

NEWS Roundup

Week Ending 16.04.21



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His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh

Messages of Condolence

A message can be sent online using this link <https://www.royal.uk/condolence>

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

LOCAL COUNCIL Focus

Banking Arrangements

Saughall & Shotwick Park PC is investigating changing provider to allow for internet banking which is not possible with our current provider, during research we have found the **Unity Trust Bank** features prominently. Does your Council have any knowledge of Unity or operate online banking with another provider, if so which bank do you use? Please contact Alan.Bailey@saughall.gov.uk

NALC Focus

Period of national mourning and s.243

s.243 of the Local Government Act 1972 excludes days of mourning for clear days calculation purposes - it is the period of notice that is affected. MHCLG's position is that the period of mourning began last Friday – 9 April - which technically makes it nine days. Had the three clear days' notice for a council meetings not been completed by last Friday, the next day to be counted is next Monday (19 April). Councils are not prevented from holding meetings where the relevant three clear days has been satisfied. The period of mourning does not make meetings themselves unlawful.

Annual Council Meeting Dates

Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a parish council shall in every year hold an annual meeting. Paragraph 7 (2) says in a year which is a year of ordinary elections ... the annual meeting of a parish council shall be held on, or within fourteen days after, the day on which the councillors elected at that election take office...The view of the NALC legal team is that councillors will take office on Monday 10 May, making the relevant 14 day meeting period Tuesday 11-Wednesday 26 May 2021 inclusive.

CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER Focus

6 Member Briefings

Please click on hyperlinks below to access the full briefing.

[1771 - Council plans following the announcement of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#): Advice on the plans for marking the death of the Duke of Edinburgh in the borough, including how members of the public can pay their respects.

[1772 - Changes to care home visiting arrangements](#)

[1773 - Preparations for Step 2 of the Government lockdown roadmap on 12 April](#)

[1774 - Roll-out of rapid twice weekly COVID-19 tests for everybody in Cheshire West and Chester](#):

[1776 - Project Gigabit – BDUK launch new broadband connectivity voucher scheme](#):

[1777 - Levelling Up Fund \(LUF\), Community Renewal Fund \(CRF\) and Community Ownership Fund \(COF\)](#)

CHESHIRE EAST Focus

Covid-19 Briefing for Members 15.04.21

Local-0 Local Contact Tracing - is a new joint initiative by the council and NHS Test and Trace. See [here](#) for the latest self-isolation advice and information

Click and Collect Tests - The existing [Cheshire East Community Test Sites Appointment System](#) now offers an option to collect 7 or 14 LFT kits to take at home. [Visit our website for more information on getting tested in Cheshire East.](#)

Vaccination programme update - You can visit the [Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group website](#) for the latest news on the local vaccination programme.

Care homes visiting - [Find out more about the new rules for visiting care homes here.](#)

Covid-19 response and recovery cabinet report - Cabinet has received eight detailed reports since June 2020 on how the Council, working with its partners, continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and plan for the recovery from it. [The full Cabinet COVID report is available here.](#)

Invitation for Volunteers to Sign Up to Support the Election

People Helping People volunteers are being asked to part of 'standby' pool of volunteers. Those selected will receive payment for being on standby. Any volunteers interested in signing up are asked to contact Karen Bedford direct by emailing their details to

Karen.Bedford@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Carer's Hub Funding for Carers Projects

Town and Parish Councils are eligible to apply for up to £8,000 for projects supporting carers who live in Cheshire East, or who care for a Cheshire East resident. Deadline Friday 28th May 2021.

Click [here to download an application form](#) or [here to download guidance](#)

LATEST JOB VACANCIES

Congleton Town Council

Full Time Finance Manager (and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

Closing Date: Tuesday 20th April 2021

Somerford Parish Council

Part-time Clerk/RFO

Average 9 hours per week

Salary Range: £12.98-£16.75 per hour

Closing Date: 21st 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

Crewe Town Council

Full-time Events and Communications Manager

Salary Range: £32,910 – £35,745 (LC2 SCP 29 - 32)

Closing Date: 21st May 2021

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