



FORA Grapevine

Hello from the Forest Residents Association

The FORA Discount scheme is there to support our small businesses that are all very hardworking and provide a service to the local community up and down the country. You may have noticed the 15 minute bays along the High Road and the side roads giving you time to pop into your local shops. What you may not know is these bays in Waltham Forest have a further 10 minutes before you get a ticket. Unfortunately I was recently visiting the local shops only to find a parking ticket on my return. I was sure I hadn't stayed over the limit and on closer inspection noted the ticket had been issued after the 15 minutes but before the extra 10 minutes. After a few emails to contest the penalty it was cancelled. Should you have any tickets please check that they have been issued correctly and if you have any problems on the appeal please contact me directly.

Our Litter pick this March was a part of Waltham Forest Spring Clean.

We have our Litter Pick every 6 months so it was good to see the council

take up this worthwhile initiative. We were joined by our committed local volunteers who generously gave their time once again to clean up in and around Forest Glade E11. Our local Councillor Gerry Lyons was also on hand. Much rubbish was collected although encouragingly far less than the usual number of bags and assorted large dumped items which usually range from vacuum cleaners to satellite dishes, dragged deep into the heart of the woods. I'd like to thank all who took part.

<https://forestresidents.org/fora-spring-litter-pick>

Another year has passed and its time for our AGM on Saturday 6th May. After a record attendance last year which was our 10th anniversary I look forward to another belter and hope we can surpass last year's numbers. You will have the opportunity to elect the new committee for the coming year and take up a position yourself if you feel you have the time. FORA is here as your voice for the community so you can raise any issues at this meeting. I always welcome new members to join us and this is an ideal opportunity for you to bring along any neighbours who are interested in learning more about what we as an organisation do and to have a great meal. I have over the last year again increased the number of discount shops our members can use and save money and hope you are all taking advantage of this great facility. You can also renew your membership on the night and pick up next year's card.

Tony FORA Vice Chair has arranged as guest speaker Sam Tallant who is the Local Area Co-ordinator who work alongside:

- People with mental health needs,
- Disability,
- Older people and their families/carers.

A big part of their role is about connecting communities and it will be interesting to hear how they achieve this and how we as a community can help. <http://lacnetwork.org/areas/waltham-forest/>

This year we will be having a **fish and Chips supper** so it's really important you **RSVP me** if you wish to attend as we need to arrange the exact number for the catering. **Please reserve your place** by emailing me on info@vaseemgill.com or texting 07956 365903 by **Saturday 29th April**.

I look forward to meeting you at our AGM.

-Vaseem Gill (Chair)

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Discount List New Addition: Luna Lounge - The Home of Live Music 7 Church Lane, London E11 1HG
Suja 07498 599917 <http://www.lunalounge.info/> 10% discount FORA members on production of card

Future Events:

Saturday 6th May 6pm - 9pm FORA AGM - St Andrews Community Hall, 153 Colworth Road, Leytonstone, London, E11 1JD. Please RSVP at info@vaseemgill.com or text 07956 365903

Sunday 21st May - 11am FORA Community Walk about on Hollow Ponds

Meet at Lakeside Diner at 11am FREE - NO NEED TO BOOK

Following January's New Year's Day test event, FORA is facilitating a short walkabout around scenic Hollow Ponds so please spread the word!

Safer Neighbourhood Update by Trevor Hurst - The last Forest Ward Police Team meeting at the sixth form collage raised the following issue which was that Upper Leytonstone as we in FORA know it is an area constrained by James Lane, Whipps Cross Road and the A12. It is covered/ bisected by two local government wards with the boundary passing by the Colworth Road shops, and parallel to Preston Road. Needless to say the fact that the Area in which we live is covered by two Safer Neighbourhood teams means that the local crime figures are half complete and that on occasion an event at our local shops is covered by the Leytonstone team rather than the Forest Team. Giving the two teams their due; cooperation has always played a part in their activities but now Sergeant Fiona McCabe, currently in charge of the Forest team is also going to lead the Leytonstone team. This is good news for the Area as we usually perceive it and should have a beneficial effect on the area in which we live. (Bear in mind the local Safer Neighbourhood team used to be one sergeant, two constables and two support officers so there is a limit to that which the current depleted teams can achieve). Another issue which has come up via David Saffery (David.Saffery3@met.pnn.police.uk) is the need for volunteers for appropriate Adults at the Leyton Custody Centre, Boreham Close, London E11 1FE (known locally as the Hainault Road custody centre) Anyone who feels this could be a valuable use of their time should consult <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-appropriate-adults> and then contact David or Andy Cover Andy.G.Cover@met.pnn.police.uk This is very real commitment at many levels not least time. The police ward meeting is open to all and is a very legitimate venue for raising issues and concerns which are taken seriously.

A Repair Café in Leytonstone is opening its doors this month, giving residents the opportunity to get their electrical items, clothes and bikes fixed by trained professionals for free. There will also be free advice on how to upcycle furniture and clothes, which can all be enjoyed over a slice of cake. The Repair Café will be located at St John the Baptist Church, Leytonstone (E11 1HB) and will take place on the third Saturday of each month, from 11am to 2pm. The first will take place on Saturday 22 April. <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/new-repair-caf%C3%A9-open-leytonstone>

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