

NEWS Roundup
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ChALC Focus

Virtual Training – Steve Parkinson

*****Additional dates announced for Introduction to VAT***
Tuesday 6 April 10am or Tuesday 4 May 10am**

**Spaces still available for Year End Accounts and Audit
8th March 10am, 9th March 1.30pm, 15th March 10am and 16th March 1.30pm**

Please contact Nikki Hewitt directly on nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk to check availability and book your place

N.B. The latest training schedule with full details and course/session outlines can be downloaded from our website [here](#)

ChALC Virtual Meeting - 16th March at 6.30pm

Inviting Councils to a meeting with a member of the ChALC Executive Board to discuss speeding issues, current enforcement policies, and possible alternatives.

Please contact sharonangus-crawshaw@chalc.org.uk or nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk to book your place

NALC Focus

Star Council Awards 2021

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is once again running its awards programme this year as part of its work to recognise the local (parish and town) council sector's achievements. The Star Council Awards are the only awards in England to celebrate the local council sector's brilliant contribution to its communities. Therefore, the awards are an excellent opportunity for councils, councillors, clerks, and county associations to showcase how they have made a real difference locally. This year, the theme of the awards will focus on projects that have positively impacted communities in the context of COVID-19.

Details: www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/star-council-awards

CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER Focus

Live Well
Cheshire West

Live Well Cheshire West – University Mental Health Day

The 4th March is University Mental Health Day. University Mental Health Day brings together the university community to make mental health a university-wide priority and create ongoing year round change to the future of student mental health. [Live Well](#) has a range of service listed to help students of all ages. From helplines to online mental health and wellbeing support, you will find it on [Live Well here](#)

Share your views on Social Welfare and Advice Services

Cheshire West and Chester Council is inviting people to have their say on Social Welfare and Advice Services in the borough. The eight-week consultation will run from Wednesday, 20 January to Wednesday, 17 March 2021. For more information and to share your views, visit:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/SWAconsultation

4 Member Briefings

Please click on the hyperlinks below to access the full briefing.

[1721 - MHCLG Flood Recovery Framework Activation:](#) To update members about the progress of the Council's request to the MHCLG for funding to be made available to support flood recovery in the borough.

[1722 - Secondary school admissions offers – short guide:](#) Parents/carers that applied for secondary places for their children for September 2021 will be notified of the outcome of their applications on Monday, 1 March. This short guide is to help any parents/carers who need support.

[1725 - Youth Work consultation focus groups:](#) As part of the Youth Work consultation, two focus groups have been set up for members to share their views.

[1726 - Budget 2021:](#) This briefing provides a summary of the key announcements in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget announcement of 3 March 2021.

Town and Parish Council Connections Events

The final events in this series are as follows: -

- **9th March 2021 6pm – 7pm: Approach to floods, water update and emergency response** with Cheshire West and Chester Council's Head of Transport and Highways – Sean Traynor, Head of Environmental Services – Mark Brazil, Emergency Planning Manager - Chris Samuel and Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries – Rachel Foster
- **20 April 2021 6pm – 7pm: National planning reform – Planning for the Future** update with Cheshire West and Chester Council's Head of Planning, Robert Charnley

To book your place please contact sharonangus-crawshaw@chalc.org.uk or nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk

CHESHIRE EAST Focus

Free Safeguarding Adults Training Level 1

Available for Volunteers and Voluntary, Community, Faith Groups and Social Enterprises working across Cheshire East. Several dates and times are available for Online Training from March through to July 2021. Poster attached to bulletin to share. **For more information and to book your free place visit:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-adults-training-cheshire-east-tickets-143285666285>

Reading Friends

Cheshire East Libraries are working with The Reading Agency to connect isolated individuals and to use bibliotherapy to support mental health and reduce loneliness. See attached poster.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/>

Recovery Planning for Community Activities

The Prime Minister has advocated a “cautious but irreversible” approach to lifting the current lockdown restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which has resulted in a proposed roadmap out of lockdown for England. There are many steps you can start taking now to ensure you are ready to re-open safely. Below and attached are a few resources to help you consider the next steps: -

Ref **Safe use of community facilities** please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

Ref **Businesses and venues** please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england>

Ref **Churches** please see <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

JOB VACANCIES

Whitchurch Town Council

Chief Officer

Salary: £40,876 – £44,863

An information pack and application form can be downloaded from website: www.whitchurchcouncil.uk or by emailing clerk@whitchurchcouncil.uk

Closing Date: 31 March 2021

Shavington cum Gresty Parish Council

Clerk and RFO

37 hours per week (full-time)

Salary: £28,785 - £33,782

Closing Date: 12 March 2021

Anderton with Marbury Parish Council
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

5 hours per week

Salary: £12 per hour

Closing Date: 12 March 2021

Full details about the above vacancies and how to apply are available [here](#) on the ChALC website

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