

# Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

## Issue No. 55

This should be LPC's final Community Alert of 2025 and is a chance to wish all residents of Loose a very Happy Christmas and New Year! We also wanted to get a few updates out to you.

### Temporary Traffic Lights – by Walnut Tree Ave & Lane

We have been advised the gas repair is complete but the traffic lights remain in place because an exposed water main needed repair before the excavation could be reinstated. This will hopefully be resolved by the end of the day (Xmas Eve).

### Straw Mill Hill, Stockett Lane and Cave Hill closure 19 Jan

At the time of writing this closure is still planned for 19 Jan up to 8 Feb for storm drainage installation. We will advise if we hear anything different.



### KM180 Working party going ahead – Wed 31 Dec 9.30am

Thank you to residents who came forward to offer help with a one-off working party on the footpath from Valley Drive / Bray Gardens to Old Loose Hill. Whilst this is maintained by KCC Public Rights of Way three times a year it needs a little more effort on it in places.

We will be convening a working party on **Weds 31 December – meeting at 9.30am**. Any help gratefully received! Please bring tools if you have them, but we will have some to borrow. We

plan to shovel up the detritus from the ground in a couple of sections to reinstate the width of the path, cut back some of the shrubs and clear the steps of leaves. The drain has recently been unblocked.

We can move some cuttings off site to the LPC skip but if anyone in the vicinity (E.g. Bray Gardens or Valley Drive) has a green bin they might not be using this fortnight, and will allow us to fill it, this would be really helpful.

Environmental Services  
~ Christmas and New Year Waste Collections ~



### Refuse Collection Changes:

Thur 25 Dec moves to Sat 27 Dec  
Fri 26 Dec moves to Mon 29 Dec  
Mon 29 Dec moves to Tue 30 Dec  
Tue 30 Dec moves to Wed 31 Dec  
Wed 31 Dec moves to Fri 2 Jan  
Thur 1 Jan moves to Sat 3 Jan  
Fri 2 Jan moves to Mon 5 Jan  
Collections from 5 to 9 Jan 2026 will move to one day later than scheduled until Mon 12 Jan, when collections will resume to normal.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from 25 Dec-8 Jan to allow the crews to prioritise the increase of household waste over the period. Bulky collections will pause from 24 Dec, resuming on 12 Jan. Clinical waste collections remain as normal.

### Advice from Kent Police

There have been a couple of incidents recently in Loose of anti-social behaviour and/or vandalism. Kent Police ask that all such incidents are reported

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to them ASAP (online or 101 / 999). This will allocate a crime reference and will help them build any patterns and link incidents. A huge thank you to one local resident who kindly cleaned off blue paint from a property and road signs after an overnight incident.

### Consultation on ANPR Box Junction Enforcement

The latest KCC consultation includes box junctions on the A229 – have your say at: <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/yellow-box-junctions-across-kent>



### Councillor Vacancies

Did you know only 10 fellow residents represent you on the Parish Council making decisions on your behalf? We have over 3000 homes in Loose Parish! We have 3 vacancies and would love to see these filled with new faces bringing fresh blood and enthusiasm to our existing LPC team. Why not contact our office to find out more about how you could get involved in the New Year?

Lastly thank you to all the volunteers in our community and we wish all residents a happy, healthy 2026!

