



## Hampshire Association of Local Councils e-Update

For the attention of officers and councillors of Hampshire Parish and Town Councils

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## Message from ALC



Happy New Year!

Following the wave of evidence and condemnation against the Government's plans to introduce 'Precept Capping' into our sector, we were delighted to note the success of the campaign, and the government pulled back from the brink - great news indeed.

The ALC is working with Hampshire County Council to explore what a Town and Parish Grant Fund might look like, so more news here when we have it.

Eleanor Greene is currently leading a project to encourage those eligible parishes who haven't yet applied to the Transparency Fund for support, to do so. There are eight sessions across Hampshire over the coming weeks on Compliance with Transparency Regulations, and this session is useful to every council, do get involved.

Furthermore, we are strengthening our communications by launching a new website, and issuing the 2017/18 Service Brochure to every councillor.

Always busy, always caring, always committed to you, our customers.

Kind regards for 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Lugg".

Steven Lugg, CE of Hampshire ALC



## News and Events



### ***LCR Opinion Questionnaire***

Thank you as always for your contributions to our last opinion article in LCR.  
Please complete the short questionnaire by clicking the link below.

[LCR Opinion Questionnaire](#)

**Closing Date:** 27 January 2017.

*Source: Marie Dill, Snr Communications Officer, LCR Editor, NALC*



**Report of Chairman and Chief Executive from the 284<sup>th</sup> meeting of National Council**  
(access via links below)

[Report of Chairman and Chief Exec](#)

[Calendar of Meetings](#)

*Source: Claire Fitzgerald, Executive Officer, NALC*



## News and Events



### Meon Valley Digital Future Meeting Minutes - Held 8th November 2016

[View and Download Minutes](#)

#### CONTENT LIST

- Introduction – The Meon Valley, Our Digital Future
- An overview of the meeting on 8th November; to be enhanced soon by video of the presentations
- Superfast Broadband - Hampshire County / BT (BDUK) plan for our villages
- TEK185 (a local Droxford business) plan to roll-out 'lightning fast' broadband to our village
- 4G Broadband: A 30+ Mbps solution using 4G mobile signal
- Investment funding briefing for tech, or tech-enabled businesses – Monday December 19th
- Hampshire Police guidance on how to protect against Cyber-Crime

Source: Peter O'Sullivan

## My Community

Please see the following link to the My Community assets guide for local authorities which NALC, Locality and the LGA framed last year under the *My Community* banner -

[Asset Guide For Local Authorities](#)



## Direct Information Service

[Bulletin Issue 898](#)

[Grants and Funding](#)



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## Small Grants Scheme **COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS**

*The Small Grants Scheme has a budget of £47,500 for 2016, to help fund projects to improve countryside paths and encourage people to explore more of their local countryside.*

**The next closing date is: 23 January 2017**

Contact me at [emma.broadbent@hants.gov.uk](mailto:emma.broadbent@hants.gov.uk) to tell me your project ideas.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website: [www.hants.gov.uk/sgs](http://www.hants.gov.uk/sgs)

The Small Grants Scheme was established in 2004 to give Parish Councils, landowners and other organisations the opportunity to improve and promote access to their local countryside. The scheme provides advice and funding towards projects such as path surfacing, replacing stiles with gates and producing leaflets and mapboards.

For more information about the scheme browse through the project ideas, guidance and information on our website [www.hants.gov.uk/sgs](http://www.hants.gov.uk/sgs), or watch our film, [Supporting Success Funding Community Projects](#), to see how other communities have used their funding.

## **NEED HELP FINDING MATCH FUNDING?**

The Small Grants Scheme is typically able to fund up to 50% of the total cost of a project, and for projects in the New Forest an additional 25% funding is provided by the New Forest National Park Authority.

Volunteer labour and in-kind contributions from landowners can also be used to contribute towards your match funding. For more information and other potential sources of match funding see

[www.hants.gov.uk/sgs](http://www.hants.gov.uk/sgs).



**Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute  
11th November 2018**

On the 3rd August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk, and gas lights were being lit along London's Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace, when he remarked to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". Our country was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, a chain of 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7pm on the 11th November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent.

You will be pleased to know therefore, that more than 320 town and parish councils have already confirmed their involvement, and will be lighting a beacon at 7pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, as part of their plans for this important anniversary that day.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvests home and ensuring the nation did not starve.

