



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

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New Trial – Reporting Incidents in Loose

“IS THERE ANY POINT REPORTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO THE POLICE? NOTHING GETS DONE”.

Absolutely, 100% YES - there is a point – and things DO get done.

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. For example, using our CCTV, and working with schools, police have identified, and are dealing with, youths who have committed vandalism in King George V park.

Emergency 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.

At a recent meeting with the Police Crime Prevention Officer, we have also decided to set up an additional reporting mechanism, with the help of Loose Ward Councillor Sue Grigg.

We would like residents to inform us of what might seem more minor incidents where there is not quite enough information to go to 101. Examples are: Noise issues, suspicious activity, and reckless motorbike or e-scooter riding (but they have gone before you can note details).

Sue Grigg has offered to collate this type of information from residents, if sent to her at SusanGrigg@maidstone.gov.uk. It will then be discussed with our PCSO, on a regular basis. Quite often, anti-social behavior that you may come across, and think might be just a one-off, is repeated and patterns emerge. Someone else may have noticed it too. These records will help the police take appropriate action. They have very recently been effective in confiscating bikes, after persistent nuisance riding on footpaths and in public parks, in our local area.

Please don’t think “There is no point reporting” – We can’t act, if we don’t know.

Type of Incident	Detail	Contact
EMERGENCY INCIDENTS	Happening now, someone has been harmed or is at risk of harm.	Phone 999
NON-EMERGENCY	A crime or other non-urgent incident has occurred. No-one is in immediate danger (e.g. vandalism, a road traffic accident, reporting a number plate of a nuisance motorbike).	Phone 101 or Online at https://www.kent.police.uk Email office@loose-pc.gov.uk so we can follow it up with our PCSO
NUISANCE & MINOR INCIDENTS IN LOOSE	Noticing something anti-social but not necessarily a crime, or not enough information available. You just feel “someone ought to know”.	Log by email to: Ward Councillor Sue Grigg SusanGrigg@maidstone.gov.uk

**Local Government Boundary Commission
Review of MBC Wards**

There is a **Loose Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting** on **Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 7.30pm** at the Loose Pavilion, King George V Playing Field.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is reviewing the MBC warding arrangements and they want to hear the views of local people and organisations for a new pattern of wards in Maidstone. **The deadline is 4 April 2022.**

The independent electoral reviews recommend new patterns of wards so that each councillor represents about the same number of electors. They also aim to ensure that the pattern of wards reflect community ties and identities and promotes effective local government.

The reviews involve several consultations where they ask local people and organisations to get involved. The Parish Council will be discussing the review and making any necessary decisions. Residents are welcome to attend. The agenda is available on the Loose Parish Council Website.

Loose Annual Parish Meeting

All residents of Loose Parish are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting, which takes place on **Wednesday 23 March 2022 - 7pm**

It will be held at the Parish Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Walnut Tree Lane, Loose, ME15 9RG.

This is **YOUR** opportunity to find out what’s going on in **YOUR** local area and to meet up with various representatives from local organisations, as well as friends and neighbours.

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

Refreshments will be provided.

LOOSE COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS
King George V Pavilion Walnut Tree Lane Loose ME15 9RG
All Welcome! Every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

WEDS 9 March 2022
WEDS 13 April 2022
WEDS 11 May 2022
9.30am-12 noon

Feeling lonely? Need someone to talk to?
Want to make new friends? Then please come along.

- Free tea and coffee (though donations welcome)
- Book and Jigsaw swap service – 50p per item
- Companion Dogs welcome too

Further details? - please contact Anne Rigby
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