



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

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A229 Loose Viaduct Road Closure

Thank you to everyone who tried to contact KCC Highways, SE Water, Kent Police, haulage companies, MBC and KCC councillors, to get anyone to take responsibility and change the totally inadequate A229 signage, for the recent road closure at the Loose Viaduct. From early Sunday 24 Jul, we had exactly the same frustrating response to all our efforts ...call takers assuring us it will be passed on, but then no action being taken.

We repeatedly contacted SE Water and KCC due to the risk to pedestrians trying to manage traffic, and the physical damage to vehicles, property, kerbs, traffic bollards etc. We eventually received a call from Kent Police traffic section on Tuesday, who we asked for urgent support to review and override the existing signage measures. They spoke to SE Water and advised us it was being looked at that day.

Our KCC Division member, Simon Webb, is equally frustrated that his efforts, at a much higher level, have got nowhere. Following on from the emergency, we will be working together to ensure the inadequacies are not repeated.

Thank you all once again to all those who helped and reported.

Loose Parish Council is currently collating and reporting all physical damage caused by the A229 diversion. To make sure we don't miss anything, if you have any photos and location details (ideally using **what3words**, but otherwise a good description will be OK) please email them to office@loose-pc.gov.uk.

Apologies, but we are unable to monitor and respond to all social media. The best response can be obtained by communicating directly with us, on the above email.

Meetings Coming up

Members of the public are welcome to attend any council or committee meetings. These are all held at the parish pavilion, usually on Monday evenings.

01 Aug 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

15 Aug 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

15 Aug 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main Meeting

22 Aug 7.30pm Community Events Group

05 Sep 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

12 Sep 7.30pm LPC Environment Committee

19 Sep 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

19 Sep 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main Meeting

26 Sep 6.45pm Community Events Group

26 Sep 7.30pm Pavilion & Community Hub Committee

Loose Ward Boundary Update

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England have completed their initial review of the electoral warding arrangements for Maidstone Borough Council. They propose that the entirety of Loose Parish, will be in a ward with Linton Parish, and North Loose up to the Wheatsheaf Junction. There will be two Councillors for the ward. The consultation on the draft recommendation ends on 28 Sep 2022. Final recommendations will be published on 29 Nov 2022. Please note: Parish Boundaries are yet to be reviewed.

Loose Fete & Fun Dog Show 2022

After a two-year absence, Loose Fete & Fun Dog Show will be returning to the KGV playing field and pavilion on **Sat 3 Sep 2022, from 1-5pm**. The theme is 'Seventy Glorious Years', allowing attendees and stallholders a chance to celebrate the innovations, advancements and changing trends, over the seventy years of the Queen's reign.

There are still a few spaces available, for anyone who is interested in having a stall. Application forms can be downloaded from the dedicated fete website.

<https://loosevillagefete.wixsite.com/loose-village-fete>

This is also where you can find up-to-date information on all things fete related.

LOOSE COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Weds 10 August 2022 9.30am-12 noon

(and every 2nd Wednesday of each month)

at King George V Pavilion Walnut Tree Lane

Loose ME15 9RG

All Welcome!

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

We will be collecting Tombola & Raffle prizes

(for the Loose Fete on September 3) at the **August Coffee morning** and the **Community Events Group** meeting on 22 August. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it along.

To make alternative arrangements, please contact

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