

# News & Views

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## THANK YOU – WHAT WONDERFUL RESIDENTS

You will recall from the last issue of News and Views the parking of vehicles on and around the triangle by the entrance to Mill Lane was an issue of concern for not only local residents, but those who use the roads through Toot Hill. How wonderful it is to report that following the last edition, this parking seems to have stopped, thereby allowing the grass on the green to once again flourish (almost!), and those entering or exiting Mill Lane not having to risk either the safety of themselves or their vehicles. It is only right and proper to say thank you to those who took heed of these concerns, and have now made arrangements to park their vehicles elsewhere. It really does restore faith in the local community when residents take account of their neighbours concerns and take action to resolve an issue. So...on behalf of your neighbours,

road users, and the local community as a whole, **THANK YOU** to those of you took action to make the area a better place to live.

Still bringing communities together!



## Interested In Journalism? This Could Be For You!

The Parish Council has been creating and managing the News & Views publication for the past 2 years, but we really feel it needs a more 'local' edge. Perhaps journalism is something that interests you? Perhaps you're the person that knows what's going on in your village? Perhaps you feel you could create a newsletter that is more 'community focussed'?

Maybe you have just left school and are looking for a career in journalism and want to start out with something small? If this is you, please do get in touch. News & Views is published six times a year and is aimed at updating local residents on items that may be of local interest. A copy is posted to every home in the Parish. Similar magazines are created in most communities, and there is no hard and fast rules as to how they are managed. At present, the publication is created for community benefit and is a non profit making venture, however that's not to say this has to be the case. If you are interested, contact the Parish Clerk at [stanforddriverspc@gmail.com](mailto:stanforddriverspc@gmail.com).



The opportunities are endless!

## .....And Still It Continues!

Fly tipping continues to be a prevalent issue throughout the Parish, the latest being dumped tyres along Blake Hall Road near the A414. The good news is that Epping Forest District Council takes this very seriously, the latest prosecution resulting in a London resident being fined **£1,686.81** after pleading guilty to fly tipping on forest land in Claypit Hill, Waltham Abbey. Remember..... **REPORT IT!**

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# Fancy Being A Youth Councillor?

Epping Forest District Council is looking for individuals to nominate themselves to join Epping Forest Youth Council (EFYC) and be the voice of Epping Forest's young people. If you're aged 12 to 17 and want to ensure young people's views are listened to and want to be at the heart of decision-making, EFYC is for you.

**What do I need to do to join?** First, you need to win your school election. Elections are being held in the district's secondary schools and Epping Forest College between 22 January and Friday 9 February 2018. Each school will have 2 Youth Council seats as well as 5 independent seats for candidates who either attend school or college outside the district, or are excluded from school, or being home educated or working. The election results will be announced live online on 27 March 2018.

**What will be expected of me?** You will be expected to be enthusiastic, reliable and have a desire to make a difference in your school and community. You will be elected for a 2 year term and will be required to attend 2 evening meetings a month in Epping. Successful candidates will be trained to develop their skills in public speaking, debating, presenting and teamwork. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and gain experience to help you in the future.

## How do I nominate myself?

Nominations close Friday 16 February 2018. Visit [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/efyc](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/efyc) to find out how.

Councillor Helen Kane, Leisure and Community Services Portfolio Holder said: "We're very proud of our Youth Council. They do fantastic work representing the views,

issues and opinions of young people across the Epping Forest district. I'm looking forward to working with the successful candidates, listening to what they have to say and helping them to make a difference to the lives of young people their age."

**Want more information? Contact Diane Gilson-Butler, Youth Engagement Officer**

call 01992 564365

text 07789 372179

email [dbutler@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:dbutler@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

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# Local Plan – Final Proposed Development Sites Revealed

You may recall from issue 88 of News & Views the sites that were proposed for housing development in the Epping Forest District. Between 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) consulted on its Submission Version of the Local Plan, identifying where it proposes new development should be located. I think most people would agree that new homes are needed, however the issue of where they should be sited remains a difficult and often contentious subject. EFDC is not proposing any development sites in either Toot Hill or Stanford Rivers, the closest allocation being around 590 homes in Ongar (see map and table for specific site details and allocations). Further large scale development is proposed for Epping (1,305 homes), North Weald (1,050 homes), Loughton (1,021 new homes) and around the periphery of Harlow (3,900 homes). A Local Plan doesn't only deal with housing development. It also addresses employment, the environment, transport and infrastructure, as well as creating policies that will guide development for the period of the plan - in our case up the year 2033.

