



Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Monthly News & Updates

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Village of the Year 2019



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Hampshire and the Isle of Wight's longstanding Village of the Year competition is **now open** for entries.

Entries are warmly invited from any parish council, community group or group of individuals representing their community to take on the current winners of Village of the Year, Chandlers Ford. The 2019 prize giving will take place at Chandler's Ford on 25th September.

Entries are free, and **MUST** be submitted by Wednesday 31st July. They can be submitted by any village organisation. Full details are available on the Village of the Year page at www.hampshirealc.org.

Judging for Finalists will take place in respective villages during August.

Training Offers and Needs

Hartley Whitney Parish Council are hosting an Exclusive Rights to Burial Training in September 2019. If any of our member councils are interested in this, please click [here](#) for further details. Bookings must be made with the training provider ICCM.

Does your Council manage an allotment and/or maintain a cemetery? Would you like a training session on either of these topics? If you would, please email your interest and any key areas of concern to our Learning and Development Officer at: training@hampshirealc.org.uk



CiLCA

The autumn training dates for CiLCA, being held at Eastleigh Borough Council Offices, are now available to be booked via SLCC's website. For course details and to book, please click [here](#).

Training & Events Calendar 2019

Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 1 of 2)</u>	18 June 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 12:00)	£85 (Parts 1 & 2)
Information & Networking Event	<u>Officers Update</u>	26 June 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 12:30)	£45
Councillor Development	<u>Local Council Finance for Councillors</u>	27 June 2019	Eastleigh (18.30-20.30)	£45
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 2 of 2)</u>	02 July 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 12:00)	£85 (Parts 1 & 2)
Councillor Development	<u>The Knowledge & Core Skills (Parts 1 & 2)</u>	02 July 2019	Basingstoke (10.00-15.00)	£95 (Parts 1 & 2) (Incl. a light lunch)
Councillor Development	<u>Chairing Skills</u>	10 July 2019	Eastleigh (10.00-13.00)	£60
Qualification Preparation	<u>Introduction to CiLCA</u>	17 July 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 12:30)	£45
Councillor Development	<u>The Knowledge & Core Skills (Parts 1 & 2)</u>	31 July 2019	Eastleigh (10.00-15.00)	£95 (Parts 1 & 2) (Incl. a light lunch)
Councillor Development	<u>The Knowledge (Parts 1 of 2)</u>	03 September 2019	Eastleigh (18.30-20.30)	£95 (Parts 1 & 2)
Development For All	<u>The Planning Framework</u>	16 September 2019	Winchester (18.30-21.00)	£60
Councillor Development	<u>Local Council Finance for Councillors</u>	18 September 2019	Eastleigh (18.30-20.30)	£45
Officer Development	<u>Budgeting and Financial Control</u>	19 September 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 13:00)	£60
Councillor Development	<u>Core Skills (Part 2 of 2)</u>	01 October 2019	Eastleigh (18.30-20.30)	£95 (Parts 1 & 2)
Qualification Preparation	<u>Introduction to CiLCA</u>	16 October 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 12:30)	£45
Information & Networking Event	<u>Officers' Update</u>	22 October 2019	Basingstoke (10:00 - 12:30)	£45
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 1 of 2)</u>	23 October 2019	Winchester (10:00 - 12:00)	£85 (Parts 1 & 2)
Councillor Development	<u>Chairing Skills</u>	30 October 2019	Winchester (10.00-13.00)	£60
Development For All	<u>Introduction to Appraisals</u>	05 November 2019	Eastleigh (10.00-12.30)	£45
Councillor Development	<u>The Knowledge & Core Skills (Parts 1 & 2)</u>	06 November 2019	Eastleigh (10.00-15.00)	£95 (Parts 1 & 2) (Incl. a light lunch)
Information & Networking Event	<u>AGM</u>	09 November 2019	Holiday Inn - Winchester (09.00-13.00)	Free
Officer Development	<u>Local Council Finance for Officers</u>	12 November 2019	Winchester (10:00 - 15:00)	£95 (incl. a light Lunch)
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 2 of 2)</u>	13 November 2019	Winchester (10:00 - 12:00)	£85 (Parts 1 & 2)
Officer Development	<u>Minute Taking</u>	19 November 2019	Eastleigh (10:00 - 12:30)	£45
Development For All	<u>Basic Planning for Parish Councils</u>	20 November 2019	Winchester (18.30-20.30)	£45

All prices are subject to VAT. For more information or to book a course, please either visit www.hampshirealc.org.uk or email sue.ramage@eastleigh.gov.uk

NALC News

NALC's **2019 Local Council Expo**, in partnership with Local Government Resource Centre (LGRC) are staging a one-day Expo at Chateau Impney Hotel and Exhibition Centre, Droitwich Spa on 21st June 2019.

