



The Hills Amenity Society

Working for the Conservation Areas of York Hill, Baldwins Hill and Staples Road

Who we are and what we do....

Hills Amenity Society has been working since 1972 to preserve, protect, develop and improve features of both historic and public interest and to promote higher standards of planning and design in keeping with existing amenities and the rural character of the three Loughton conservation areas of York Hill, Staples Road and Baldwins Hill. The Society organises social events such as an annual picnic, autumn lunch and open meeting and AGM in the Spring. It awards a prize for the best kept garden, monitors planning and has been responsible for carrying out detailed appraisals of the area which have been adapted and now adopted by the local council.

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Plaque unveiling and Autumn Lunch - Sun 15 November



The Hills Amenity Society ceremony to unveil the Hills Plaque will be on **Sunday 15 November at 12 noon** followed by the Autumn Lunch, open to all, at The Gardeners Arms 12.30 - 2.30pm

Lunch tickets £5

Contact Valerie 020 8502 3998 or email ian.locks@gmail.com

Can weight ban stop juggernaut chaos?



Essex County Council is to introduce weight restrictions throughout the Hills in an effort to stop the nightmare of intercontinental juggernauts following satnav instructions to use York and Baldwins Hills as a short cut and causing chaos and damage. The Order has been obtained by County Councillor Chris Pond and will result in the recently installed advisory signs being replaced by statutory ones. The ban will NOT apply to large vehicles delivering to local addresses or servicing the area. Hills Society Chairman Stephen Cohen welcomed the new Order: "We look forward to the added protection this aims to give residents and wait to see if lorry drivers take notice instead of mindlessly following their satnavs."

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In the Hills—for the Hills



HillsWatch is a registered neighbourhood watch community covering the three conservation areas plus immediately adjacent roads. The scheme encourages a caring attitude towards others in the community, keeping an eye open for loutish or suspicious behaviour and taking appropriate action. In this issue we highlight the ongoing problem of juggernauts entering our narrow roads, changes to local policing, an increase in burglary in Loughton and the availability of meetings with local police, growing problems with litter and finalists in the annual Hills front gardens competition - well kept gardens being important to morale...and house values! For more information see <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk>

Juggernaut Watch



If you see a juggernaut (such as this one) attempting to negotiate the Hills do please try to get a picture and a numberplate together with a time and date. It is very helpful to keep a log of incidents which can be reported to the local police and to Essex County Council.

Gardeners Arms

York Hill, Loughton Tel: 020 8508 1655

CHRISTMAS SET MENU

Available 20 Nov to 24 Dec

£25.00 per person

STARTERS

Carrot and Honey cream Soup

Gardeners Prawn Cocktail

Potted Ham Hock with Piccalilli

Smooth Chicken Liver Pate with Warm Toast and Winter Chutney

MAIN COURSE

Roast free range Turkey with homemade stuffing

Cranberry Sauce and Port Wine Gravy

Panfried Scottish Salmon Fillet with Capers and Prawns in Blackened Butter

Roast Duck Leg on a bed of Red Lentils with a Red Wine Jus

Pecan, Lentils, Chestnut Mushroom, Brie

Nutroast with a Yorkshire Pudding

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

French Chocolate Tart with Cointreau Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Ice Cream

10% DISCOUNT ON ALL PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES OF WINE FOR PARTIES OF 10 OR OVER - ORGANISER HAS MEAL FREE

10% DISCRETIONARY SERVICE CHARGE WILL BE ADDED FOR PARTIES OF 10 OR OVER

Quiz
Night

Every
Weds

8pm start

Discounted
Beers and
Wines
Good Prizes

£2 per person

Meet the police

Did you know you can meet your local police to voice concerns? Their meetings are organised by

PCSO Paul Le'strange, a PCSO for five years in the Loughton area who can be contacted at:

Email: huboffice-efd-brentwood@essex.pnn.police.uk
Telephone: 101 extn 313603

PCSO Kerri Bowden, a PCSO since 2005 and at Loughton since 2008.

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The meetings, at **Loughton Methodist Hall, High Road**, last for one hour to meet the public and discuss any issues we may have.

Next dates are:

Monday 19 October 11.00am

Mon 26 Oct 2015 11:00:00

Wed 4 Nov 2015 11:00:00

Fri 13 Nov 2015 11:00:00

Who to contact

Noise: ring the District Council Environmental Health team (01992 564000, 24 hours), not the Police

Anti-social behaviour, such as drunk and disorderly intimidation etc, ring 101 and get a crime number

Criminal activity, such as a threat to life/safety (an emergency situation) - ring 999;

Help wanted

Please let the Committee know if you would be interested in becoming a Hills Watch Street Coordinator.



