

# Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

## Issue No. 48

### Roadworks updates

We are finding that a large number of the planned roadworks published by KCC and/or Causeway One Network are frequently changing dates. A variety of reasons are given, and for most it is usually only a delay of a just a couple of days. However, we have now confirmed with WCB Utilities first-hand that the planned continuation of SGN gas works (that will close Cripple Street and Teasaucer Hill in the vicinity of Bockingford Court) that were scheduled for August are now delayed until 2 January 2026.

Issues in Old Loose Hill have not been resolved and having re-opened briefly, it was re-closed by South East Water yesterday (12 August).

To receive information direct to your inbox on all roadworks near you, sign up to Causeway One Network at <https://one.network/accounts#sign-up>

### Loose Neighbourhood Plan update

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is continuing to develop the content of the new Loose Neighbourhood Plan. This project is very much community-driven and the group wants to keep hearing from you. Members of the team will be holding pop-up events around the parish during the coming weeks. Please look out for the Neighbourhood Plan banner and stop by for a chat about what you think is important for you and the future of Loose. Alternatively the team can be contacted through our office.

### Local handypersons sought

The Parish Council regularly requires the services of handypersons for a wide variety of jobs around the parish. These include installing or repairing items at the Loose Pavilion, or maintenance work on LPC-owned items around Loose. We are specifically seeking someone to rub down and re-paint a number of our wooden benches and to re-secure some fence posts. LPC would like to support local tradespersons so if interested in any such work, please contact the office. Up-to-date Public Liability insurance must be held.

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### No 3 Planter is seeking adoption!

Can you help? We have a wonderful group of long-serving volunteers who look after the 20 planters around Loose. No 3 planter on Boughton Parade is looking a little sad. It is seeking an individual, a family or a group to adopt and care for it. If you would like a little project, get in touch. LPC funds the contents of the planter, Dominos kindly supply water so you would need to give a little of your time to help it look like its lovely neighbours!



### Looking for more volunteering ideas?

Check out the special volunteering page on our website – from litter picking and conservation work, to becoming a Parish Councillor (we currently have 2 vacancies) or supporting other local groups or organisations.

### Vacancy for a Responsible Finance Officer with some Assistant Clerk hours



**WE'RE RECRUITING**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**APPLY NOW!**

**LOOSE PARISH COUNCIL**

**ARE SEEKING A RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER WITH SOME ASSISTANT CLERK DUTIES (27 HRS/WK)**

Email the Clerk at [clerk@loose-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@loose-pc.gov.uk) for further information or an application pack.



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## Current Public Consultations

A consultation on the KCC budget for 2026/7 is open until 29 September 2025. Go to:

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2026-27> to give your views on planned reductions in spending across different service areas; your suggestions for how to make further savings and increase income and to give your views on Council Tax options.

A **Highways & Transport** Network survey at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/nht-2025-26> will give you the opportunity to share your views on accessibility, highways maintenance, public transport, road safety, tackling congestion and walking and cycling. Open until 28 February 2026. The greater the take-up of the surveys, the more useful they will be in helping KCC to understand the priorities and concerns of people who live or work in Kent.

To have your say on more projects and proposals that interest you, get involved in KCC's engagement and consultation activities by registering for alerts at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/>



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## Water Supplies

The erratic performance of Loose water suppliers is frustrating for all affected. However, there is huge pressure on water supplies at the temperatures rise. Residents are reminded that a **hosepipe ban** is **currently in place**. The temporary restrictions mean that hosepipes must not be used for watering your gardens, washing cars, windows and patios, or filling swimming and paddling pools.

If you spot a water leak it can be reported at: <https://aqualerter.southeastwater.co.uk/report-a-leak>

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

## Community Coffee Mornings

Community Coffee Morning takes place in the Loose Pavilion in King George V Recreation ground on the second Wednesday of every month from 9.30am to 12 noon. There is one today, 13 August, then 10 September, 8 October, 12 November and our festive coffee morning will be on 10 December. Come along to enjoy refreshments with friends and to meet other local residents. (Free tea and coffee although donations towards refreshments are always welcomed).

## September Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are held on Monday evenings at the Loose Parish Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, ME15 9RG. Agendas are published on the parish council website, and noticeboards, and a link is put on our Facebook page.

### September Meeting Dates:

**01 Sep 18.45 LPC Planning Committee**  
**01 Sep 19.30 LPC Pavilion & Community Hub Committee**  
**15 Sep 18.45 LPC Planning Committee**  
**15 Sep 19.30 Loose Parish Council Main**  
**22 Sep 19.30 LPC Environment Committee**  
**29 Sep 18.45 LPC Planning Committee**

## Who's who for Loose?

### KCC Division Councillors:

Paul Thomas: Maidstone South (North Loose)

Email: [Paul.Thomas@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Thomas@kent.gov.uk)

Robert Ford: Rural West (South Loose) Email: [Robert.Ford@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.Ford@kent.gov.uk)

**Maidstone Borough Ward Councillors** for Loose and Linton:

Brian Clark - [brianclark@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:brianclark@maidstone.gov.uk)

Simon Wales [simonwales@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:simonwales@maidstone.gov.uk)

## Police Initiatives



My Community Voice is a two-way messaging service to help keep in touch with your local policing teams. .

The service sends updates about your local area directly from Kent police officers themselves. Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of alerts you receive and how. To find out more and sign up at <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

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