



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

Issue No. 52

SGN latest update

Please find below the latest update received this evening (Tuesday 11 November) from SGN:

Emergency Gas Work - Loose Road & Linton Hill Maidstone, A229 Loose Road

Our urgent work to replace more than 1.7km of old metal mains along A229 Loose Road is progressing well. We're still on track to complete this work and safely reopen the road by Monday 24 November.

- A229 Loose Road remains closed, near its junction with Cripple Street, to motorists.
- A signed diversion route remains in place for affected road users.
- We're aware HGVs and other drivers have been using narrow lanes instead of following the signed diversion route. To combat this, we've installed additional signage, deployed on site marshals at strategic locations, and worked with a satellite navigation company, instructing HGVs to follow the correct diversion route and avoid access to unsuitable roads.

Linton Hill/Heath Road

In addition to this work, another team of engineers are investigating a gas leak several hundred metres south of this location at the junction of the A229 and B2163. We've identified the affected pipe and we're now making the required repairs to our gas network here.

- Temporary traffic lights have been installed around our work area at this junction to ensure everyone's safety.
- These lights are being manually controlled at peak times to help minimise disruption.
- We're doing all we can to complete our repairs as quickly as possible, including using our specialist keyhole excavation equipment to access our pipe and fix it.
- All being well, we're hopeful of removing these lights by Friday 14 November.

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We recognise roadworks can be frustrating for residents, businesses, and road users. However, these works are essential to ensuring a safe and reliable supply of gas is delivered to nearby properties.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Kind Regards

SGN Stakeholder and Community Manager

Other news:

Community Coffee Morning

Tomorrow (Wednesday 12 November) from 9.30am – 12 noon in the Loose Pavilion.

Have Your Say! There are a large number of consultations open for comment on the Maidstone Borough Council "Let's Talk" webpages.

<https://letstalkmaidstone.uk/engagementhq.com/>

Loose Valley & Tovil Conservation area appraisal

Close to home we encourage everyone to help protect the beautiful Loose Valley by supporting the proposed extension to this area.

Other consultations accessible via the link include:

- The Lidsing Garden Community
- The Heathlands Garden Settlement
- Climate change and biodiversity 2025
- Food waste recycling survey
- Violence against women & girls survey
- East Farleigh conservation area appraisal
- Boxley conservation area appraisal

Parish Councillor vacancies – we currently have 10 Councillors and 3 vacancies. If you want to make a difference to your community and have a say in key decision-making for Loose why not join us! Contact office@loose-pc.gov.uk or call 07855 000156 for more information.

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