

NEWS Roundup

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ChALC Focus

Steve Parkinson – Introduction to VAT *New Dates*****

25th May, 17th June and 13th July

10am to 11.30am

Cost: Members £30 Non-members £45

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](#)

NALC Focus

Remote Meetings Update

Letter attached for information from Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, to confirm that the government has considered the case for extending legislation very carefully and has concluded that it is not possible to bring forward emergency legislation on this issue at this time. NALC chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, has [responded](#) to express her disappointment, as has the Local Government Association. NALC will be considering these announcements further and will provide another update as soon as they can.

Local Audit

NALC has strongly urged the Government to maintain the current extended deadline of 30 November for local (parish and town) councils to publish their audited accounts. However, the MHCLG has responded to state that smaller bodies should continue to prepare their accounts for public inspection by 1 July 2021 as they would do normally. PKF Littlejohn have advised NALC that instructions are on their website now for those wishing to have a look see <https://www.pkf-l.com/services/limited-assurance-regime/> and NALC will continue to provide information as further updates are provided from MHCLG.

LOCAL COUNCIL Focus

MUGA Offer

Northwich Town Council are refurbishing a play area and will be removing a MUGA. They are wondering if any other Council is considering installing one as they would be prepared to sell, and they also to offer to install. If you are interested or wish further details please contact the Town Clerk, Chris Shaw, directly on chrisshaw@northwichtowncouncil.gov.uk



CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER Focus

6 Member Briefings

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

[1749 - Webinar to support COVID-safe reopening of hospitality sector](#) webinar to outline the legal requirements and support available for the hospitality sector as COVID-19 restrictions start to ease.

[1750 - Important update: Shielding advice to be paused nationally from 31 March](#)

[2021](#): From 1 April, Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) individuals are no longer advised to shield.

- [\(1750\) Clinically Extremely Vulnerable letter and guidance.pdf](#)

[1751 - New eLending supplier for Library Service](#): Details of the new BorrowBox service for eBooks and eAudiobooks

[1752 - Cheshire Day](#): Members are asked to help promote Cheshire Day and encourage residents and businesses to take part.

[1754 - Reopening of Brio Leisure Services](#): The phased approach to the return of leisure provision across the borough.

[1755 - The Safeguarding Children Partnership \(SCP\) response to significant concerns regarding online harm to children](#): The Safeguarding Children Partnership has in recent weeks become increasingly aware of young children accessing two social networks sites and falling victim to online harm.

CHESHIRE EAST Focus

Cheshire East Social Action Partnership News

Local Cheshire East Volunteer Steps Up the Career Ladder - Sara Lamond has joined the team as the new Volunteering and Engagement Coordinator. To read her full story visit: <https://www.cesap.org.uk/local-cheshire-east-volunteer-steps-up-the-career-ladder-into-new-cesap-job-role-to-support-other-volunteers/>

Do you work or volunteer with people aged 55 and over? If so, join Age UK Cheshire East's Free Scams Awareness session online. Sally Wilson from the Age UK Cheshire East Scams Awareness & Aftercare Project, will share information about current scams, and key signs that someone may be a victim of scams and help to increase your awareness of a wide range of scams, how to avoid them and learn how to report them.

Join us on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7:30pm to 8:30pm online via Microsoft Teams - to book your place register through this link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scams-awareness-with-age-uk-cheshire-east-12th-april-2021-at-730pm-tickets-147095114447>

Join us on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 10:30am to 11:30am online via Microsoft Teams - to book your place register through this link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scams-awareness-with-age-uk-cheshire-east-29th-april-2021-at-1030am-tickets-147133758031>

Get Safe Online – April Awareness Campaign – ‘Switched-on Parent’

On Thursday 1st April the Get Safe Online 'Switched-on Parent' will be going live.

For more information and resources on staying safe online visit: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Cheshire Wildlife Trust: Volunteering Wellbeing with Nature programme Experience and Q&A session Thursday 1 April, 1pm – 2pm for people and organisations who refer people onto the 6 week programme currently delivered in small groups online through Teams or Zoom for for an hour a week. If you would be interested in attending, please get in touch with Rachel Barker, Natural Wellbeing Assistant on RBarker@cheshirewt.org.uk who will share joining details.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN! Young Trader Market Saturday 5th June 2021!

If you're aged between 16-30 you are eligible to apply to get involved in our Young Trader Market. Our local market event is completely FREE. All we need is the young entrepreneurs of Crewe to bring themselves, their products, and showcase their business for the Crewe community to come out and support. You don't have to be an established business, you could be just starting out, or even have an idea. Application Form: <https://forms.gle/eomQbpdv2DNNnWMc6>

More about the Young Traders Market (NMTF): <https://www.nmtf.co.uk/campaigns/young-traders-market/>

Day Opportunities – Provider Market Engagement Questionnaire

Cheshire East Council is seeking to engage on the development and delivery of a comprehensive range of Adult Day Opportunities services across the Borough. We want to hear from providers who currently deliver day opportunities services or those who may look to deliver them in the future and are seeking to obtain the views from a wide range of providers of day opportunities, including voluntary sector organisations, community groups and organisations who can provide training and employment opportunities. Questionnaire for completion attached to this bulletin.

COVID-19 Briefing For All Elected Members 25-03-21

Please see attached pdf for details of items that may be of interest: -

- **Step 1b – the next step in the government’s roadmap**
- **Self-isolation arrangements and support from 1 April**
- **Business grants update**
- **Lateral flow testing in schools**
- **Vaccination programme update**

Additional FOCUS

CWLEP Building Back Better Together

A copy of the Cheshire and Warrington LEP draft Covid recovery plan is attached for information. The plan is very much a discussion draft and the LEP would like to consult widely with stakeholders, before producing a final version which they will aim to publish in the second half of May. They are planning a number of events, which are set out below. Places at each of the events are limited to ensure that everyone attending gets an opportunity to offer their thoughts. If you would like to attend please register your details at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recovery-strategy-events-tickets-147979158647>

Date	Time
Thursday 15 April	6.00pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 20 April	8.15am - 9.45am
Thursday 22 April	2.00pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 29 April	6.00pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 04 May	2.00pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 06 May	10.30am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday 11 May	8.15am - 9.45am
Thursday 13 May	11.00am - 12.30pm

Once attendance is confirmed, joining details on Zoom will be sent closer to the date.

NFU: Free Countryside Code resources to spread the word with walkers

New research conducted by Ipsos Mori has revealed that post-lockdown, 40% of people expect to walk more than they did before restrictions were first imposed. With increased access in mind, the NFU has created new free Countryside Code resources to help spread the word about livestock worrying, responsible dog ownership and more with their shareable images and printable signs. To view and download from the website please see [here](#)



Transport for the North: Social Exclusion Research



Transport for the North is conducting a programme of research to understand the links between transport and social exclusion across the north of England. The project will use an online survey to gather qualitative local area insights from Councillors, Local Authority officers and third sector organisations working with those affected by social exclusion. You can download a briefing note on the background of this survey [here](#). To contribute please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Research@TransportfortheNorth.com

JOB VACANCIES

Congleton Town Council

**Finance Manager (and Responsible Financial Officer)
Full Time**

Salary Range: LC3 (SCP 33 – 36) £36,922 - £39,880

Closing Date: Tuesday 20th April 2021

Knutsford Town Council

Civic Events Officer

22.5 hours per week

Salary Range: £13,225 to £14,893

For more information see the attached recruitment pack and to apply visit

www.knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/council/jobs

Closing Date: 9th April 2021

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