Burglary up - police doors close: Our co-ordinator reflects policing changes

In August, 138 crimes were reported in Loughton - four of them in the Hills or immediately adjacent: one in Wallers Hoppet, one in York Crescent and three on Church Hill. You may have read elsewhere big changes are taking place to policing in Essex as a whole. Locally Loughton Police Station now has reduced opening hours and will be one of 15 in Essex where the counter is to be closed before April leaving Harlow as our nearest public access to the police.

On the previous page we give details of our local police contacts. If you haven't already it is well-worth visiting the Essex Police website and clicking through 'Your Neighbourhood' to Epping Forest and Loughton to see how the changes will affect us. You will also read that in Loughton the crack-down on anti-social behaviour is working - but burglaries are on the rise. The Police Meets programme is impressive. Do go



along to the Methodist Hall and see for yourself. Details of times on Page 2.

Planning success in Pump Hill

Hills Committee has registered its strong approval for the new house at the top of Pump Hill, erected after many years of discussion and planning applications. The impasse of over

development of this sensitive site was overcome by flexibility on all sides enabling the owner to achieve a most acceptable result. Congratulations to all involved.



Two Hills projects go to appeal - and recent applications

An application to develop **Trevelyan House** and its adjoining buildings into a mini estate of 10 homes on the site which abuts the Potato Field allotments has gone to appeal. The plans were rejected by Epping Forest DC. At its meeting the Hills Amenity Society had expressed concern that access to the site might be sought via Church Hill and Monkchester Close, a route which would almost certainly impinge on allotment land. The development would also create a "development bridge" between



Baldwins Hill via Stony Path and the almshouses. **Woodberrie, Woodbury Hill.** Plans to demolish an existing garage and erect a two storey extension to the existing dwelling house were rejected by Epping Forest DC. The proposal has now gone to appeal.

62 Queens Road Single storey front extension.

36 Queens Road

Proposed front and rear dormer extensions all below the level of the existing house ridge but including raising of the side hip to gable. Front dormer position over existing bay set back to align with the adjacent new proposed front dormer.

Landscapes

29 Woodbury Hill

Proposed single-storey rear extension (garden room) with internal alterations and proposed garage and extension to existing outbuilding

76 Queens Road

Demolition of existing conservatory and

erection of a single storey rear extension with a roof lantern. Alterations to fenestration to include enlargement of existing windows at first and ground floor south-west flank elevation.

4 Pump Hill Single storey front extension, reduce level of basement, raised rear deck, reduced levels in garden and changes to rear windows.

2 Wroths Path

Conversion of storage areas and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear addition. Alterations to front elevation include new windows ground floor and new porch.

What plans for York Hill corner site?

When the last of the businesses left the single story offices on the corner of York Hill and Kings Green metal shutters went up (and much used evening parking space lost). Since when all has been silence. Any information on the future proposals for this site gratefully received.....



LRA on Fifteen's case

LRA has been following up complaints from residents about disturbances and parking nuisance near *Fifteen* on Fridays and Saturdays.

Hills Conservation Area



Are you a designer?

Hills Committee continues to hope for Conservation Area signs at the main entrances to the three areas along the lines of the draft on the left. Are you a designer? If so would you consider drafting a proposal for us?

Pick of the Hills property for sale

In association with



York Hill: Two bedroom cottage £450k

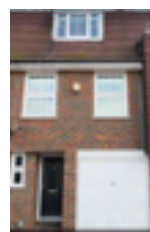


25a York Hill: Two bedrooms extensively remodelled cottage. £650k

Pictures and details 



Queens Road: Four bedroom detached period house £800k



Wroths Path: Four bedroom, mid-terrace home. £499,999



York Hill. Two bedroom cottage £515k

...and some sold recently

21 Staples Road
Terraced freehold, 3 beds, sold July 2015
Zoopla est £870k



Queens Road
4 bed 5 storey £975k
STC (above)



2a Pump Hill
Jun2015
Zoopla est £865k
(below)