The exhibition will bring together a complete range of products and services councils need under one roof. Demonstrations from exhibitors on digital transformation, data security, making tax digital for VAT, plus much more. The theme of the event is to equip local councils with the tools needed to be a modern council. Find out more and book your tickets [here](#).

NALC's **2019 Star Council Awards** and is calling for entries from councils, councillors, clerks and county associations across the country. The awards offer an excellent opportunity for community champions in the local council sector (and the organisations they represent) to receive national recognition for the real and positive difference they make locally. Categories this year include young councillor (aged 18-30), councillor, clerk, council and county association project of the year. Full details and the link to the application form can be found [here](#). The deadline for applications is 28 June 2019.



News

- As part of your membership, members enjoy access to 40 minutes free legal advice, via our Legal Helpdesk providers, Hampshire Legal Services. As of the 1st June 2019, this increased to one hour's free legal advice.
- Housing Minister Kit Malthouse MP has launched a multi-million-pound support package to deliver thousands of discounted homes. Volunteers groups can apply for between £10,000 and £50,000 to help identify suitable sites for discounted homes, getting planning permission for them and to provide other technical support. Further free specialist advice and guidance will also be made available for those who participate in the pilot.
The Government will be making £8.5million available for the 3 year pilot project, which will help provide cut price homes for younger people and families in need of housing, through locally-led neighbourhood plans.
The funds form part of a wider package of measures and targeted investment to produce more homes, building on ongoing government action to achieve a system which delivers 300,000 properties a year by the mid-2020s.
- New government funding has been announced for people living in rural areas, as well as businesses in rural areas, to get help with the cost of installing superfast broadband. Further details can be found here <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/>

Hampshire County Council have also issued a press release on this topic, which can be found here <https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/4junebroadband>

Grant Funding Info

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has announced the launch of a £3m fund to improve village halls and better connect rural communities across the country. Village hall committees can apply for grants of up to £75,000 towards refurbishment and alteration of their buildings. The scheme is expected to help around 100 community building projects. Funding will be managed by Action with Communities in Rural England on behalf of DEFRA.

Member's Forum

Don't forget the Member's Forum under the Member's Section of our website, where you can seek/provide support, advice or examples of best practice to your fellow member Councils.

If you require specific advice or more information, please contact our generic email at advice@hampshirealc.org.uk



Local District Association News & Events

Basingstoke & Deane – Horizon 2050 Vision



A vision for the future of Basingstoke and Deane.

The Basingstoke Area Strategic Partnership and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has adopted Horizon 2050. This is a long term community and place focused vision. It paints a picture of the type of place residents, businesses and partners with the borough to be in 30 years' time.

Horizon 2050 was developed through extensive research, engagement and consultation with local residents' businesses and organisations, and it sets the foundations for far reaching decision about the future of Basingstoke and Deane.

This is not a strategy or policy. It is an evidence-based document that reflects the current views of residents, businesses and organisations that deliver services locally. It provides a framework and road map to inform and shape policy and decision making for the future of the borough. To find out more and review a digital version of the Horizon 2050 Vision visit: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/horizon2050

Local Council News

Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council have initiated a scheme which means their local Post Office can remain accessible to residents via the local pub, The Happy Cheese.

Ashurst and Colbury's local Post Office was to close in April. Giving thought to the effect this would have on the community, Parish Councillor Andy Austin sprung into action and asked his council to consider what alternatives the Council could provide.

After meeting and discussing the matter with the Post Office and the Landlord of the local pub, a plan was put in place to set up a Post Office counter for 2 days per week from 11am to 2pm from the pub with no additional costs and allowing the community access to a fully functioning Post Office.

What a success! The Parish Council thank the owner of the pub not only for allowing them to use the pub for the Post Office, but also for all his help in this project.

If your Council has any success stories, or unusual projects that you would like to share with fellow HALC members, please let us know at: comms@hampshirealc.org.uk