

NEWS Roundup
Week Ending 09.04.21



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His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.

ChALC acknowledges with sadness the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, which has been announced today. We join NALC and town and parish councils in extending our condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

ChALC will share further relevant information as it is received.

NALC has advised making contact with the local civic officer in the principal authority/lord lieutenants office, who will be coordinating local activity and protocols.

The National Association of Civic Officers has advised its members that, 'Plans exist so that we are able to make a timely, appropriate and dignified response when the need arises, in a broadly consistent way nationwide. It is not a case of which Council can do everything first. Lowering flags to half-mast is a simple and immediate gesture of respect, as is adding a message of sympathy to your website. You may wish to pause before deciding whether or not to open Books of Condolence so as to establish what plans the Government and Buckingham Palace have in that respect. As must always be the case when marking a death, the wishes of the family need to be foremost and that can only be known when we can take a lead from the Government and the Palace and when we have a feel for public reaction and public expectations'



ChALC Focus

Virtual Training Reminder - Local Council Award Scheme

21st April 2021 - 2pm to 3pm

FREE informal session by ChALC that provides an overview of the Scheme

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

NALC Focus

Climate Change and Tree Charter

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has launched a new publication on local (parish and town) councils and the Tree Charter. The publication captures the stories of local councils, as a source of inspiration to other local councils. To read the case studies please click on the link [here](#)

CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER Focus

Town and Parish Council Connexions: Planning Overview 20.4.21 6pm to 7pm

Join Cheshire West and Chester Council's Head of Planning, Robert Charnley, for an overview of the local Planning System. Robert will cover some recent changes to permitted development and an overview of a number of consultations that the government has run in relation to changes to the current planning system. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions about the current planning system, recent changes and the future of the planning system. To register your interest in attending this online meeting email nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk by Monday 19 April 2021. A join the meeting link will then follow.

5 Member Briefings

Please click on hyperlinks below to access the full briefing.

[1758 - Events in Cheshire West from 29 March](#): Guidelines for events operators from 29 March until the 21 June following the Government Roadmap.

[1759 - Support for families over spring break](#): Update on Winter Grant Scheme funding, Holiday Activities and Food Programme Funding and other support options for families over the spring break.

[Avian Flu - Tarporley](#): To update members on an outbreak of avian flu in Tarporley.

1761- [New Community Collect points in the borough for eligible residents to pick up COVID-19 home testing kits](#)

[1764 - Love Your Streets - Spring Clean 2021](#): Support and advice available to members to assist group or individual voluntary litter-picking from Monday, 29 March.

CHESHIRE EAST Focus

Covid-19 Briefing for Members

Reopening our high streets – We will be working with town and parish councils to utilise an additional recently announced stream of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF), through the 'Welcome Back Fund'. Here is some [information on support available to businesses](#). The council's website holds further [details regarding the Restart Grant](#) and how to apply. There is a dedicated section of the council's website which contains [information about applying for a temporary pavement licence](#).

Country's first dual use testing site piloted in Crewe - Cheshire East Council is trialling a dual use Covid-19 testing site – the first of its kind in the country. The site will be open from 8am–1pm for asymptomatic lateral flow testing. This is a test for residents who have no symptoms of Covid-19. [Asymptomatic, lateral flow tests are booked via the council's website.](#) From 2–8pm the Crewe site will undertake symptomatic tests –these are tests for residents who have symptoms of Covid-19 – commonly referred to as PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests. [Symptomatic, PCR tests are booked via the national booking facility.](#)

ADDITIONAL Focus

Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Briefing for Local Councillors

See [here](#) to access Edition 11 of the Partnership Briefing

Reminder: M6 Junction 19 - April Closures

Two full closures of the M6 motorway at junction 19 take place on: -

- 8pm Friday 9 April to 6am Sunday 11 April
- 8pm Friday 16th April to 6am Sunday 18 April

The A556 in both directions and M56 junction 7 westbound exit slip road will also be closed.

For full details see the Highways England webpage [here](#)

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

Cranage Parish Council

Part-time Clerk/RFO

Average 9 hours per week

Salary Range: £12.98-£16.75 per hour

Closing Date: 21st April 2021

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council

Part-time Clerk/RFO

8 hours per week

Salary Range: £12.98-£14.42 per hour

Closing Date: 21st April 2021

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