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News from Loose Parish Council

2025 is flying by and the daffodils are brightening Loose as we are at last emerging from the dark dreary winter! There is always a lot going on in Loose parish and this alert will give you some key dates and events that you can get involved in. We would love to meet even more of our residents and find out what matters to you! The councillors and parish staff team hope to see some of you soon at our various events.

Nicky Bourne – Clerk to Loose Parish Council

Loose Annual Parish Meeting

All residents of Loose Parish
are invited to the

Annual Parish Meeting,

7pm Monday 24 March 2025

Held in Loose Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Walnut Tree Lane, Loose ME15 9RG.

Come along to find out what is happening where you live, now and in the future.

Ask questions of your Councillors and representatives from local organisations,
Meet up with friends and neighbours.

Although the meeting is hosted by the parish council, it is **YOUR** meeting, so please put the date on your calendar.

Free refreshments will be provided.

Community Coffee Mornings

The next Community Coffee Morning will be on 9 April but at the 14 May event we will commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE day with our own celebrations and memorabilia on display. Come along and join in at the decorated Loose Pavilion wearing your own red, white and blue! Coffee mornings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

March LPC 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.

March Meeting Dates:

17 Mar 6.15pm LPC Planning Committee

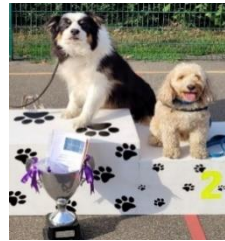
17 Mar 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main

24 Mar 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting

31 Mar 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

Can't attend but interested in our work? All minutes of meetings can be found on our website.

Loose Fete and Fun Dog Show 14 June



Preparation is now underway for this year's Fete which returns on 14 June 2025. The theme will be the 80th anniversary of VE day. Stallholders are invited to contact us to book a pitch (£15 charities or community organisations, £25 business). The very popular fun

dog show will be back, plus a wide variety of stalls, a bar and refreshments. Shayler's funfair will be open from Thursday 12 June to Sunday 15 June. Gale force winds are not invited this year!

Want to get involved in the community?

Here's a few ideas:

- **Neighbourhood Plan creation:** help shape Loose and have your say as we create a new Loose Neighbourhood Plan (merging the former Parish and North Loose Residents Association plans)
- **Look after the environment:** help at the Loose stream or Loose Valley working parties (run with LAA - Loose Amenities Association), help look after Mangravet ancient woodland with North Loose Ltd (NLL), volunteer to regularly litter pick an area, or take on a parish planter and give it your touch!
- **Make key decisions for Loose** - become a Parish Councillor, represent the views of your neighbours and help make decisions on community priorities and spending in Loose.
- **Share your skills!** If you have a little time and interest but do not want to commit to joining the Council, we always welcome volunteers on working parties or one-off initiatives. Right now we have residents running our community coffee morning, some helping organise the Loose Fete and the fun dog show (to be held on 14 June), and residents on our highways working group.
- **Help other local volunteer organisations** – we can put you in touch with a wealth of opportunities through Loose Amenities Association, Kent Police volunteering, Involve, local charities, sports clubs and other organisations.

We are keen to increase the number of residents subscribed to the Community Alert so that more people receive our updates and information. If you find this alert useful please suggest friends and neighbours subscribe via our website. Thank you!



Join Involve on Wed 19 March 11.30am to 2.30pm for their next forum for residents of Maidstone aged 55 and over. They will be joined by Kent Police giving advice on fraud protection, Citizen's

Advice and Involve's Engagement Co-ordinator. Lunch included. Limited spaces available. Book via this email address: hello@involvekent.org.uk

Something not quite right? Report it!

Our tiny team cannot be everywhere so our residents are our eyes and ears. Social media community groups are valuable in spreading the word about incidents – but the police and key organisations cannot respond based on social media posts. Please report directly.

Police Tel: 101 – Non-Emergency / 999 – Emergency
Report online: <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/>

KCC Highways (potholes, salt bins, trees blocking roads, drains, streetlight faults)
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> Tel: 03000 418181

KCC Public Rights of Way (any issues on public footpaths and bridle paths)
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way> Tel: 03000 417171

Maidstone Borough Council (refuse, fly tipping, litter, dead animals, parking)
<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/street-care-and-cleaning> Tel: 01622 602162

If you also tell us when you have reported something, with any reference number, we can follow matters up until resolved. **IT DOES WORK....** recent reporting regarding nuisance motorbikes built a pattern and evidence for police to visit a property and seize a bike.

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Police Initiatives



My Community Voice is a two-way messaging service that helps residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from Kent police officers themselves. My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts sent by Kent Police, share information and most importantly, it allows you to tell the police about issues that are affecting you.

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as being kept up to date with what is happening in your local area. Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure and personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of alerts you receive and how. Find out more and sign up at <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>



DO YOU HAVE A SECURITY OR DOORBELL CAMERA?

Sign up to our CCTV Registry and help keep your community safe.

It's free, secure, and quick to register

Your camera footage could be used to support investigations, bringing criminals to justice, and making your area a safer place to live.

Please note:

- We do **not** have access to your cameras.
- We can only view the location of registered cameras.
- We always contact the camera owner to request footage.

Kent Police To register or learn more, go to cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk