

# NEWS Roundup

## Week Ending 13.11.20



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### ChALC Focus

#### **13<sup>th</sup> November is World Kindness Day**

Kindness Day UK is a nationally recognised day for the celebration of kindness in society and day to day life. It is a day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms. World Kindness Day falls on the same day and unites people in kindness globally. See [here](#) for information and ideas.

#### **What are Parishes doing to dispel the second lockdown gloom?**

Great Budworth Parish Council have been inspired by St Luke's Cheshire Hospice 'Dazzling Displays' poster (see attached) to think about what they could be doing. They are aware that some other parishes have taken on initiatives such as: -

- Encouraging folk to put teddy bears (elves) in windows so passing children can spot them
- Sharing dvd's and jigsaws
- A festive Christmas Treasure Trail

The Parish Clerk would be really interested to know what others have done or are planning. Please respond directly to Gill Ayres at [greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com)

#### **ChALC Virtual Training Sessions: Reminder of new courses & 2021 dates**

- Internal Controls
- The Role of Internal Audit
- Year-end Accounts & Audit

Further details and the latest training schedule with available sessions, dates, times and course outlines can be downloaded from our website [here](#) Please contact Nikki Hewitt directly on [nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk](mailto:nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk) to book your place

## NALC Focus

### **'Make a Change' Campaign for the May 2021 elections**

The **Make a Change: Become a Councillor** campaign launched last week. It aims to help councils promote the elections and encourage local people to put themselves forward. NALC has created a range of [materials](#) to help councils spread the word.

### **Coronavirus Information for Local Councils**

NALC continues to provide advice and guidance for parish and town councils on its dedicated webpage [here](#)

## Other

### **Mental Health and Loneliness Support**

'**Kind to your mind**' is a website that is dedicated to helping you look after your mental wellbeing. It offers a range of useful resources to help you, including support lines available, podcasts, and other health and wellbeing apps and advice. <https://kindtoyourmind.org/>

'**ALMA**' is a dedicated health and wellbeing website, it is completely free and brought to you by the [Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership](#). Alma provides a range of resources to support your mental and physical wellbeing during Covid19, including health and wellbeing apps and online therapy courses. <https://www.almahealth.co.uk/>

The Integrated Care Community Hubs have created a **Christmas Card Campaign**, with free downloadable cards that can be sent to people who might be alone for one reason or another. On the back of the cards, there is a range of information on services that are available over the festive period. See the following link - <https://christmascardcampaign.com/>.

### **Warm Homes Project – November 2020 to March 2021**

Thanks to support from E.ON, Age UK Cheshire will again be able to help older people keep well and warm this winter. Their Information and Advice Service will be providing advice on benefits and money related issues, with the aim of maximising income, further reducing fuel poverty and getting access to the support needed in order to live independently. For further information please contact the Warm Homes Advisor, Stacey Brady on [stacey.brady@ageukcheshire.org.uk](mailto:stacey.brady@ageukcheshire.org.uk) or the Information and Advice Service on (01244) 401500 or email: [informationqs@ageukcheshire.org.uk](mailto:informationqs@ageukcheshire.org.uk)

## Cheshire West & Chester Focus

### **Live Well Cheshire West update**

**Live Well**  
Cheshire West

During these unprecedented times Christmas may not be a cause for celebration if you are already feeling lonely or isolated. If that's you and you need a friendly chat with someone try our telephone support services on Live Well. Go to: [>Coping with Coronavirus \(COVID 19\) > Telephone advice, support, listening services and online help](#)

The national four-week lockdown restrictions may have prevented some of the traditional Christmas events that have occurred in previous years, but preparations are in place for local events for families. Go to: [>Your community and Thing to Do > Things to do – Families > Christmas 2020](#) More information will be added here in the coming weeks.

Over the coming weeks there will also be food support during the school holidays included on the site. Go to: [>Coping with Coronavirus \(Covid 19\) > Meals, food shopping and other practical support > Foodbanks for those with little of no income](#)

## 10 Member Briefings and associated papers attached

**1609 - The Participate Panel – a new online citizen’s panel:** The Council is setting-up a new digital Citizens Panel, called the ‘Participate Panel’, to understand residents’ views on a range of local issues.

**1610 - Environment and Communities services affected by lockdown restrictions:** An update for members on how the forthcoming lockdown restrictions will affect services in the Environment and Communities directorate.

Amend to the helpline number on Member Briefing **1611**. Update attached – **the correct helpline number is: 0300 123 7031**

**1612 - Neighbourhood Planning update:** The purpose of this briefing note is to update members on recent progress with neighbourhood plans across the borough.

**1614 - Business Support Grants:** To update members with details of the recent announcements regarding Business Support Grants.

**1615 - Essential travel across the border to North Wales permitted for work, health and education:** Residents in England and Wales advised when it is acceptable to cross between the countries during November lockdown.

**1617 - ‘Order and collect’ service introduced at some libraries:** Details of the new ‘Order and Collect’ service being launched in some of our libraries on Thursday this week.

**1618 - Highway Christmas Embargo:** Details of the embargo for planned highways works to avoid any adverse impact on local businesses during the Christmas period.

**1619 - National Planning Reform - Planning for the Future – Council Response:** On 6 August 2020 the Government published proposals for a radical reform of the planning system in England, under the title ‘Planning for the Future’.

**Plus additional document (1619) Planning Reform 2020.CW&C response.pdf**

**1620 - Holiday provision – a co-ordinated approach across west Cheshire:** This Member Briefing provides information on the work that is happening within the borough regarding holiday provision (holiday hunger), the plans for the Christmas Holiday period and opportunities for members to participate in a forthcoming webinar and meeting.

## Cheshire East Focus



### **Cheshire East Council stresses the importance of looking after your mental health during lockdown**

There are a range of support groups and organisations, which will be open and running throughout the national lockdown. For details, visit: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/health-matters/health-conditions/mental-health/mental-health.aspx>.”

Places to access help are also available on the children’s pages on the council’s live well section of their website, <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/livewell.aspx>

For further help and advice on mental wellbeing, including information on local support services, visit: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/health-matters/health-conditions/mental-health/mental-health.aspx>

For details on how Cheshire East Council can help with money worries or for information on debt charities such as the National Debt Line and Age UK, visit:

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/housing/housing\\_options/housing\\_options\\_advice/money\\_matters.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/housing/housing_options/housing_options_advice/money_matters.aspx)

If you or someone you know need support from our People Helping People scheme, please visit:

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/coronavirus/cheshire-east-people-helping-people.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/cheshire-east-people-helping-people.aspx)

### **Nantwich Buddies - Free Volunteer Workshops**

Nantwich Buddies are offering free live and pre-recorded workshops to help upskill and assist volunteers with their roles. Please click on the link below for more details.

<https://www.nantwichbuddies.org/volunteereexpo>

### **Covid-19 Briefing for Elected Members 12.11.2020**

Please see attached documents for details of Test, Trace and vaccinations update and COVID-19 Community response and recovery fund update.

## **JOB VACANCIES**

**Kingsley Parish Council**  
**Part-time Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**  
**8 hours per week initially**  
**Closing Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Wistaston Parish Council**  
**Part-Time Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer**  
**21 hours per week**  
**Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Further details about these vacancies are available [here](#) on the ChALC website**

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