10 Queens Road
Semi-det freehold, 3 beds, Zoopla est £490k



Baldwins Hill
(above) 4 bedroom det £780k STC



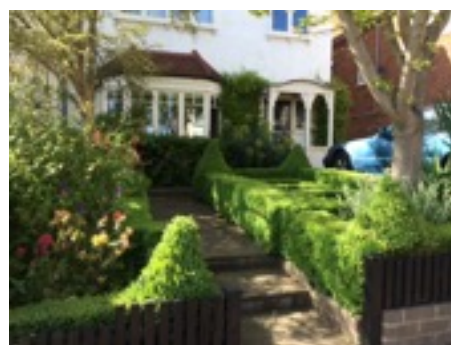
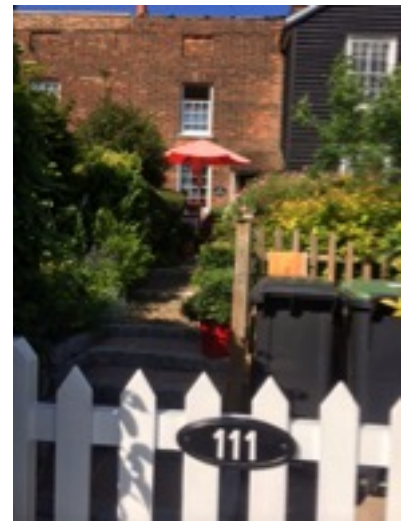
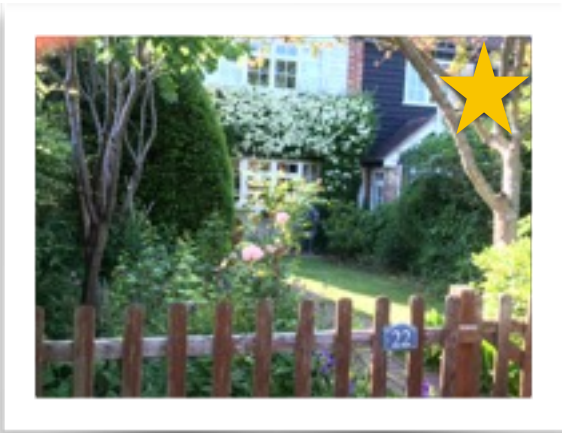
Pump Hill
(above) detached 3 bedroom £950,000 STC

85a York Hill detached 3 bedroom c£700k sold STC



The front gardens which help to make the Hills so special

Stephen Cohen took these pictures of front gardens for the annual Hills competition. The winner, 22 Baldwins Hill, starred below, will be presented with the Hills Front Gardens Trophy at the Autumn Lunch (open to all) on Sunday 15 November at the Gardeners' Arms from midday.



Comment

So what drives you mad?

I guess we all have our foibles - things which seem to drive us mad probably out of all proportion. My latest started on one of the warmer and few calm days of the summer when I became acutely aware of the bikers. The ones that scream through the gears to top revs burning rubber. We found ourselves in the middle of 20 or so burning as much as they could up at High Beach one light evening. A few days later I had to jump out of the way as an unlit three wheeler followed by a motor bike roared through the High Road lights at red, took Kings Green at I cannot imagine what speed and then raced back along the High Road on what I imagined was their ton-up circuit. Then just a few days ago a sleeveless chap with skimpily clad lady riding pillion overtook us on the blind bend of York Hill with what I guessed was a pretty dismissive signal. A case of "high drama in Loughton, nobody killed... yet". I guess one can only appeal for police help - and hence the Police Meet programme. Maybe see you at the Methodist Church sometime? Dates on Page two.

Help Wanted: By the way, if you would like to put your shoulder to the Hills Amenity wheel please contact our Chairman: stephenmcohen@hotmail.com

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Town Mayor to unveil Hills plaque



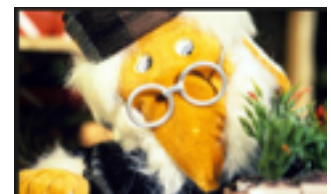
Loughton Town Mayor Judy Jennings (pictured) will unveil the plaque organised and championed by Hills Amenity Society at the top of York Hill at a Town Council unveiling on Thursday 12 November at 10.30am. The project has been led by Hills Committee chairman Stephen Cohen.



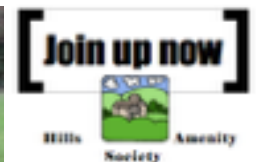
Congratulations Rosie

The 2015 winner of Best Allotment in Loughton was Rosie Partridge from the Loughton Potato Ground. Rosie, a previous winner in 2009 and 2014, received the large silver cup to hold for 11 months and a £25 gardening voucher.

Thank you Hills Womblers



For those who remember that wonderful campaign to curb litter we should thank the many on the Hills who help to keep the area relatively litter-free - a sadly a growing challenge as the volumes of discarded bottles, cigarette packets, sweet wrappers, beer and soft drink cans swells every year.. Perhaps an idea for Staples Road School to revive? The Hills Amenity Society would be delighted to provide stickers and prizes. And thank you to dog owners who clean up after their pets, too.



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