



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

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New Parish

The new Loose Parish expands in May from 1000 to 3000 homes, now incorporating the former North Loose Residents Association (NLRA) area. The boundary extends from Linton crossroads in the south to the Wheatsheaf junction in the north.

What will this mean?

Loose Parish Council (LPC) and its committees will now be overseeing a much larger geographical area and have the challenge of communicating their work, and being available to support the increased Parish population. We have already welcomed several new Councillors from the former NLRA area who bring a wealth of area knowledge.

We will continue to publish our update article in “In & Around Loose”, and use our Loose Parish Council Facebook page for immediate information. We intend to increase the regularity of this Community Alert newsletter so want to increase our subscribers. Please advise friends and neighbours to sign up too.

What does Loose Parish Council do?

LPC is organised into different committees that make decisions on key matters that affect Loose. These include planning and development issues, maintenance and protection of outdoor spaces and provision of community services.

LPC owns the Loose Pavilion, the King George V recreation ground and play areas and Brooks Field. Additionally, they look after the closed cemetery, the village green on Old Loose Hill, Richmond Way green and oversee the Loose allotments with the McAlpine Trust.

We report to Kent County Council on highway issues and Maidstone Borough Council on planning, parking, refuse and street care matters. Other partners include Kent Police through our local Beat Officer, the community warden service, local schools, community groups and organisations.

Residents can report issues directly via each organisation’s website. However, if you need support doing so please contact us. If you are not sure who can help you with a particular issue or idea, again contact our office team for discussion and advice. We may be able to signpost you, or refer the matter to the relevant LPC committee to consider.

Parish Discount Card



If you live in the parish then look out for your new LPC Discount Card with a list of offers. This will drop through your door with the summer edition of

“In and Around Loose” magazine very soon. Keep the card safe and do support these local businesses and services who have kindly pledged discounts for all Loose Parish residents to take advantage of.

Loose Fete & Fun Dog Show 2024

The Loose Fete & Fun Dog Show will be returning to the KGV playing field on **Saturday 15 June, from 12-4pm** commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The popular fun dog show returns - come down on the day to register for your chance to win you and your pooch a rosette and prizes!

Don’t forget to come and enjoy Shayler’s Funfair, who are returning for another weekend of fun.

Volunteering and stall holder applications are open, so if you are interested then please contact office@loose-pc.gov.uk for the necessary forms.



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Kent Men of the Trees (KMOTT) “Trees In the Village” competition

Loose village has proudly won this KMOTT competition for the best village visited in 2023! As the winners, the village has received a certificate, report and the prize of a ‘tree-credit’. The report highlights that Loose has “a rich mix of age and species of trees. Council and Private land also contain mainly large trees of interest. The Parish Council and complementary partner groups have in hand a longer-term vision of new and succession planting. There is much evidence of managed tree care and renewal.”

Congratulations and thank you to all those involved for their hard work maintaining our beautiful surroundings.

Brooks Field Tree Planting Ceremony

The office was contacted by a local family who had 2 oak trees in pots that they had planted when each of their girls (now aged 5 and 7) were born. They were needing to move them somewhere permanent where they had the space to grow, flourish and could be visited by all.

LPC Councillors, the Deputy Clerk and the family held a tree planting ceremony in Brooks Field. The family chose the locations for the trees and we all hope to watch them thrive for many years to come.

LPC Upcoming Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend any council meeting held on Monday evenings at the Loose Pavilion, King George V playing field, Walnut Tree Lane, ME15 9RG.

The week prior to the meeting, agendas are published on the parish council website, plus the LPC noticeboards around the Parish.

13 May 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main AGM

20 May 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

20 May 7:30pm Environment Committee

03 Jun 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

03 Jun 7.30pm Pavilion & Community Hub Committee

10 Jun 7:30pm Human Resources Board

17 Jun 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

BINS!

We all know that the switch to a new refuse bin contractor has caused many issues for Maidstone Borough Council (MBC). Hopefully these will reduce over forthcoming weeks. However if your continue to have missed bins, do report these to MBC via their website www.maidstone.gov.uk

#Helping Loose Community Fund

Are you struggling and in need of emergency financial help?

It's back! Loose Parish Council has been awarded further funding to be used to provide a little financial support to members of the local community struggling to make ends meet. We may be able to help you with a contribution towards essential items, such as food, clothing and shoes, school uniform, or replace an item or piece of equipment that might suddenly break down, such as a microwave, cooker or kettle, or get damaged, such as a car tyre.

#Helping Loose
 Email: office@loose-pc.gov.uk Call: 07855 000156
 Or use the contact form on our website: www.loose-pc.gov.uk





Community Coffee Mornings

A date for all the diaries is our D-Day 80th anniversary coffee morning on 12 June when we will have a commemorative lantern, music and articles, to enjoy and reminisce with. All are welcome to join, supporting us in red, white and/or blue colour scheme.

Unable to make that date? Then please join us on the second Wednesday morning of every month for our regular meetings.

LOOSE COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS
 at King George V Pavilion Walnut Tree Lane
 Loose ME15 9RG
9.30am-12noon
All Welcome!
2024 Dates
 (Held on the second Wednesday of each month)

10 January	10 July
14 February	14 August
13 March	11 September
10 April	09 October
08 May	13 November
12 June	11 December

- Are you sitting indoors with nothing to do?
- Would you like to meet other Loose residents?
- Free tea and coffee (though donations always welcome!)
- Book and jigsaw swap service – 50p per item
- Companion dogs welcome too

If you require more details, can offer help by making drinks, washing-up, or meeting and greeting, please email: office@loose-pc.gov.uk

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