



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

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Community Updates

It has been a busy few months for the parish council, with lots of work going on, all around the parish. At the King George V playing field, there have been a number of changes.

- Planters were installed in front of the pavilion, for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- A new noticeboard and bike rack were placed outside the main entrance
- New metal car park barriers have been installed, replacing the old wooden ones

In the village, Remembrance Sunday was a particularly busy one, with many attending both the Church service and the Commemoration service in the Cemetery, around the War Memorial.

Meanwhile, the annual pond clearance was being undertaken in the Loose stream and pond. Well done to all the organisers and volunteers who got involved.

On Brooks Field itself, phase three of the meadow was started, with the third section of the meadow being dug out by our regular volunteer, to whom the council is extremely grateful. The next stage will be to sow the seeds and fence off the section.

Can you help with Lorry Watch?

Lorry Watch is a scheme run by local residents. They record the details of lorries that are using unsuitable roads, or breaching speed or weight restrictions.

In Loose Parish, there is a 7.5T weight restriction zone, down in the old village (Old Loose Hill, Rosemount Close, Church St, Bridge St, Mill St, Busbridge Rd, High Banks and Well St).

Anyone who is in that area is invited to actively report any sightings, via email to freight@kent.gov.uk, telephoning 03000 418181, or sending the information to Loose Lorry Watch at lorrywatchloose@gmail.com

Try to collect the following information:

- Date and time of violation
- Company or other identifying information

Meetings Coming up

The council continues to hold meetings (usually on Monday evenings) at the parish pavilion and members of the public are welcome to attend any meetings.

Please note: The December main parish council meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month (December 12), rather than the third Monday.

21 Nov 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

21 Nov 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main Meeting

28 Nov 7.30pm Pavilion & Community Hub Committee (Budget)

05 Dec 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

12 Dec 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main Meeting

19 Dec 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

CPR & Defibrillators

Some members of the parish council team, recently undertook CPR and defibrillator training, so they would be better prepared, if they found someone lying unconscious and unresponsive.

Aside from making sure you are safe, before proceeding and shouting for assistance "Can someone help me please?", the main factors to consider are:

- Dial Emergency 999 (ambulance service)
- Send someone for the nearest defibrillator, assuming it is within walking/running distance (see below)
- Check the airways on the person are not blocked
- Commence CPR

The Emergency Services will always talk you through your actions, but it is always good to be conversant with First Aid; CPR; what a defibrillator does and how to use it. There are a number of instructional videos on YouTube, etc., which can help. Just type in [what is/how to use a defibrillator](#), to find out more.

In the Loose area, defibrillators are located in the Telephone Box Top of Old Loose Hill (Post Office end); at the Fire Station, Loose Road; Loose School (during School Hours).

Reporting other Emergencies

incidents should be reported to 999 and non-emergencies to 101 (and always get a crime number). If you email details to office@loose-pc.gov.uk we will also follow this up with our PCSO. We work directly with Kent Police Officers, with our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and the Police Schools' Liaison Officer and they are **VERY** proactive in responding to issues. They are currently working with us, to identify youths who have committed recent vandalism on King George V playing field.

Cost of Living Crisis

We know that many households are seriously concerned about the Cost of Living Crisis. Here are some links that may help: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/cost-of-living-support>
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/>

Boundary Commission for England

The Boundary Commission for England, has opened a final consultation on proposed new constituency boundaries, as part of the 2023 Boundary Review. The commission is required by Parliament to undertake an independent and impartial review of all constituencies in England, to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency. The 2023 Boundary Review also requires that the number of constituencies in England increases from 533 to 543.

Residents and communities can respond to the consultation by visiting bcereviews.org.uk by 5 December 2022.

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