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Land North of St Mary's Lane Winchester Avenue Housing Development

A local Essex based developer produced a leaflet recently and invited Upminster residents to attend a meeting to obtain feedback regarding building a large housing development, as well as a hockey pitch, near Winchester Avenue, Upminster. The development would be on the Green Belt. To date, we understand the developer has not contacted Havering Council regarding pre-planning permission, and has not submitted a planning application. If and when plans are submitted, your Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) Councillors will be opposing any planning application made by the developer, on the grounds the development is on the Green Belt, as well as the fact that there will be inadequate infrastructure to support such a development. When we have more information regarding the above, we will update residents in future additions of The Bulletin.

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Havering Council has introduced a new Enforcement Team

A new Enforcement Team has been introduced in Havering, to crack down on those found littering, fly-tipping, not clearing up dog mess and being in breach of our PSPOs (Public Space Protection Orders). The uniformed Officers can hand out Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to those found littering, fly-tipping, not clearing up dog mess and being in breach of our PSPOs. In addition, they will also be responsible for locking and unlocking park gates. The Officers are provided by NES (National Enforcement Solutions) to work on behalf of the Council, and to work alongside the existing Enforcement Team to help make the Borough safer and cleaner. Income from fines will pay for the service and will also contribute towards wider enforcement, educational and environmental projects. In their first week on patrol, they have already issued over 300 on-the-spot fines for dropped litter and other environmental crimes. They issued 319 FPNs to people found littering including dropping chewing gum and cigarette butts. The fines are set at around £150 for littering, but Officers can also issue other fines of up to £400 for fly-tipping and commercial waste offences.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

The impact of ULEZ

As the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health I actively meet and engage with the Borough's care providers. ULEZ is one conversation that has been of concern within the care sector and with our health partners. With Havering being right on the edge of London, we have a very high percentage of care support staff that travel in from Essex, to work within the Borough. It is absolutely the case that residents living within the Borough of Havering will also be impacted.

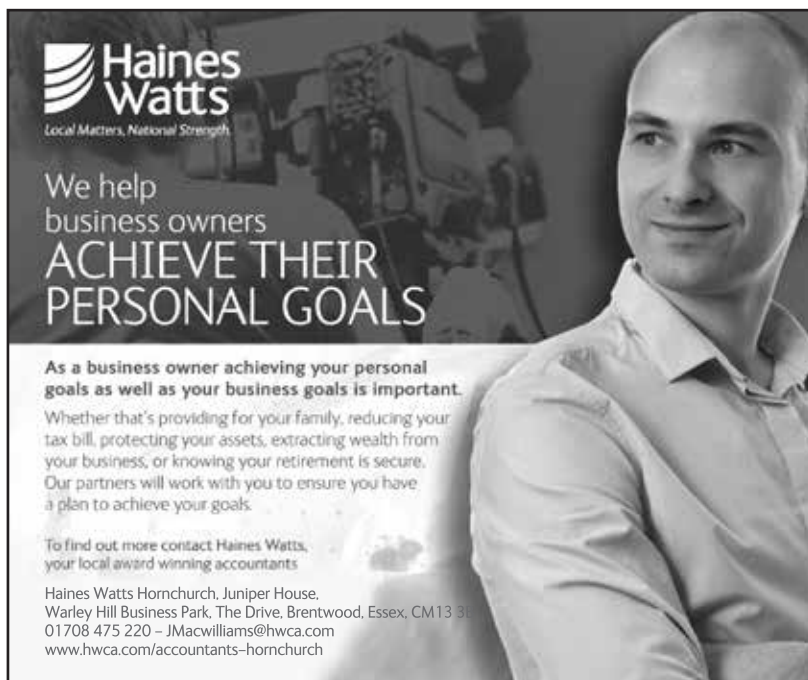
The Carers Voice undertook a survey of its members asking them about the impact they believe ULEZ would have and out of 169 replies, 101 suggested they would have to consider resigning from their current role due to the cost impact. This doesn't take into account the impact on informal carers who look after and support loved ones.

As I write this, the court case taken up by 5 Authorities has been adjourned. The judge is hoping to have a response before the 31st July, but has suggested that may not be possible. As ULEZ is due to be implemented in August, that leaves just for weeks for any appeals processes.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Road Works Progress

Regular drivers through Upminster will most likely have experienced some delays in recent weeks due to a variety of works taking place. Where statutory organisations such as water, energy and communications companies carry out works they must endeavour to minimise any disruption that they cause. The Council does liaise with these companies to help them in planning their non-emergency activities. Meanwhile pothole repairs and resurfacing works have been ongoing. Your Upminster and Cranham RA Councillors have been

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pressing for the worst areas to be prioritised, with resurfacing of Front Lane a welcome improvement along with the Hall Lane flyover, Moor Lane and roads in the Corbets Tey area. Significant potholes are also being patch repaired where full resurfacing is not yet programmed. Thank you to everyone who has reported these through, and please continue to do so.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

Request for Area Controller in Cranham

Thank you to the people who contacted me following the recent request for relief Area Controllers. We are now looking for someone to take on the role on a permanent basis for an area around the Hall Lane/Avon Road junction. Area Controllers receive several boxes of Bulletins once a month and then distribute them to around half a dozen deliverers. If you are able to assist please contact Cllr John Tyler via the details here on page 2.

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Request for volunteer deliverers in Cranham

We are grateful to our many volunteers who deliver Bulletins each month for the Association. We are currently looking for volunteers to help in part of Cranham Gardens (between Kings Gardens and the Cobbles), Chelmer Road and a small section of Hall Lane near to the mini roundabout. If you are able to assist please contact Cllr John Tyler via his details here on page 2.

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Our By-Election candidate

Due to the passing of Councillor Linda Hawthorn a By-Election has been called. This will take place on Thursday, 10th August 2023.

In the last Bulletin, we invited you to put your name forward to represent us as the Upminster Candidate in the By-Election.

Interviews took place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July and we are delighted to announce that Jacqueline Williams will be the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association candidate. You will see the Windmill logo next to her name on the ballot paper.

If you are not registered to vote, please contact the Council to register. You will have the option to vote in person on the day, postal vote or proxy vote.

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Lower Thames Crossing update

Hearings for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) Development Consent Order examination started on 20th June. So far, the Examiners have been asking National Highway some great questions, and pushing them for answers. There are concerns over some major issues relating to various aspects, including impacts to the ports, cost, value for money and benefit cost ratio. Thames Crossing Action Group have also been pushing on many concerns, including highlighting the evidence that the proposed LTC would be hugely destructive and harmful, fails to meet scheme objectives, would be a false economy and waste of taxpayers' money, as well as a 'smart' motorway by stealth if it goes ahead. The examination continues to 20th December, with lots more evidence being submitted and heard.

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Lower Thames Crossing Examination

As mentioned above the examination of the Lower Thames Crossing formally began on 20th June and is due to finish on 20th December 2023. The Examining Authority has now published the final Examination timetable which is known as a "Rule 8" letter.

Two Specific Hearings covering high level matters linked to the legal wording for the draft Development Consent Order, and discussions around strategic aspects of the project have taken place. There have also been some Open Floor Hearings giving members of the public an opportunity to provide the Examining Authority with their views on the scheme.

As I write the next key submission deadline is the 18th July which

includes Havering's Local Impact Report, which sets out the positive neutral and negative impacts the scheme will have on the borough, and the Written Representation setting out Havering's case.

Full details of the examination can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/lower-thames-crossing/?ipcsection=overview>

Cllr OSCAR FORD

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Penalty Charge Notices update

Following my articles over the last few editions, I have been contacted by people from far and wide highlighting Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) they have

received in Havering, which they believe were issued incorrectly. Recent instances have included someone who had their appeal turned down, when the driver of the car next to them in a Council car park, had their appeal granted in identical circumstances, and a resident who was issued with a PCN for entering a School Streets Zone after the restricted time had ended.

I have highlighted many of these to Council officers and the Cabinet Member responsible for Environment, and been promised that additional training has been given to wardens and other relevant Council staff.

Although I am unable to assist appeals individually, I am happy to continue to receive e-mails detailing your experiences.

It is important that anyone who thinks that they have received a PCN incorrectly, should make sure they appeal within the time allowed and include as much evidence as they can to prove the error (including photos of inoperable parking machines and time plates etc.). Repeated below is the PCN appeals process as shared last month.

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A summary of this is below:

Firstly, people should refer to the Council's Discretionary Policy Document, which advises how and when a Penalty can be considered for cancellation (see below).

All challenges should be made by the recipient of the penalty and need to be in writing (either by online portal or post).

The process of Civil Parking Enforcement is defined by the Traffic Management Act 2004, the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007 and the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals

Regulations 2007.

Should the Council refuse a challenge, then the person making the appeal is able to move their case to the independent Adjudicator at the London Tribunals Service, where an independent Adjudicator will decide upon the case - a decision which is binding on both parties.

For further information on appealing a parking ticket or traffic fine, including a link to the Council's Discretionary Policy Document, visit www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking_tickets_and_traffic_fines/2

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Further to the article in the July Bulletin on pre-season friendlies. Our local football team are pleased to announce a home game on Saturday, 5th August with Millwall Football Club Under 21s at The Bridge Stadium, Bridge Avenue, Upminster - kick off 3pm. Go along and support the Urchins. The club are celebrating 100 years since the formation of the original Upminster Wanderers.

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I would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and kind words for my sister Linda. I have tried to thank you all personally, but if I have missed anyone I am sorry. Your kindness has been a great help at this difficult time and has been much appreciated.

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Thames Chase

We have a jam packed month full of activities here at Thames Chase. Our monthly guided heritage walks continue on August 4th with a circular guided heritage walk from the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane to Franks Woods and Cranham Brickfields.

Discover the source of the bricks of many older homes and buildings in Havering, as well as the history and wildlife of Franks Woods. Parking, complimentary refreshments and toilets available at the Forest Centre, cost £3.50 per person book via eventbrite.co.uk (search Thames Chase).

You can also book onto our first 'Thames Chase Talks' on August 4th, the theme of the first talk is

'Wildlife.' Come and hear about the interesting forest tales and wildlife within the Thames Chase Community Forest.

Our three guest speakers will speak about forest wildlife and the story of the Bedfords Park Walled Garden. A complimentary refreshment will be available. Speakers include: James Doyle (Thames Chase Trust), Richard Wonfor (Forestry England), and Lois Amos (Bedfords Park Walled Garden). Date August 4th, 2pm-4pm, cost £3 per person including a complimentary drink. To book go to: eventbrite.co.uk (search Thames Chase)

Havering Planning Survey

The Council's planning policy team are conducting a telephone survey about the Borough's town centres and high streets, to get some understanding of shopping habits and trends in the Borough. The survey will feed into a Retail and Leisure Study, which forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan review.

An external company NEMS is conducting these on the Council's behalf. Resident participation is

greatly appreciated. It is always good to be scam aware and NEMS will never ask for any financial information.

Upminster CC v Essex CCC

Upminster Cricket Club have announced that the Annual Benefit Match against the Essex XI will be played on Sunday, 10 September. Further details will be available in due course.

Beware of bogus callers

Recently we were informed suspicious callers knocking door-to-door on the Rivers Estate in Cranham. The men apparently claimed to be from a well-known charity but did not have any I.D. and raised suspicion with the resident, who asked them to leave. One returned again later but the resident did not open the door.

Unfortunately, this type of crime is a regular occurrence across London and elsewhere. For advice on preventing Distraction Burglary see the Met Police's

Crime Prevention section of their website met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/keep-burglars-out-property/.

