

East NEWS Roundup

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ChALC Focus

**** UPDATED VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSIONS ***

Please see the attached list for details of all the latest training sessions available

To book your place(s) on any training session please contact Nikki Hewitt –
NikkiHewitt@chalc.org.uk

National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Focus

NALC online events: Rebuilding Communities

Throughout the next 18-months, NALC's new online event series will bring together national influencers, policymakers and decision-makers, along with people from across the local (parish and town) council sector to share the latest ideas and inspiration on how we can build back stronger and more resilient communities for the future.

Topics include strategic planning; youth engagement; and rebuilding sustainable communities. Plus, there is a three-day event dedicated to health and wellbeing with speakers from NHS England; Ageing Better; Mind; Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm; and the Epilepsy Society.

Prices for events listed here:

NALC member: £30 — Non-member: £40

Get more information and book your place now at www.nalc.gov.uk/rebuildingcommunities

NALC Response to the Changes to the Current Planning System

Copy of response document attached with this bulletin for information

Notice of Local Electricity Bill Parliamentary debate - Wednesday 21st October

NALC has been contacted by Steve Shaw at Power for People <https://powerforpeople.org.uk/> to confirm that a Parliamentary Adjournment Debate has been secured for the Local Electricity Bill for a week on Wednesday (21/10) by Ben Lake, MP (Plaid Cymru). Power for People have drafted the Local Electricity Bill and are campaigning for it to be made law. This would give community-scale renewable energy a massive boost by empowering communities to sell their energy directly to local people.

The debate is seen as a fantastic opportunity to raise the Bill's Parliamentary profile, and to get more MPs supporting it and put pressure on the government as the Energy Minister must attend and respond. NALC is asking us to encourage all member councils in our area to write to their MP's over the next week, asking them to support the Bill and attend the debate.

Elections Campaign May 2021

NALC has been collecting evidence for the next bout of elections in May 2021 and are now preparing campaign materials and resources for one part of their campaign, which will revolve around 'community champion' councillors that are specifically interested in: -

- Housing
- Climate change
- Health and wellbeing
- Local transport
- Youth

NALC would like to know if any of our councillors have undertaken impressive projects around these themes. If you have please contact sharonangus-crawshaw@chalc.org.uk for further details about sharing information, which needs to be back at NALC by 30th October 2020.

Other

Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest October 2020

A monthly bulletin facilitated by the Rural Services Network highlighting a selection of current funding opportunities – see attached.

CWLEP Annual Review

A copy of their latest Annual review has been published on the website – see http://www.871candwep.co.uk/content/uploads/2020/09/AnnualReview2020-finalissue_v01.pdf

Cheshire East Focus

COVID-19 Briefing For All Elected Members

Special briefing to update with the latest developments attached.

VACANCIES

Further details available [here](#) on the ChALC website

**Crewe Town Council
HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER
£27,905 - £30,507 (SCP 24 – 27), Fixed Term 2 Year Contract**

For more information and a job application pack contact Lindsay Lewis by email
Lindsay.lewis@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing date is Friday 30th October at 5pm

**Utkinton & Cotebrook Parish Council
Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
6 hours per week
Closing Date: 26th October 2020**