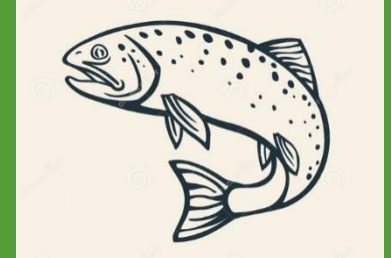




The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents'
Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

MARCH 2021

As lockdown 3 rumbles on...

Welcome to the Spring 2021 issue. As we go to print the days are starting to get longer and lighter, the Covid-19 vaccine programme is on track and Boris says he's "optimistic about announcing the easing of some lockdown measures soon..." ([The Guardian](#)).

After what has felt like a very long and difficult winter (the return of the 'Beast from the East' added an extra chilly period too!), we're hopeful that there are some signs of light ahead. I, like many, am approaching my 12-month anniversary of working from home and am grateful that while my world has shrunk somewhat, Loudwater continues to be a very pleasant and comforting environment to wait out the pandemic.

Given lockdown has continued through recent months, our various clubs and events are still paused so we don't have any reports to share from them. However, we are pleased to be able to take the opportunity to celebrate and

thank our team of distributors, profiling three of these fine individuals. We also hear from Chorleywood based charity 'Mission EmployAble' about their inspiring partnership with the Cricket Club, and the project they're collaborating on to transform the cricket pavilion and provide intern opportunities for young people with learning disabilities.

Sunday 23 January provided a little respite from the 'ground-hog day' vibes of lockdown with some snow day fun, so we share a selection of photographs of snowmen, local children and pets!

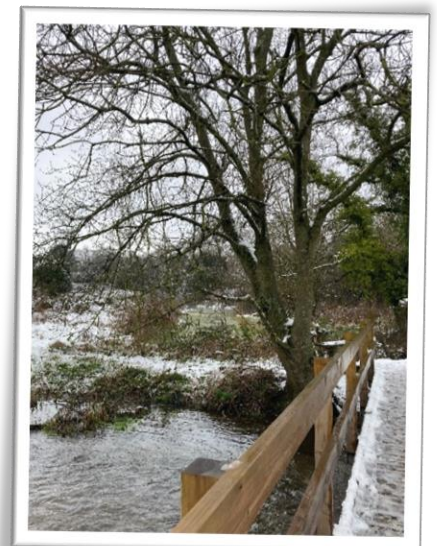
We also have an update on the roll out of fibre broadband across the neighbourhood; signpost some guidance to staying safe from financial scammers who are reported to be extremely active at present; highlight how you can book a rapid coronavirus test nearby, and as ever we include the latest planning application details for the area.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that the LRA are looking to fill a couple of vacant roles on our committee –

Planning Secretary and Chairman. If you might be interested and would like to find out more, feel free to get in touch with one of us. Our contact details are on the last page.

I hope you find this edition an enjoyable read. I'm always keen for feedback and suggestions for content, so do drop me an email if you have a story or news to share that may interest our LRA members. Until next time, take care.

Andrea Marheineke, Editor



The role of the Loudwater Residents Association (LRA)

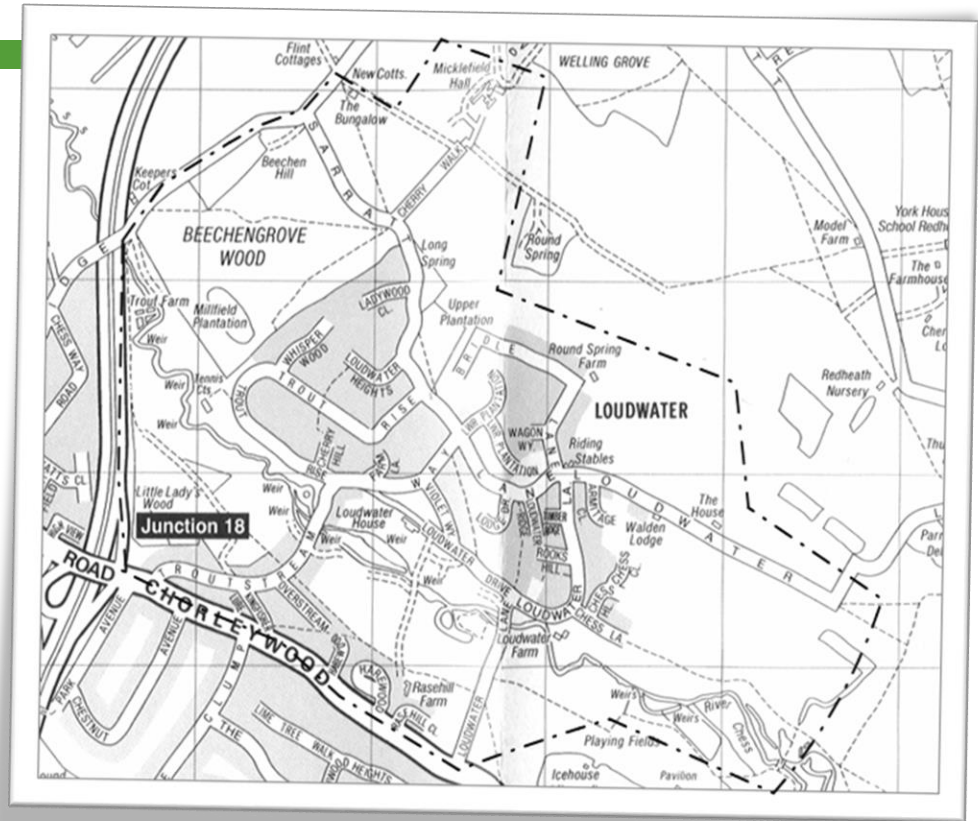
There is often some confusion about the role of the LRA. From time-to-time local residents get our remit muddled with the responsibilities of the boards of some of the Loudwater private estates and roads. So, to help clarify, below is an overview of our purpose and focus.

The Loudwater Residents' Association (LRA) was formed in 1949 by householders on the Loudwater Estate. The LRA reformed in 1957 and expanded to include adjoining private estates and neighbouring roads and lanes as shown.

The aims of the LRA are:

- a. To provide a focal group for the residents of Loudwater to deal collectively and effectively with matters that affect Loudwater.
- b. To provide a focus for community activities and other events for residents of Loudwater. This includes all activities encouraging friendship and neighbourliness.
- c. To keep the residents of Loudwater informed of events and matters of local interest through the The Ol' Trout.
- d. To provide a lobby group to encourage Three Rivers District Council and Hertfordshire County Council to maintain and improve the various publicly owned lanes and verges within Loudwater. This includes action to discourage through traffic and to ensure safety on Loudwater roads.
- e. To help maintain and protect the covenants for Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Ltd, Bridle Lane Estates Ltd, Lower Plantation (and other private estates), in the best interests of their residents.

So now you know!

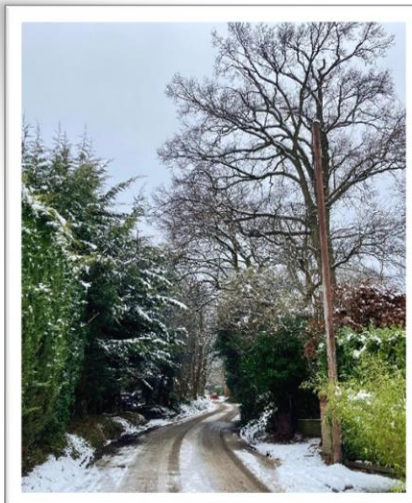


Walking on Loudwater roads

Now that so many of us are taking advantage of the neighbourhood roads for our exercise, one of our members has highlighted that, by and large, it is safer to walk on the right-hand side of the road and face oncoming traffic.

There are a few places where it is obviously wiser to cross to the left-hand side (and common sense should always prevail!) but, in general, the best practice rule is 'face oncoming traffic'.

Let's all keep safe.



A request from our Membership Secretary...

Do you have new neighbours?

If so, please let us know as we'd love to invite them to join the association.

Unfortunately, there's no easy way for us to keep tabs on all the comings and goings in Loudwater but it is easy to arrange for new residents to join, should they wish to, once we know about them.

By the same token, if your neighbours have left the district or someone has sadly passed away, we'd be very grateful if you would kindly advise us so that we can update our records.

Thank you for your help.

Roger Trigg

Membership Secretary

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The Ol' Trout unsung heroes

Each quarter our team of dedicated distributors brave whatever the weather is doing at the time to deliver your copy of the Ol' Trout. Loudwater comprises 22 separate delivery routes and the LRA committee are enormously grateful to this group of volunteers for their help.



Carole Freethy

"I've lived in Loudwater since 2006.

I have two rounds: Half of Loudwater Lane, Loudwater Drive and Violet Way.

I honestly can't remember how long I've been delivering for - time passes so swiftly. Five years?

My lovely neighbour, Anni is the secretary of the LRA and she mentioned they were looking for distributors. She knows I'm a bit of a fitness fanatic - I run and walk a lot around the lanes - so to take a bundle of magazines with me a few times a year was never going to be a problem!

I love the peace and quiet of Loudwater. I'm very lucky to live in a little cul de sac which is tucked away at the top of a hill."

Since these individual's quietly go about getting the job done, we thought it would be nice to profile a few of them.

We therefore asked Carole Freethy, Martin Turner and Anne Pither a handful of questions to help us get to know them a little.



Martin Turner

"I've lived in Loudwater since 1999, so over 21 years.

I deliver to Chess Hill and Chess Close.

I've only been delivering for a year or so.

I responded to a request for volunteers when Roger wanted to make the delivery rounds more manageable.

I love the combination of the physical environment as Loudwater is a beautiful green oasis; the social environment where fellow residents are friendly and look out for each other especially in these times, and brilliant transport links to the centre of London and further afield."

The questions were: **how long have you lived in Loudwater?** Which roads to you deliver to? **How did you come to get involved?** And, what do you love most about living in Loudwater?

Thank you Carole, Martin and Anne for sharing, and indeed for your ongoing commitment to delivering our newsletter.



Anne Pither

"I have lived here for 45 years.

I deliver from the top gate of Trout Rise down to Med Mills, Whisperwood and the top part of Cherry Hill.

I've been delivering for a very long time - it might have been when the Ol' Trout first started.

It's possible it may have been Isabel Johnston who got me involved - but I can't really remember.

Loudwater is beautiful, quite unique with a wonderful community and wildlife abounds here. I love the many clubs which provide so much friendship, great neighbours, dear friends and the newsletter as well. It's a true pleasure to deliver the Ol' Trout and I hope to do so for many more years."

Loudwater pulls out the stops for new charity

“We couldn't have done it without you.”

Chorleywood's new charity **Mission EmployAble** has asked the Ol' Trout Loudwater residents for your help with their fund-raising.

Before Covid (remember those days?) Mission EmployAble launched a joint campaign with Chorleywood Cricket Club to raise money for a new club pavilion on the Common, with a café and gift shop inside, and a training facility for young adults with learning disabilities.

Loudwater resident **Philip Garner** is a trustee of the charity and **Erica Bendall** was appointed chair of the local fund-raising committee; her brief is to help raise the £2m required for the new pavilion, cafe and training space.

During lockdown, most fund-raising activities were either cancelled or postponed. Others were run 'virtually', including Mission WoofAble, an online dog show attracting some 250 photo entries and judged by **Shirlie Kemp**.

Loudwater locals scooped five prizes:

Ann Garner with Yoda: Handsome Hound and Best in Show

Celia Brothers with Alaska: Best Friend

Roger Cattell with Ayra: Doggy Diva

Jennifer McDermott with Voldermort and Rupert (gone but not forgotten).

We pulled out the stops again at Christmas:

Lisa Marheineke won the wreath competition, Doors For The Cause.

Sophia Oakton wrapped 2000 Mission EmployAble Christmas cards into bundles of 10.



Alison Montgomery ran round the estate to deliver more than 400 cards

In September, several of us tuned in for the charity's Virtual Comedy Night.

Pandemic-permitting, Mission EmployAble is planning various fund-raising activities for 2021 and once again, Loudwater will be well represented:

- Golf Day on 16 April: **Pete Higgins** and **Roger Cattell** have signed up two Four Balls (places are still available)
- Team CoastBusters Cycle Ride to Padstow on May 23: **Tony Bendall** and three mates (including **Adrian Horsburgh** who grew up in Loudwater) get on their bikes.

The efforts of Erica and her local fund-raising team have managed to raise a staggering £25,000, despite lockdown. Other funding has come from charitable trusts, foundations and personal pledges.

The Cricket club and Mission EmployAble still have approximately £300,000 of the £2m to raise.

The new pavilion will replace the dilapidated 1960s building and will enable the Cricket Club to extend its coaching programmes to girls, women and people with disabilities, when it is completed in late 2021/early 2022.

Inside, the Mission EmployAble café (which does not yet have a name) will serve homemade snacks, lunches and afternoon teas, seven days a week.

Philip Garner said, "Anyone - from cricket fans and parents with young children to dog walkers, rambblers and groups - will be able to walk to the café and enjoy the fabulous views across the Common."

Uniquely, the food will be prepared and served by young interns with learning disabilities, under the supervision of skilled trainers.

Each will spend a year with Mission EmployAble as an intern, obtaining employability skills in association with the Bucks College Group.

Thank you again to all the Loudwater residents who have helped the charity so far.

To learn more about Mission EmployAble and make a donation visit www.missionemployable.co.uk



'Best in show and Handsome Hound' winner Yoda with Ann Garner and Martin and Shirlie Kemp; 'Best Friends' winner Celica Brothers' Alaska with her grandson; Roger Cattell's 'Doggy Diva', Ayra; and Lisa Marheineke's winning wreath.



Financial scams

A few weeks ago, we were contacted by a relation of an elderly couple who had until recently been LRA members, living on the Chorleywood Road, but had sadly passed away. Both had been in ill health for some years, which had led to them being quite vulnerable. She shared with me the distress that her family had experienced on discovering that the couple had been the victims of financial scammers, who had tricked them into giving them access to their considerable life savings and 'cleared out' their accounts. She was understandably extremely upset and angry about the injustice of what had taken place and asked that we consider highlighting the issue with residents.

During the pandemic financial scams have been on the rise. News reports have shared horrifying stories of ruthless criminals taking advantage of people during this difficult time. The [National Crime Agency](#) advise that "Law enforcement, government and private sectors partners are working together to encourage members of the public to be more vigilant against fraud, particularly about sharing their financial and personal information, as criminals seek to capitalise on the Covid-19 pandemic." They offer the following guidance:

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

While no one is immune to being targeted, the elderly are particularly vulnerable. Charity AgeUK provide some really helpful advice on their website, including guidance about what to do if you're worried that someone you know

is being scammed. You can read their information at:

www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/

Stay safe.

Broadband update

About two years ago BT Openreach completed a programme of Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) for 90% of those residents living on the Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate. Once installed, if desired, it was then up to each household to take-up the option and have the fibre connection linked from the telegraph pole to their home. Robert Kenison and the Troutstream Estate Board began working with BT Openreach back in 2016 to upgrade the performance of broadband across the estate and many residents have since taken up having it.

Back in January, Andy Coteman was in touch to flag that BT Openreach were now installing FTTP throughout WD3. It had originally been due in Q4 2020, although it has understandably been delayed. He has been advised that Openreach plan to have all the engineering complete by the end of Q3 2021, and that each house that wants it, will need to be visited by an engineer who will install a small fibre box which will be connected to their normal router.

Given that Loudwater is quite sparsely populated compared with other areas in WD3 it's encouraging that BT are doing all the engineering work. As at late January, Andy noted that they had surveyed Chess Hill and Lane and work appeared to be underway on Loudwater Drive.

So, despite lockdown, fingers crossed faster more reliable Broadband will be available right across the neighbourhood soon.

www.bt.com/broadband

Local rapid coronavirus test centres

According to the government, 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't show any symptoms, so rapid testing is a quick way to find out if you're infectious. Several rapid coronavirus testing centres have recently opened across Hertfordshire for people with no symptoms of the disease. The council-run sites offer free lateral flow tests which can detect whether someone has Covid within minutes. Anyone taking a lateral flow test should receive a test result within one hour of taking the test.

