

NEWS Roundup

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ChALC Focus

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE: Chairmanship for Local Councils **25th March at 6.30pm**

Members £25 Non-Members £40

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

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

LOCAL COUNCIL Focus

Parish Noticeboards Offer

Pickmere Parish Council are replacing their old wooden noticeboards and wondered if someone would be interested in those being replaced. They are in reasonable condition, although obviously weathered (see end of bulletin for photos) Pickmere wouldn't be looking for any payment. Please contact the Clerk, Jack Steel, on clerk@pickmereparishcouncil.com for further details.

Restoring Allostock Fingerpost sign – can you help?

Allostock have a old fingerpost sign which has seen better days and would like it to be restored to its former glory. The clerk has tried without success to find a company which would do this if they can raise the money. Is another Parish undertaking a similar project or could you share any advice or guidance? Please contact ChALC if you are able to help and we will pass your details on.

NALC Focus

Promoting NALC's Star Council Awards 2021!

NALC are aiming to encourage as many local councils, councillors, county associations and clerks to be involved in this year's awards. They are the only awards in England to celebrate the local council sector's brilliant contribution to its communities, and are an excellent opportunity for you to showcase how you 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

Possible return to face-to-face meetings?

At the moment the regulations that allow local authorities to hold meetings remotely apply to local authority meetings that are required to be held, or held, before 7 May 2021. This means that, without any further action from the government, all local authorities including local councils must return to face to face meetings from 7 May. NALC is working with a number of national bodies to press the government to extend these regulations beyond this date, but at the moment it seems that government has no plans to extend these regulations. NALC has some useful information and advice about preparing for the possible return of face-to-face meetings on their website see :

[Coronavirus \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://nalc.gov.uk)

CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER Focus

13 Member Briefings

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

[1732 Personal Assistants eligible for PCR home test kits](#): Increasing awareness of PA eligibility and access to PCR home testing kits across the borough.

[1733 Free PPE offer to support Extra Resident Carers](#) :

[1734 Improving COVID-19 vaccine uptake amongst key cohort groups and helping to build vaccine confidence.](#) :

[1735 Response to Manchester Recovery Task Force Public Consultation: \(1735\) Manchester Task Force Consultation Submission March 2021.pdf](#):

[1738 Young Carers Action Day.pdf](#): Training and communications for Young Carers Action Day

[1740 - Rural Mobility Fund and National Bus Strategy for England](#):

[1741 - Climate Emergency Fund update](#):

[1742 - CWVA launches new volunteering campaign for 2021](#):

[1743 - Plans for a Multi-Agency Hub in Chester](#): Cheshire West and Chester Council is working with Cheshire Police on plans to create a Multi-Agency Hub in Chester City Centre.

[1744 - Appointment of Director of Children and Family Services](#):

[1745 - Marking the National Day of Reflection 23 March 2021](#): As the first anniversary of the initial COVID lockdown approaches, plans are being made across the borough to commemorate those who have lost their lives and everyone who has been impacted by the virus.

[1746 - Launch of online self-isolation pack to help people to stay at home](#):

[1747 - COVID-19 vaccine roll-out](#): To update members on the progress of the COVID-19 vaccine programme and which priority groups are currently eligible.

CESHIRE EAST Focus

Covid-19 Community Testing Programme

This is now live and local councils are asked to look at the below links and to help raise awareness amongst your residents.

Booking Portal: [Home Page - WebPageTitle \(zipporah.co.uk\)](#)

Council Webpage:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/testing-for-covid-19.aspx

Press Release: [10/03/2021 - Cheshire East residents to have access to a range of lateral flow testing sites](#)

PCC Notice of Election

A formal notice has been circulated to Town and Parish Councils about the Police and Crime Commissioner Election for the Cheshire Police Area. Nominations to be returned by 4pm 8th April 2021. If contested an election poll to be held on 6th May 2021.

JOB VACANCIES

Mobberley Parish Council

Part-Time Clerk and RFO

23 hours per week

Salary: £10.57 per hour

Closing Date: 31st March 2021

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

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