**So what happens next?** The Plan goes before an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State who reviews its content to ensure it meets the four tests of 'soundness', namely that the plan is *Positively Prepared, Justified, Effective* and *Consistent with National Policy*. If the inspector is happy, then this is the plan that will see us through to 2033. If not, he/she can suggest modifications, or even find the plan 'unsound'. The examination by the inspector is expected to take some time, and we are not expecting to hear much for probably next 8-10 months.

It's worth noting that the houses wouldn't all be built at the same time, but would be staggered over a number of years. For example the houses for Ongar are expected to be built between 2019 and 2026.

Sites ONG.R1 and ONG.R2 are identified as 'West Ongar Concept Framework Plan Area'. EFDC states that it recognises that in some cases the production of Concept Frameworks would provide a more proportionate and pragmatic approach, whilst still ensuring that a comprehensive and cohesive approach is taken to the planning and delivery of development and infrastructure (how's that for a mouthful!). The Concept Framework will need to be created by landowners or developers of the site to ensure certain issues are addressed such as cycling, access, and infrastructure, which includes the need for any highway upgrades to the A414 Four Wantz junction.

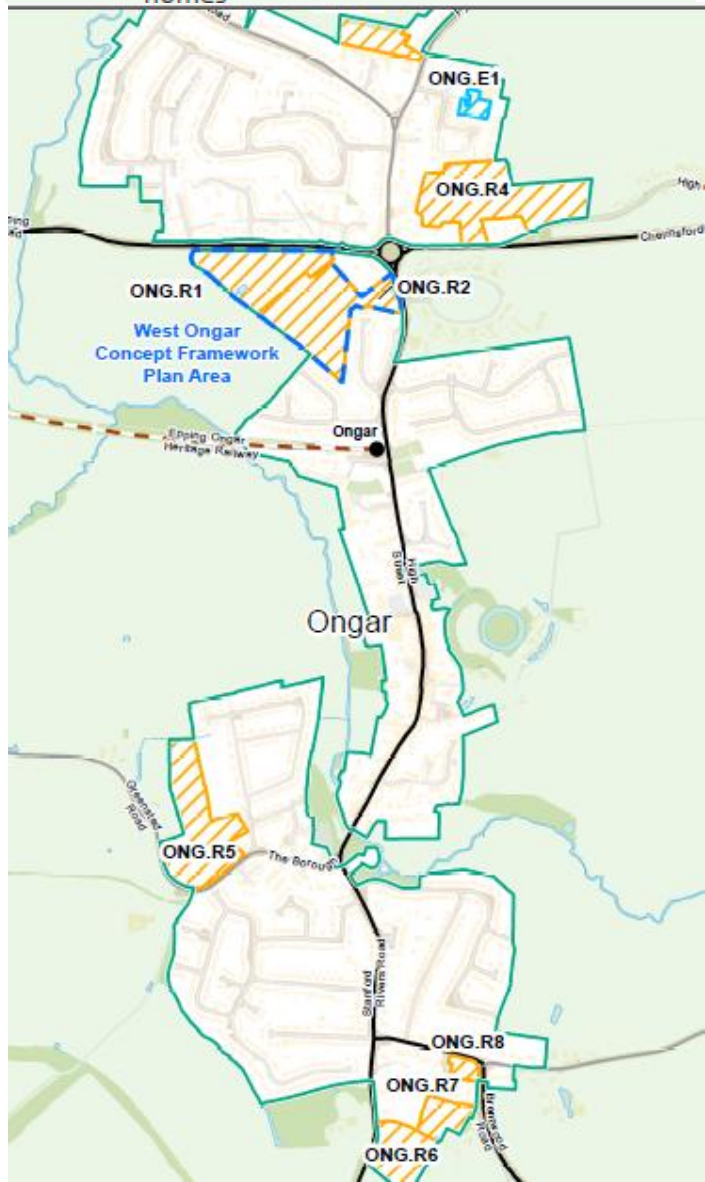
For those of you who are wondering, there is no mention of changing the Epping Ongar Railway Heritage Line back into a commercial and operational underground link to London. However, there is talk of a possible opportunity to convert the disused line into a bus rapid transport line to North Weald Bassett and future extension to Ongar. What this means exactly is unclear. I guess it's a case of watch this space! It is also proposed that the Epping Underground Car Park would be used for housing, however the Local Plan makes it clear that no net loss of commuter parking should occur, with any development having to make alternative arrangements for such parking.