First Step 35th Anniversary Ball

On Saturday, 7th October 2023 First Step will be holding its 35th annual ball. Help celebrate 35 years of First Step and catch up with families, friends and supporters of First Step and of course the founders Gill Hare and Margaret Williams. The event will be taking place at Orsett Hall in The Pavilion where you can enjoy a 3 course meal with tea and coffee, a raffle, silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets £75. To reserve tickets give Caroline or Catherine a call on **01708 556355** or email: fundraising@firststep.org.uk

Adventure Island

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no. 303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at a discounted price of £16.50 each.

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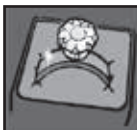


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Upminster Tithe Barn Museum open days

The Museum of Nostalgia in Upminster Tithe Barn, Hall Lane, Upminster RM14 1AU will be open from 10.30am - 4pm on two Saturdays a month throughout the summer. For anyone who has never been there, the museum is well worth a visit.

Entry is free but a donation is welcomed, to help maintain the upkeep of the museum and

its many exhibits. Plenty of free parking is also available (entrance next to Upminster Golf Club). The remaining dates for 2023 are 5 & 19 August, 2 & 16 September & 7 October.

For further details visit www.upminstertithebarn.co.uk/.

Dick Whittington at The Queens

This year's panto at the Queen's Theatre is Dick Whittington. The Queens' Theatre is known for its fabulous pantos. It will run from Thursday, 23rd November until the end of December. The Box Office is open now, call **01708 443 333**. What a nice way to start your Christmas celebrations with a visit to The Queen's Theatre.

White Horse Pub, North Ockendon

We mentioned in the July Bulletin that the Pub in Ockendon Road closed several months ago and there is a sign pointing out that the pub is up for sale with

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"development opportunity". This is of course subject to planning permission.

We asked if you had any memories and Richard Moorey, who takes an active interest in local history, sent through this photo which he believes dates back to circa 1920. Another resident Michael Bell referenced the records available on pub.history.com which includes a list of licensees at the Old White Horse going back to 1828.



Interesting to see a group of children occupying what is now a very busy roadway. We will be keeping a close eye on the Council's weekly planning application lists and will keep you advised of any applications that come in.

Reporting defective street lights

Repairing defective street lighting is the responsibility of UK Power Networks in Havering. If you know of a street light that is not working, faulty or damaged, you can report this direct to UK Power Networks via their website ukpowernetworks.co.uk/street-furniture-form-questions or by phone on 0207 055 7512 (8.30am-5pm Mon-Fri).

The Wesley Players present Secondary Cause of Death

Secondary Cause of Death, by Peter Gordon, is the eagerly anticipated riotous comedy sequel to the author's hit comedy thriller Murdered to Death. It's now 1939, and storm clouds are gathering over Europe. Having inherited Bagshot House, Colonel Charles Craddock has

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converted the property into a hotel for the discerning visitor. Soon Inspector Pratt arrives once again at Bagshot House, bearing grim news for Colonel Craddock. But that's just the beginning – Who is the strange Polish Count? Is Henrietta really an army captain? And where does the flamboyant thespian Cardew Longfellow fit into the picture? When Joan Maple's sister Cynthia arrives to stage a murder mystery evening, it's not long before Pratt's visit turns into a chaotic nightmare as the bodies pile higher than ever!

Performances: 8pm on Thursday, 28th September, Friday, 29th September and Saturday, 30th September.

Prices: On the door: £10 Adults, £8 for concessions and £6 for children (u16). Book online for a £1 discount on all tickets. Senior Citizens admitted FREE on Thursday and Friday shows.

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North Ockendon Reading Room

After the meeting on 8th February 2023, a review of the Reading Room was conducted. Identifiable parties with information were written to and were requested to provide any information and/or documents they had concerning the Reading Room and the North Ockendon Reading Room Trust.