The beacons will symbolise the 'light of hope' that emerged from the darkness of war, and we hope that your council and local community will join us in this important national commemoration on Sunday 11th November 2018, especially as the majority of you would have had a previous member of your family involved in this four year conflict, so will become a personal tribute in their memory.

Detailed co-ordination begins in April 2017, when we will publish a special *Guide to Taking Part*, similar to that produced for Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Beacons on 21st April this year. If you can confirm your involvement before the end of March 2017 we will be able to include your organisation in the guide's acknowledgements pages before it is distributed to others encouraging their involvement too.

The reason for sending this information so far in advance, is because we understand from those already participating, they have started to plan their events for this commemoration.

Participating councils, organisations and community groups will receive a special certificate as a permanent reminder of their involvement in this special tribute.

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There are a number of cost-effective ways of participating in the chain of beacons.

1. Use existing beacon braziers on tall wooden poles erected in 1988 and for other recent anniversaries.
- 2.
3. Use gas-fueled beacons lit for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.
- 4.
5. Use the gas-fueled VE beacons lit to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of VE Day in 2015.
- 6.
7. Use the gas-fueled beacons lit for The Queen's 90th birthday in April this year.
- 8.
9. Build a traditional bonfire beacon.

I would be grateful if you would confirm your involvement by providing me with the following details as soon as possible to ensure that you are included in the guide when published, and put on the events website at the end of April 2018.

Name of organisation:

Name of beacon co-ordinator:

Address of beacon co-ordinator:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email:

County:

Country:

Beacon location:

Please confirm if your beacon will be open to the public or will be lit at a private event for family and friends. This is important because private beacons will not be included in the acknowledgements pages of the guide but will be included in the list kept in memory of this unique occasion.

When planning your beacon, your local newspaper could help you in contacting a relative of someone who served their country in WWI so you can invite them to light your beacon. This will also help you to gain media coverage for your event while providing a personal and touching aspect to the occasion, so do hope your council will join us in this special tribute and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bruno Peek'.

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR

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# People and Development



## Training Schedule 2017

Qualification Preparation	<u>Introduction to CiLCA</u>	10 January 2017
Information & Networking Event	<u>Breakfast Briefing - Big Lottery Fund, Awards For All</u>	17 January 2017
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 1 of 2)</u>	25 January 2017
Development For All	<u>Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning</u>	25 January 2017
Development For All	<u>Social Media Training</u>	26 January 2017
Information & Networking Event	<u>Breakfast Briefing - Setting Budgets, not just for Christmas</u>	31 January 2017
Officer Development	<u>Minute Taking</u>	01 February 2017
Development For All	<u>An Introduction to VAT</u>	09 February 2017
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 2 of 2)</u>	09 February 2017

**For further information on all the above training and events, please see our website:**

[http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/Learning\\_Development/training-and-events-online-directory.aspx](http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/Learning_Development/training-and-events-online-directory.aspx)

To book now please complete a booking form or email Sue Ramage – [sue.ramage@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:sue.ramage@eastleigh.gov.uk). When making a booking, please specify the delegate name, parish council and personal contact number of the delegate (in case emergency contact needs to be made on the day of the event), as well as any mobility or dietary issues which you think the organisers of the event may need to know about.

By submitting a booking you are agreeing to the LCPD Training & Events Terms & Conditions, which can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the booking form. Alternatively an up to date version can be found at:

[www.hampshirealc.org.uk/Learning\\_Development/training-and-events-terms-and-conditions.aspx](http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/Learning_Development/training-and-events-terms-and-conditions.aspx).

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# Member Support Advice Centre



## Funding Practice Index 2016

Funding Practice is part of the Local Council People and Development Consultancy, offered by the Hampshire ALC.

Any council can contact us for support and consultancy; subsidised rates are available to LCPD councils only.

The guidance notes below can be subscribed to by non-members, corporate or individual at £50 per calendar year, or part thereof. For ALC member councils, these notes below are part of your exclusive benefits package.