This type of testing is **primarily intended for key workers** who are unable to work from home, but the testing is open to the community as well.

Anyone with any of the three main Covid symptoms however, **must not** use a rapid testing site - instead they should book a test via the government website at an existing coronavirus testing site or by booking a home test.

How do I get a rapid test?

Since late January, Hertfordshire County Council has opened a number of testing sites including in Rickmansworth, Watford, Bushey and Abbots Langley. An appointment for a rapid test must be booked online via the council's website – you can choose a time slot to visit on a day the testing site is open.



To book a test:

<https://eservices.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/hidden/lft-book-slot>

What happens at the testing centre?

A swab is taken from a person's throat and nose. At some test centres, you'll need to swab your own throat and nose with supervision from a trained professional. At other centres, a trained professional will carry out the swab.

Once the test is complete, you must return home. You'll receive an email or text confirming your test result within one hour. Public transport should be avoided to travel to or from a rapid testing site and a face covering must be worn at the testing centre, except when taking the test.

To reiterate, this service is primarily for key workers – however, if you are particularly concerned about your health, you may wish to consider having a test.

Thank you to [The Watford Observer](#) for sharing this information.



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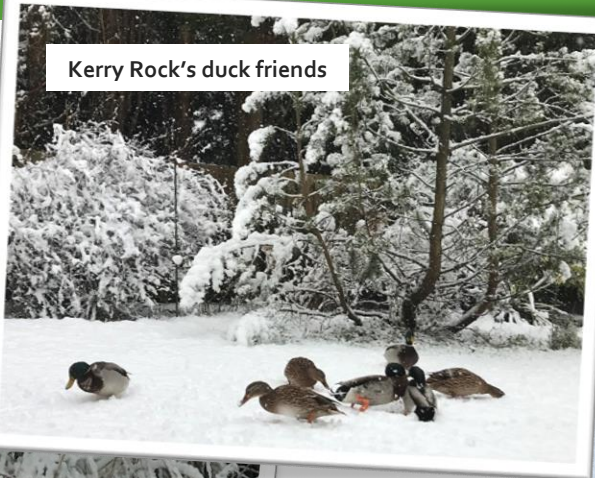
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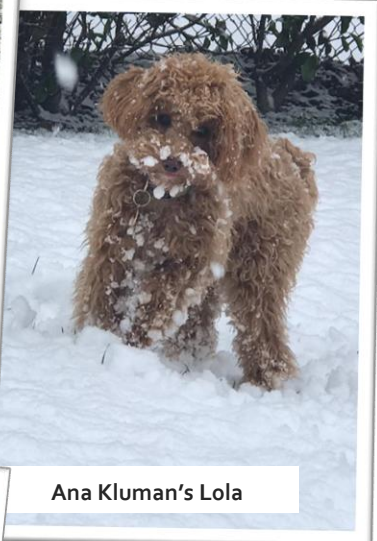
Snow day (Sunday 23 January)