Following the review, it was considered necessary to apply to Romford County Court for a Court Order giving directions on the future of the Reading Room and the Trust. This ensures any decision concerning the Reading Room is made in an independent and transparent manner and avoids any perception of unfairness. The Court will review the evidence and decide what steps need to be taken. A further update will be provided in due course.

The application at the Land Registry has now been completed. The description of the registered proprietor of the Reading Room now reads: "Julia Elizabeth Massey of Maytree Cottage, Pea Lane, Upminster RM14 2XH as

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All Saints Players

All Saints Players are presenting Escape Room, a comedy, on Thursday, 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LG.

It is the summer of 2022 and an amateur dramatic group are visiting an Escape Room. They hope the experience of trying to get out will act as a team building exercise and bring them closer together. Unfortunately, things do not go according to plan and their efforts just drive them further apart. Not funny for them, but hilarious for the audience...

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the summer. Cheering England from the family sofa, she also conjures up long-lost footballing secrets ...

26 – 30 September – The Red Lion – Football meets theatre in this gripping locker-room drama. It's the small-time. The semi-pro. The non-league. In a world far removed from the wealth and media of football, this club is struggling to make ends meet. So, when a gifted young player arrives out of nowhere, it's the opportunity everyone's been waiting for. For the kit man this brilliant player will restore the declining fortunes of the club. But the ambitious manager is determined to make him his own.

26 October – 11 November – Killing Jack – The Autumn of Terror. 1888. When Polly is found brutally slaughtered in the slum warrens of Whitechapel, the world's biggest manhunt begins and a legend is born. Jack the Ripper. As the killings continue, no woman is safe alone at night. At the height of the hysteria, music hall performer Julia narrowly escapes the clutches of the Ripper, and is forever changed by being the One Who Got Away. But Jack has one final horror to impart before disappearing into

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- If you're paying for high value goods, such as technology or even vehicles, don't pay anything upfront unless you've physically seen the item. Be suspicious of offers that seem too good to be true.
- Avoid paying for goods via bank transfer. Using a debit or credit card offers you greater protection.
- Do your research and check the seller's reviews.

FILM REVIEW: The Little Mermaid

Disney has released another smash hit live action remake of an animation, this time with the film The Little Mermaid. Previously there have been remakes of Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast and Cinderella but I would say this tops them all - that said, it was always my favourite!

This mystical underwater adventure is perfect for all ages - the kids will love it and the adults will feel very nostalgic. The diverse representation brings something fresh and new and Halle Bailey's portrayal of Ariel is simply beautiful. Lin Manuel Miranda (Hamilton and Moana) wrote new songs, which are catchy and modern, and interweaves them seamlessly with the classics.

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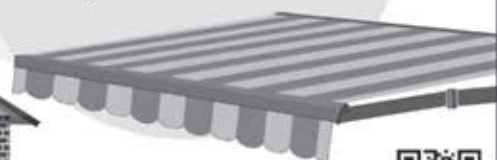
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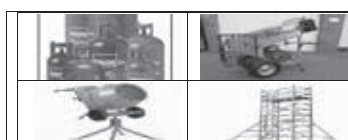
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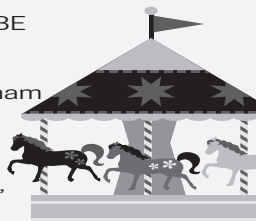
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Cop Corner - electric scooters

In the last 5 years, there has been a significant increase in the usage and ownership of electric scooters, more commonly known as 'e-scooters'. A question I am often asked is 'Are e-scooters legal?' Unfortunately, there is no straight forward answer. In the UK it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. However, e-scooters can be legally used on private land with the permission of the landowner. You are, however, legally entitled to buy, sell and own an electric scooter.

In UK law, an e-scooter is classified as a 'powered transporter', which falls within the legal definition of the term 'motor vehicle', this is due to the way powered transporters are designed and motorised. This means that the laws which apply to motor vehicles equally apply to powered transporters.