If you would like more information about what's included in the Local Plan, visit [www.efdclocalplan.org](http://www.efdclocalplan.org). If we are made aware of any updates, we will of course keep you informed.

## Residential Sites

B. In accordance with Policy SP 2 the following sites are allocated for residential development:

- (i) ONG.R1 Land west of Ongar – Approximately 99 homes
- (ii) ONG.R2 Land at Bowes Field – Approximately 135 homes
- (iii) ONG.R3 - Land southwest of Fyfield Road – Approximately 27 homes
- (iv) ONG.R4 Land North of Chelmsford Road – Approximately 163 homes
- (v) ONG.R5 – Land at Greensted Road – Approximately 107 homes
- (vi) ONG.R.6 Land between Stanford Rivers Road and Brentwood Road – Approximately 33 homes
- (vii) ONG.R.7 Land South of Hunters Chase and West of Brentwood Road – Approximately 17 homes
- (viii) ONG.R.8 The Stag Pub – Approximately 9 homes





# Stanford Rivers Neighbourhood Watch



WhatsApp



Recent reports of crime include a tractor theft in Berwick Lane some weeks ago, and a couple of farm buggies stolen in nearby Tawny Common. There were also reports of thefts from vehicles around London Road. We have also seen reports of Key Jammers being used in the Loughton area so perhaps someone is chancing their luck on our patch. Key Jammers (as opposed to key scanners) work by blocking the locking signal as the owner leaves their car. The transmitters, which are easy to buy online, can be used to interrupt signals from keys fobs, meaning unwary motorists believe their cars to be secure when they're anything but. Relatively low-powered jammers can have a range of about 75m, meaning fairly large areas, such as a whole car park, can be affected at the same time,

however such crimes are not limited to car parks. The National Police Chiefs' Council state that they believe this is a growing feature of vehicle crime. Car owners could end up with a double sting, the theft itself (usually of contents) then the second sting being no insurance cover as there are no visible signs of forced entry. Ouch!

The only sure way to know your car is locked is to check manually. Most cars have another indication the lock has been deployed, such as the indicator lights flashing, wing mirrors drawing in, or the horn giving a short toot. If you're close enough to the car you can also hear the central locking clunk into place.

Keep a close watch on your car and possessions. Don't offer any incentives to criminals by manually checking that your vehicle is locked and taking any valuables with you when leaving the vehicle unattended.

**Your main coordinator is John Adams:**  
[srpcnw@gmail.com](mailto:srpcnw@gmail.com) Tel 01277 362194

## Do You Know A Community Hero?

Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex wants to hear about your **community heroes** – people from across Essex who make an 'Outstanding Contribution to Community Safety'. Do you know somebody in your community who goes the extra mile to support vulnerable people, prevent crime and make their communities safer? If so then why not nominate them for the award. The process is simple to complete, and winners will be recognised at the PFCC Annual Conference on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 which is being held at Boreham House in Chelmsford.

The winner will receive £500 to go towards their work in the community and two highly commended winners will also receive £300. There will also be a chance for the people of Essex to vote for the winner of a People's Choice category from a shortlist of entrants selected by a judging panel. The People's Choice winner will receive £100.

To win an award, you have to demonstrate that the nominee is an exceptional person or group that have gone above and beyond to keep their community safe. They also have to have delivered a project or scheme that has improved the safety of those around them. Nominees can be volunteers or those who work in a professional capacity, delivering a service to the public to keep people safe, prevent crime and protect the most vulnerable people in our communities. More details of how to nominate are on the Essex PFCC website.

Nominations are open to individuals and teams from across the statutory, community, voluntary and business sectors, where an outstanding contribution has been made to improve community safety, prevent crime or protect vulnerable people. Nominations can be submitted by anyone who has benefitted from or

witnessed the efforts of the nominees and their work, including managers, colleagues, or members of the public. The nomination form is simple to complete, and can be downloaded from the PFCC website: <http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/news/police-fire-crime-commissioner-essex-looking-community-heroes/>

Previous winners of the award have included:

- Crimewatch Wickford – an online community that brings people together and makes a real difference to crime prevention in the local area
- Yvonne Weinling, a volunteer for the Clacton Appropriate Adults Service, who does a huge amount to support, advise and care for young people and vulnerable adults during their time in custody.