Kunal Gupta's snowman



Kerry Rock's duck friends



Ana Kluman's Lola



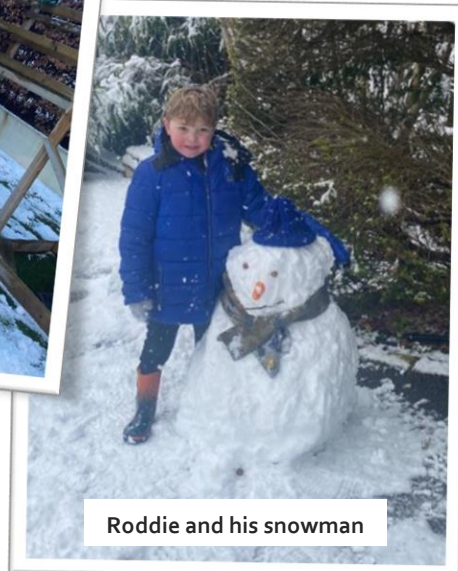
Murside snowman



Snow angel Freddy



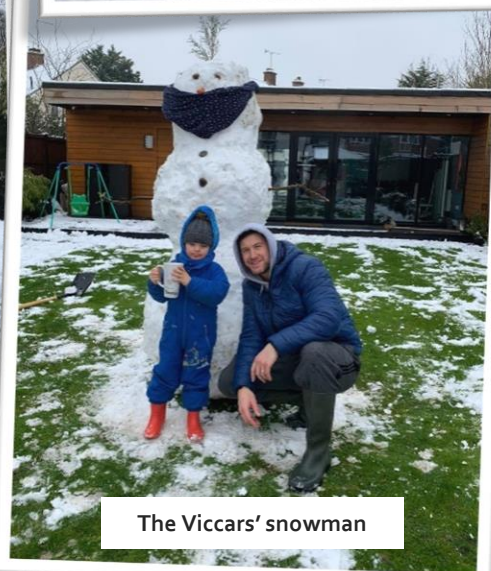
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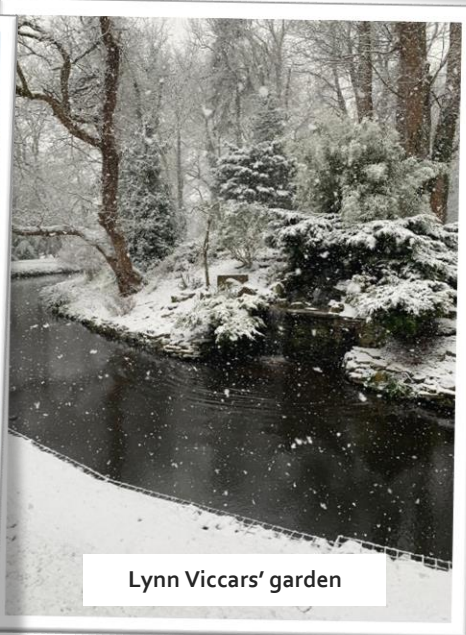
Roddie and his snowman



Kluman's snowman



The Viccars' snowman



Lynn Viccars' garden

Planning update

December 2020 and January 2021

Bridle Path Cottage, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HP

Alterations to fenestration and extension and alterations to basement, extension to raised terrace and creation of pool

Ref. No: 20/2596/FUL | Received: Tue 01 Dec 2020 | Validated: Fri 11 Dec 2020 |
Status: Pending Consideration

8 Harewood, Rickmansworth WD3 4EZ

First floor rear extension

Ref. No: 21/0041/FUL | Received: Mon 11 Jan 2021 | Validated: Fri 15 Jan 2021 |
Status: Pending Consideration

Hillside, Overstream, Loudwater WD3 4LD

New front entrance porch, roof lights to rear elevation, conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation, alterations to windows and installation of new windows, installation of new doors to the rear elevation and construction of detached double garage

Ref. No: 20/2815/FUL | Received: Thu 24 Dec 2020 | Validated: Mon 04 Jan 2021 |
Status: Pending Consideration

Jacasupi, Lower Plantation, Loudwater WD3 4PQ

Single storey extension with balcony at first floor level

Ref. No: 20/2576/FUL | Received: Mon 30 Nov 2020 | Validated: Wed 23 Dec 2020 |
Status: Pending Consideration

Sanam, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4LA

Single storey rear extensions including rear balcony, front canopy porch, alterations to external materials and fenestration, and construction of detached garage and associated additional hardstanding

Ref. No: 20/2797/FUL | Received: Wed 23 Dec 2020 | Validated: Mon 11 Jan 2021 |
Status: Pending Consideration

Stamhus, Troutstream Way, Loudwater, WD3 4LB

Retrospective: erection of front gates

Ref. No: 21/0021/RSP | Received: Wed 06 Jan 2021 | Validated: Fri 15 Jan 2021 |
Status: Pending Consideration

The Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JS

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations

Ref. No: 20/2780/CLPD | Received: Mon 21 Dec 2020 | Validated: Mon 21 Dec 2020 |
Status: Pending Consideration

Tall Timbers, Rooks Hill, Loudwater WD3 4HZ

Discharge of Condition 4 (Materials) pursuant to planning permission 19/2442/FUL

Ref. No: 20/2610/DIS | Received: Wed 02 Dec 2020 | Validated: Wed 02 Dec 2020 |
Status: Pending Consideration

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