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We have lived in the Loose Parish Council area since 1981 and been very impressed by the way the parish councillors have run the amenities, etc and we have been well represented by our local Maidstone Borough Councillor. They have increased the activities for youngsters with the extra equipment they've installed in the George V playing field, had several days when the field is used for fairs, dog shows, and fetes. It is also used for football matches, just one of the many activities the hall is used for, from Loose Historical Society, two W.I.s, nursery to keep fit.

There have been several suggestions for the boundary changes one of which was to split the Loose Valley and the upper area and add them to nearby 'villages'

The idea of the boundary changes is to equalise the numbers of residents so splitting a village in half does not seem the right thing to do.

Loose is on the A229 linking with Linton and with surrounding conservation areas. The latest figures I could find for the number of residents is based on the 2011 survey when they would have totalled over 3,000.

Surely the other 'villages' around are growing very fast with much housing development – Boughton Monchelsea 3,313 in 2011 and Coxheath, 4,082 – and the identity of Loose and Linton would be removed by these very large conurbations.

How wonderful it is to have parish councillors who do, and have done, a very good job, and for nothing, and have kept the identity of Loose Parish going whilst continually finding ways of improving amenities.