Nominations must be made on the form and sent via email to [pfcc@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pfcc@essex.pnn.police.uk) with "PFCC Award" in the subject line. Alternatively forms can be sent by post to: Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Kelvedon Park, London Road, Rivenhall, Witham, CM8 3HB.

**The deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>.**







# St Margaret's Church Stanford Rivers



[www.stanforddriverschurch.org.uk](http://www.stanforddriverschurch.org.uk)

In the spring last year the work was completed on the installation of the new flush toilet at the church. This has been a real improvement to the facilities of the church. As a result we felt that we wanted to make a thank offering to God and we decided to take a retiring collection at the Harvest service in October. This raised enough money to enable us to sponsor the building of a toilet block for a school in Africa. We have just received advice that the school chosen for us is in a very rural area in Rubaya, Kabale District, Uganda. We will receive a picture of our "twinned" toilet to put up in

our own toilet to remind us of the link. We don't know how lucky we are in the affluent West - apparently there are 2.3 billion people across the world who do not have proper sanitary toilets to use. The charity that we have linked with ([www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)) has a scheme for twinning home toilets across the world - why not think of twinning your home toilet with one in the third world?

With best wishes

*Revd Neil Taylor - Parish Priest for Stanford Rivers and Greensted* ([priest@stanforddriverschurch.org.uk](mailto:priest@stanforddriverschurch.org.uk))

## Catch Up Cafe – It's Back!

BY POPULAR DEMAND **CATCH UP CAFE** IS RESTARTING ON A REGULAR MONTHLY BASIS AT TOOT HILL VILLAGE HALL @ 10.30-12.30 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

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## Services St Margaret's Church, Stanford Rivers

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# Stanford Rivers Parish Council Newsletter

Firstly, we are delighted to announce that at our January meeting John Adams was co-opted onto the Council as is now a fully fledged Councillor. Over the past two years, John has taken it upon himself to try and address a number of issues throughout the Parish, and is well known for setting up and managing the Neighbourhood Watch group for both Toot Hill and Stanford Rivers. John has regularly attended Parish Council meetings and already plays an active role in the community, and I am sure you will join us in welcoming him onto the Council.

May we also take this opportunity to apologise to our residents for being unable to hold the Stanford Rivers Christmas Tree Lighting event back in December. The event was scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December which many of you will recall saw a blanket of snow. Our Chairman, Cllr John Glover, donned his snow boots and gloves so he could place a notice on the green to advise of the cancellation only to find he was in fact snowed in! We hear that the Toot Hill Christmas Tree was spectacular this year and congratulate all those involved in making it a success. (*#friendlycompetition*)

Issues we have been addressing over the past few months include the continuing saga of the missing finger posts throughout the Parish. Rest assured this issue is as frustrating for us as it is for local residents (let alone the poor visitors who are unable to navigate our rural roads) and we continue to work with the Highway Authority to get this matter resolved. We have also reviewed a

current consultation regarding the proposed implementation of new satellite-based instrument approach procedures at Stapleford Airport who plan to implement new instrument approaches for suitably equipped aircraft landing at the aerodrome. This will in turn have an effect on the approach route taken by aircraft able to use the new approach procedures resulting in them flying directly over Toot Hill. The consultation closes on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and we have asked for further information as to what type of aircraft this will include. A decision as to how to respond to the consultation will be agreed at our next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested in viewing a copy of the consultation, go to: <https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/staplefordacp/ACP/StaplefordACP2017.pdf>

The Parish Council has taken the decision not to increase its precept for the 2018/2019 financial year, meaning that the Parish Council element of the monthly Council Tax paid by a Band D equivalent property is only £4.73. This is in fact a reduction on 2017/2018.

**All Parish Council Meetings are held in the Toot Hill Village Hall and are open to the public and press.** Why not pop along to our next meeting - **5.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

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# FIGHTING RURAL CRIME ACROSS ESSEX

- ▶ Rural Crime is a key priority in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020
- ▶ Nearly three quarters of Essex is rural
- ▶ Rural areas require a different style of policing



## OUR VISION

Our vision is to actively strengthen our response to fighting crime in rural areas through the effective use of policing resources, partnerships and working with our rural communities.