<a href="#">FP 1.16</a>	Funding Bulletin 1
<a href="#">FP 2.16</a>	Reaching Communities
<a href="#">FP 3.16</a>	The Big Lottery Fund
<a href="#">FP 4.16</a>	Latest Awards for All Awards
<a href="#">FP 5.16</a>	Coastal Communities Fund
<a href="#">FP 6.16</a>	Guide to Landfill Communities Fund and <a href="#">How to Access Funding</a>
<a href="#">FP 7.16</a>	Update on Crowdfunding: Crowdfunder UK
<a href="#">FP 8.16</a>	New Funding Stream - Celebrate!
<a href="#">FP 9.16</a>	Funding Bulletin 2
<a href="#">FP 10.16</a>	Sport England - New Funding for 2017

*Source: Steven Lugg, Chief Executive, HALC* [steve.lugg@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:steve.lugg@eastleigh.gov.uk)





## The Transparency Fund 2016/2017

Please see below a reminder of the application calendar for 2016/2017.

### Key Action Dates

Payment Period	Cut off for CALCs and ADA to send applications to NALC	NALC to Release Funds for Approved Bids to CALCS/ADA
January 2017	16 January	27 January
February 2017	13 February	24 February
March 2017	20 March	31 March

*Please note that dates are subject to change. Applications will be accepted subject to funding availability.*

- [Transparency Fund Application](#)
- [Transparency Fund Application 2016 Guidance Notes](#)
- [Application Form Assessment Criteria](#)
- [November 2016 Monthly Update](#)



## Member Support Advice



### Planning and environmental legislation update - November 2016

A roundup of notable recent policy developments, appointments, practice guidance and other changes.

Heathrow third runway cleared for take-off. After much circling, the government has finally alighted on a preferred option to expand aviation capacity in south east England. The first legal challenge has also landed. A National Policy Statement (NPS) facilitating the planning process is expected in 2017, as is a final confirmation of the government's view. Sir Jeremy Sullivan will oversee the NPS consultation process.

Client Earth wins again. The government's plans to improve air quality to legally-acceptable standards have been condemned as 'woefully inadequate' in the High Court. Environmental lawyers Client Earth won a case in the Supreme Court last year, which forced the government to bring forward improvement plans. Those plans were the subject of the latest ruling. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has said it accepts the verdict. Following the judgment, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee announced it would take further evidence on the issue. The Environmental Audit Committee has recently concluded gathering related evidence on diesel emissions and air quality.

Bill progresses. The Neighbourhood Planning Bill was scrutinised by a committee of MPs following its second reading on 10 October. A series of amendments included that the secretary of state can direct neighbouring planning authorities to prepare joint plans, or counties to do so in place of districts.

Repeal Bill will freeze EU legislation. Prime minister Theresa May's Conservative party conference speech included the promise of a 'great repeal bill' next year. This would convert EU law into UK law, which could then be amended or discarded as desired domestically. However, Defra secretary of state Andrea Leadsom told the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) that up to one-third of EU environmental legislation may not be easily transposed. Leadsom was contributing to the EAC's inquiry into the future of the natural environment after the EU referendum.

'Hard times in the hood: plan is straight outta Swanick'. Swanwick in Derbyshire has become the first area to reject its draft neighbourhood plan at a referendum. The plan's own steering group



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campaigned for a no vote after the local authority heavily modified their draft following an inspector's recommendations. 85 per cent voted against the plan.

In brief:

- Parliament's Transport Select Committee has launched an inquiry into urban congestion
- An unnamed DCLG source has revealed that government plans to strengthen its emphasis on development density in forthcoming guidance
- Government has published the 18th edition of its notes on neighbourhood planning
- A landlord who breached a planning enforcement notice has been ordered to pay over £700,000
- The government has updated its guidance to local authorities on making byelaws
- The government is consulting on new minimum room sizes and other measures for shared housing
- The Isle of Wight Council's re-joining a Solent partnership opens the way to another

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### Local Council Information Service (LAIS)

Reference	Subject Matter	Issued
<a href="#">LAIS1395</a>	Video Conferencing	December 2016





# RURAL COMMUNITIES MATTER

## February 2017 conferences

Free to attend - Book online now  
[www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/events](http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/events)



### Venues and dates

Friday 10 Feb - Sparsholt College  
 Saturday 11 Feb - New Forest  
 Outdoor Centre  
 Wednesday 15 Feb - Riverside  
 Centre, Newport  
 Friday 17 Feb - Netley Police HQ  
 Thursday 23 Feb - Gill Nethercott  
 Centre, Whitchurch

9am start at all venues  
 For further information please email  
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