If caught riding a privately owned e-scooter on a public road, pavement or cycle lane, riders risk up to a £300 fine and or up to six points on their driving license. Other penalties and offences

include:

- Riding on a pavement: £50 fine.
- Riding without the correct licence: up to £100 fine.
- Riding through red lights: £100 fine and possible penalty points.
- Using a mobile device while riding: £200 fine and six penalty points.
- Driving under influence: you face court imposed fines, a driving ban and possible imprisonment.

E-scooter rental schemes are currently being trialled by the Government throughout the UK. This is to evaluate whether privately owned e-scooters can in future become road legal. Pending the successful completion of this trial, the Government may look to implement new regulations that must be abided by in order to use a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1988. Once new regulations come into force, the Government would then be able to stipulate that all e-scooters sold met certain standards concerning speed, power and lights etc. 'Working together for a safer London.'

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Hall Lane Pitch & Putt Development

Abbey Homes, the developer of the Pitch & Putt site have changed their marketing campaign name on their branding and website to 'Kings Green'. The new road once developed will be called 'Putters Lane' which was one of the names submitted to the Council by the developer and apparently confirmed last December. The Residents' Association or the residents of Cranham were not consulted or advised of the naming.

During the Street Naming and Numbering process, all new road/building names are submitted to the Pre-Determined Attendance Team of the London Fire Brigade to check for duplications in the surrounding area/adjacent Boroughs as duplications are not allowed. Further reassurance comes when the properties are sold, as solicitors will need to submit a conveyancing search to the department who will not accept any search that does not

match the official name of the property.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Speed Check in Upminster

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) undertook a short speed check on 22nd June along Corbets Tey Road outside Parklands parkway. 98 vehicles were checked, 6 were exceeding 35 MPH and will receive warning letters. Overall the average speed was 30.23 MPH. Our SNT attempt to undertake a monthly speed check exercise depending on operation priorities.

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Fishy Business 30 years

In our June issue we mentioned that Fishy Business was to celebrate its 30th year of trading in Upminster. To mark the occasion, local chef Scott Pinson donated his time and spent the 1st July preparing and cooking hundreds

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of kebabs on a BBQ outside of the shop to thank valued customers for helping Terry Murphy to reach this milestone. At a time when local businesses are struggling to "keep the lights on" this really is a fantastic achievement and let's hope Fishy Business continues to trade here in Upminster for many more years ahead. Shopping local has never been more important than it is today.



Cranham ward Councillor drop-in sessions

Do you have any problems with Council services in the Cranham

ward? Your Cranham ward Councillors can be contacted throughout the year, but if you want to talk to them in person you can meet them at one of their drop-in sessions. The next one will be on the 6th September, 11am-12noon, Cafe 4 You, Front Lane. Other dates this year are 4th October and 1st November.

Southend Adventure Island and Sealife discounted tickets

Adventure Island tickets only £16 and Sealife tickets £7.50. To buy pop into either Caffé Gelato, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster or Maa Eyecare, Avon Road, Upminster. Cash only please. Present your voucher to the kiosk in Adventure Island and they will exchange for a wristband for the rides. Tickets are valid for all days the park is open up to the end of 2023. All tickets are £16 regardless of height, but height restrictions still apply on rides. (£28 on the door). All the money raised goes to the Engayne Primary Friends Association, registered charity number 1107207.

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Upminster Police – Community contact sessions

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Roomes Restaurant, Station Road, Upminster on Tuesday, 8th August between 12pm to 1pm

Upminster Park by the Kiosk on Sunday, 20th August between 12pm to 1pm.

Upminster Park by the Kiosk on Friday, 25th August between 6pm to 7pm.

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Twittering Councillors

Councillor John Tyler has a Twitter page, with news of some of the things happening in Cranham ward and his own personal take on local politics and occasionally, the wider world. He is also happy to receive messages from residents via his account **@CllrTyler**

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