

# LOUDWATER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## THREE RIVERS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN

Details of Loudwater included in the Plan are set out here for those residents who have not been able to go and look at the Plan for themselves.

### 4.31.15 Area 12 Loudwater

This residential area, situated in a well-wooded part of the Chess Valley is of outstanding amenity value. The southern boundary of the estate is defined by the Chorleywood Road, and the remaining three sides of the area abut open countryside which is within the Metropolitan Green Belt.

The original settlement of large detached houses in spacious plots developed along the banks of the river, taking advantage of the views across the valley. More recently, development has taken place on the north side of Sarratt Lane, and in the northern part of the area some of the very large plots have been re-developed to somewhat higher densities than the original development.

While there is still a sufficient demand in the area for large traditional dwellings in large plots, development which has taken place during the last 10 years indicates that as the larger of these houses fall vacant, there has been a demand to re-develop sites.

### 4.31.16

In order to preserve the special character of Loudwater, the Local Planning Authority will not as a general rule be prepared to accept development and redevelopment of land in the area at a density in excess of that prevailing in the area. In addition:-

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1. There will be a preservation in favour of retaining existing mature trees, many of which are protected by tree preservation orders.
2. In order to preserve the spacious setting and well-wooded character of the area, only low density development of a character akin to the existing (1980) development will be considered. The erection of new flats will not be permitted in any part of Loudwater.
3. Where planning permission is given, a high standard of design and materials will be required in new development or in extensions to existing dwellings, to ensure that such development does not adversely affect the visual amenity and low density character of the area."

**CIVIC AMENITY SITES** - Revised hours of opening.  
Riverside Drive, Rickmansworth, and Old Mill Road, Hunton Bridge.

With effect from MONDAY, 18th AUGUST 1980:

### SUMMER (To 30th September)

Mon. - Fri. : 10.00 am to 6.00 pm (Both sites)  
Sat. & Sun. : 8.00 am to 1.00 pm (Rickmansworth)  
2.30 pm to 7.30 pm (Hunton Bridge)

### WINTER (October to March)

Mon. - Fri. : 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (Both sites)  
Sat. & Sun. : 9.00 am to 12 noon (Rickmansworth)  
1.30 pm to 4.30 pm (Hunton Bridge)

### Cleansing of Drains and Sewers

The Three Rivers Information Officer has asked that residents may be reminded that the council operates an emergency service for the cleansing of certain drains and sewers. During normal working hours the number to phone is Rickmansworth 76611 which is the environmental health department. After normal working hours an answerphone

will give the name and number of the duty officer on call for emergencies or alternatively a message may be recorded thereby.

What to do with all those empty bottles?

From October 3rd you can take them to Watersmeet where a Bottle Bank is being opened, behind the library.

Bottle Banks are specially designed containers into which bottles and jars are deposited according to their colour - clear, brown or green glass. Bottle tops must be removed before putting bottles into the bank as these contaminate the glass. These containers will be emptied at intervals and the glass, or cullet as it is called, stored until a suitable quantity has been collected for bulk transport to the glass works, for recycling.

### L.R.A. REPORT

"There are three issues with which your committee has been very active recently. Firstly, eight residents expressed concern that work on grounds and fencing abutting on to Loudwater Lane between Glen Chess and the footpath might mean the creation of a new exit at this hazardous spot. Your Chairman had an interview with the owner and informed him that residents had expressed concern to the L.R.A. and to the Council. The Council have now informed us that an enforcement order is to be served.

The second issue produced expressions of concern from some 30 residents that the diversion of the river within one property in T. Way would affect water flow up and down stream detrimentally. After two site visits, the second one of which was with an official of the Water Board, we have now been informed that they are requiring some modifications and removal of certain works is to be carried out.

The third was a continuation of lengthy endeavours to allay anxiety expressed by over 20 residents about the standard of work carried out under a Forestry Commission felling licence in woodland between Rasehill estate and the public footpath into L. Lane. The difficulties here stem from an initial conflict of understanding between the Council and the Forestry Commission. Staff changes at the Commission caused delay in reaction between the two and the felling licence has now lapsed. We continue to work on this issue to try to reach a satisfactory conclusion."



A bridge over the Chess.



## OUT AND ABOUT

The garden tea party held at Chess Lodge on Saturday, 12th July in aid of the Church of England Children's Society was a great success. The weather was kind enough to allow every one to enjoy Anne Wolff's lovely garden again and the strawberry and cream tea provided was of exceptional quality. There was almost too much to eat! Ann would like to thank all those who worked so hard, particularly the committee members, and those who donated goodies. Over £150 was raised.

Lady Lewis and the Watsons held a Coffee morning and Bring and Buy at Clearburn on Wednesday 3rd September, in aid of St Vincent's Hospital Building Appeal. This orthopaedic hospital, situated in Northwood is building a new rehabilitation centre. Some seventy people attended mostly from Loudwater, though some came from Rickmansworth and Chorleywood. They enjoyed the sunny weather which allowed them to take advantage of the large garden running to the Chess. A satisfactory £128.23 was made from the entrance money and raffle which had very good prizes, and the hosts wish to thank all those who contributed so generously.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Micklefield Hall, Rickmansworth, 21.7.80, from Mr. Richard Edmonds:—

"Dear Editor,

In the last issue, one of the aims of the L.R.A. is stated as the preservation of ornamental verges so it would seem opportune for me to apologise through the columns of your Newsletter to those residents in Ladywood Close over whose lawns my cows strayed in July.

