltered valleys. Local workers' intelligence and skill attracted manufacturers to set up here.

From the 1930s through to when the Beeching axe fell in the 1960s, many cyclists would load their machines onto trains bound for stations like Elsenham, ride all day and return home in the evenings physically tired but mentally refreshed.

True, this very accessibility



has caused its depredation too. Small land holdings have been abused by overcrowding with unsuitable activities.

Visitors have on occasion caused the erosion of the very beauty spots they had sought to enjoy, and vehicles have caused damage to byways. But, mostly, the Essex countryside has been cherished.

It is still possible to walk some lanes with a dog off the lead, leave the young on their bikes and see cowslips massed on the verges. There are larks and song thrushes, badgers, orchids and bats – if you know where to look.

The fact that all is not lost must encourage us to protect what remains and ensure the long-term benefit of our countryside and the informal leisure spaces in built-up areas.

An inclusive way of

establish them across the county. All it would take is for each parish and town council to press Essex County Council to designate one country lane or small street in their area.

The short-term benefit would be multiplied by the long-term benefit to the environment.

Why not write to your parish or town council pressing them to call on Essex County Council to designate a quiet lane in your own parish? Preferably, a quiet lane plan should form a link so that one could walk or ride a complete circuit in traffic calmed conditions.

Peter Foreman, Council for the Protection of Rural Essex Transport Campaign Group Chairman would be happy to give further advice. Write to him at 79 Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex, or email: CPREssex@FreeUK.com.

Suzanne Walker
CPREssex Vice-chairman

Shingle and the concrete jungle

YOU will remember from our Summer edition a letter from a correspondent who expressed her sadness that so many front gardens are being replaced with concrete and bricks.

In response to that letter, one of our older residents, Mrs P Knight, wrote to say that though she agreed it was better to see lawns and flowers than concrete and bricks, she had had no choice but to have her front garden shingled as she was no longer able to get her mower

out to cut the grass.

Cllr Pam Meadows also wrote in our last edition about the problem of litter around the town.

Harry Coles replied to say that as Loughton's new litterbins are black, they blend into the buildings and are not easy to see and, therefore, do nothing to encourage their use.

He wondered whether a sign on the bins saying "Use me – not the pavement" may have helped but thought it likely that nothing could be done to persuade some people to use them.