



# Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

## Issue No. 53

14 November 2025

### A229 closure latest update

Here are the latest updates received this evening (Friday 14 November) from SGN and WCB utilities.

#### **Emergency Gas Work - A229 Loose Road**

##### **From SGN - Update - Friday 14 November**

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 the end of day on Monday 24 November.

- A229 Loose Road remains closed 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.

We're pleased to confirm that emergency repairs to our gas network nearby at the junction of the A229 and B2163 have been completed. The required repairs to the affected pipe have been made, the road surface restored, and our temporary traffic lights were removed yesterday (Thursday 13).

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**

#### **From WCB Utilities - Update - Fri 14 November** **Gas Main Replacement Update.**

Our team are still on schedule and next week we will be looking to abandon 262 metres of gas main and lay 165 metres and relay any services that are within that section.

*We hope to have gas engineering complete by Thursday, then we will be replacing the service to the Fire Station on Friday.*

*You will then start to see our site being reduced and items cleared. Allowing the reinstatement and curing to take place.*

#### **What next? Addressing the rumours....**

After listening to residents' concerns and rumours of further work being required south of the current sites we asked SGN for the facts.....

*"We must be completely honest and say that we can't rule out further work being required, but can confirm that it isn't on the table right now for us to continue straight after the Fire Station to Sutton Road work is done. We are currently monitoring a gas escape near to the Walnut Tree pub but have been assured that repairs will be programmed for after the other works finish, subject to gas readings remaining at a safe level."*

### Other news

#### **Stolen (and recovered) motorbikes**

Kent Police have recovered a number of stolen motorbikes and arrested five suspects in Shepway. They would like to remind bike owners of ways to help keep their motorbikes safe. If possible, keep them out of sight and parked in a garage or garden, always using a good motorcycle lock that can secure brake discs as well as steering controls, and secure to an immovable object such as a ground anchor. Fitting a tracker could help locate a stolen bike, as well as the offenders.

**Parish Councillor vacancies** – we currently have 10 Councillors and 3 vacancies. If you would like 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](mailto:office@loose-pc.gov.uk) or call 07855 000156 for more information.

**If you have a query, or need support with an issue, please contact [office@loose-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@loose-pc.gov.uk) or call 07855 000156 and our team will do their best to help.**

Nicky Bourne – Clerk to Loose Parish Council

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