Many apologies and thank you all for being so tolerant and understanding.

Yours sincerely, R. Edmonds."

### From Your Chairman:—

Mr. John Jarrett would like to raise a point that worries him about the way residents' problems are dealt with.

If a resident or a group of residents asks for action over some issue, the Committee has so far usually agreed but if the Committee does not agree, those who raised the issue are always quickly informed. If on the other hand the Committee agrees to take a stand, they are not so quickly informed. Mr. Jarrett cannot resolve this easily. The problem, he says is simply one of time, above all.

In explanation, he writes:—

"Twenty residents sign a letter of protest about something. We take it up. This involves, perhaps, a letter to the Council and some other body (Forestry Commission, Water Board, County Council etc.). Some will need a second letter before they reply, or even a telephone call. Something must be said or written to the person whose action has caused the concern. Perhaps a site visit is made. There may be, in other words, five or six actions taken, over a period of one or two months. To inform (in this case) all twenty protestors would involve 120 copies or telephone calls — and, of course, this is what should happen, but there is only just time to do the things that need to be done, let alone keep everyone informed of what is being done.

So in this issue I wanted to send apologies to those who have got in touch with me but haven't heard anything further. If you decided I wasn't doing anything, I don't blame you but really I was.

To try and prove I am not just making excuses... From mid-June to mid-August, there were three issues — one involving the river, one a woodland, one a road. In those eight weeks I had 49 telephone calls, eleven letters by a total of 37 residents; I wrote eleven letters and made four site visits and two to various official bodies. (Although all of these representations are proceeding satisfactorily, none in fact is yet settled, which just shows how long these things take). So my apologies — and I hope you understand.

*P.S.* Can I remind any of you who are concerned about any particular item to get in touch with us please? Firstly, it keeps us in the picture and secondly it is surprising how

often an individual resident thinks he is the only one concerned and writes on his own behalf to the Council whereas in fact we usually know of others who are concerned. We could not only usefully pool the information but put the interested parties in touch with each other."

Those residents who are seeking a school, or those whose small children already attend Christ Church School on the Common at Chorleywood, may find the following information interesting, from the Headmaster, Roger Catley:

"1853 saw the opening of Christ Church School with one classroom and a teacher's cottage. Extra rooms were built over the next eighty years, and for pupils this was their one and only school. In 1948 the school was re-organized into a Junior Mixed and Infant school with the older children transferring to secondary schools. As numbers increased, in 1970 the old vicarage was demolished and a new complex was built providing four junior classrooms (8-11 year olds) assembly hall, kitchen, dining room and administration rooms. The Infant Department (5-7 year olds) is now housed in the older part of the school, although it has been well modernised and equipped.

Children start at the school during the term in which they become five and leave at eleven to attend secondary school. St. Clement Danes, Rickmansworth School and the two Watford Grammar Schools are the most popular choices, although some children are accepted by independent schools.

The school has close links with the church, with over 250 children meeting regularly for Sunday School. There is a flourishing P.T.A., and with most of the 200 children in the school coming from within the parish of Christ Church, which includes Loudwater, the feeling of a community school is very strong.

I am always happy to meet prospective parents and to show them around the school.

### CONGRATULATIONS to the newly-weds:—

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Poole's (Sarrett Lane) daughter, Michelle to Stephen Birkett, and also to those who were awarded a degree this summer:—

Miss Jordan Jarrett, B.A.Camb. (Martha's Vineyard) in English, Miss Fiona Macgregor, B.A. (Dacres, Troutstream Way) in Social Science, Miss Deborah Walker, B.Sc. (Willow Tern, Overstream) in Geography.

Welcome to a new resident:—

Davide Laurence Bianchin born 15.7.80 to Mrs. M. Bianchin, Handa, Trout Rise.

If there are any other newcomers to Loudwater, the editor would be pleased to hear from them. She would be pleased particularly, to hear of the newly born and from any folk who have come from other countries to settle here, telling of their impressions of this secluded place, how they came to find it and perhaps introducing themselves briefly.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/361/80 Single storey rear extension, Oakdene, Chess Lane for M.P. Clow Esq.

8/364/80 Double garage, Rupert Lodge, Sarratt Lane for S. Wolf Esq.

8/387/80 Two storey side extension, Long Redings, Sarratt Lane for A. Williams Esq.

8/437/80 Erection of detached house and garage, plot 16, Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane for J. Robert Construction.

8/438/80 Demolition of conservatory and boiler house and erection of single and two storey extensions, Woodlands, Sarratt Lane, for D. Bailey.

8/460/80 One and two storey extensions, Wanstead, Loudwater Lane, for Mr. & Mrs. Rogers.

8/513/80 One and two storey side extensions, The Willows, Loudwater Lane, for Mr. D.M. Beattie.

8/533/80 Single storey side extension, Sylden, off Sarratt Lane for D. Hill Esq.

*Next issue entries by 1.12.80 to the Editor:—  
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