## OUR AIMS

- ▶ to reduce the volume of crime and anti-social behaviour in rural areas
- ▶ to continue bringing offenders to justice
- ▶ to increase public confidence in Essex Police

We will work with our partners and rural communities of Essex to ensure solutions meet identified local problems, fully supporting victims of crime and improving crime prevention.



## WHAT WILL ESSEX POLICE DO?

By clearly defining rural crime we will be able to fully understand the volume, distribution, nature and frequency of offences across Essex and focus our resources into the areas of greatest need and develop innovative solutions to tackle the issues.

Through focused, visible policing at a local level, our Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET), Crime Prevention Team and Community Policing Teams will:

- ▶ reassure rural communities
- ▶ deter crime
- ▶ gather (and share) intelligence
- ▶ bring to justice those who commit crimes in rural areas
- ▶ offer advice and support, and develop crime prevention plans
- ▶ develop the Farm and Rural Watch network
- ▶ work with neighbouring forces
- ▶ host Rural Crime Awareness events
- ▶ work with key partners and the community

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### REPORT CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

It is vital to report all crimes. If we can't measure it we can't manage it.

We need information to target resources and develop intelligence

If you see anything suspicious or a crime occurring and it is happening **there and then**, ring **999**

If you have information that does not require an immediate response, ring **101** or report online at [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

If you want to report **anonymously** or pass information about crime or a **Most Wanted** appeal, you can call **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111** or online at:

[crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online](http://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online)

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



**Active Citizens:** Are you able to volunteer to assist us in a wide range of roles in the community, by promoting crime prevention messages and supporting local teams to deliver accessible, visible policing?

If you are interested in becoming an Active Citizen, contact:  
[activecitizensessex@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:activecitizensessex@essex.pnn.police.uk)

**Special Constabulary:** Are you able to give 10 hours a month to become a volunteer Police Officer? You would have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular Police Officers but give your time on a voluntary basis.

If you are interested in becoming a Special Constable, contact:  
[www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary](http://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary)



**Watch Schemes:** There are a number of specialist watch schemes in Essex including such themes as Farm Watch, Horse Watch and Neighbourhood Watch providing information about crime and local issues.

If you want to find out more about, or join, a watch scheme, contact:  
[essexwatch liaisonofficers@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:essexwatch liaisonofficers@essex.pnn.police.uk)

**Police Cadets:** Are you a young person (aged 13-18) interested in belonging to a uniformed, voluntary organisation which can help you prepare for the future by providing varied activities and opportunities to develop qualifications, enhance your skills and build your confidence? Or are you aged 18 or over and interested in working with young people as a Cadet Leader?

If you are interested in joining the Cadets, contact:  
[volunteerpolicecadetsessex@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:volunteerpolicecadetsessex@essex.pnn.police.uk)



## WHAT WE NEED YOU TO TELL US

Do not place yourself at any risk

Remember: **Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?**

- ▶ **Who** you are (**name/ address/ contact** details) and...  
**Who** is committing the crime/ acting suspiciously (if known)? Or a **description**, including any **vehicle details** and **registration number** and a **direction of travel** if they have left
- ▶ **What** is happening/ happened, **what** have you actually seen/ heard?
- ▶ **Where** this is occurring and **where** are you (as detailed as possible including **postcode** or **landmarks**)?
- ▶ **When** this happened (time if possible or an idea of how long ago)?
- ▶ **Why** this happened? / **Why** are you suspicious?
- ▶ **How** did it occur? / **How** was the crime committed?





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### Your Local Community Policing Team

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### Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) (Headquarters)

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### Your Local Essex Watch Liaison Officer:

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### Essex Rural Partnership

[www.essexruralpartnership.org.uk](http://www.essexruralpartnership.org.uk) 01376 574 330

### National Farmers Union (Essex)

[www.nfuonline.com](http://www.nfuonline.com) 01638 672100

### Country Land and Business Association (CLA)

[www.cla.org.uk](http://www.cla.org.uk) 020 7235 0511

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### Rural Community Council of Essex

[www.essexrcc.org.uk](http://www.essexrcc.org.uk) 01376 574 330

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