



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



Dear Colleagues

The clocks have changed, and so at least we can arrive at evening meetings in the sun now! The 2017 edition of Governance and Accountability ([read here](#)) has been published, and is available to download on the [Audit Page](#) of website. All previous editions should be discarded with immediate effect.

We are planning a Reception and Lecture to celebrate our 70 years on Tuesday 10th October, to be held at the Great Hall, Winchester; we hope all councils and parish meetings across Hampshire will send representatives, as well as all our development partners, individual affiliates and Hampshire Internal Auditors. Your help in getting the message out to your Auditor would be very useful. Enquiries should be sent to Sue Ramage at our offices please.

Also on 14th June, we are holding a Conference on the Code of Conduct – its pitfalls, and how we go forward on this important topic, with Paul Hoey Associates leading this specialist session. We recommend that all councils attend. Enquiries to Sue Ramage as usual please, or check the website for details. Thirdly, we will be running a session in the Autumn on the new External Audit regime, to which we recommend all Clerks book onto. This session will be full, so early booking is advised. Sue will let you know the date very shortly.

We welcome this month, Finchamstead PC from just across the border in Berkshire as Development Partners, and look forward to working with this proactive and busy parish council. We are in addition, very grateful to all renewing member councils if they can pay their affiliation fees promptly, as it helps our accounting procedures.

Enjoy the news in this e-update, and I'm sure we will bump into each other soon somewhere.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steven



News and Events



Small Grants Scheme - COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

The Small Grants Scheme has a budget of £47,550 for 2017-18, to help fund projects to improve countryside paths and encourage people to explore more of their local countryside.

The Scheme is now OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS, the deadlines for 2017-18 are:

- **24 April 2017**
- **24 July 2017**
- **23 October 2017**
- **22 January 2018**

Contact us at sgs@hants.gov.uk to tell us your project ideas.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website: 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 map-boards.

For more information about the scheme browse through the project ideas, guidance and information on our website www.hants.gov.uk/sgs, or watch our film, [Supporting Success Funding Community Projects](#), to see how other communities have used their funding. If you would like a copy of the DVD to show at Council meetings etc. please let me know.

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.

Source: Petronella Natrass , Countryside Access Team, Countryside Service,





GOOD COUNCILLORS SPRING CONFERENCE

26 APRIL 2017

AON BRIACLIFF, KINGSMEAD, FARNBOROUGH GU14 7TE

10.00 – 10.20	Refreshments
10.20 – 10.30	Welcome - Cllr Sue Baxter, Chairman of NALC
10.30 – 11.30	<p>Health and well-being: how local councils are working to make dementia-friendly communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Sherriff, chair of the Prime Minister’s Rural Taskforce on Dementia • Emily Georghiou, Local influencing adviser, External Affairs, Age UK • Maxine Kennedy, project co-ordinator, Dementia Friendly Parishes around Yealm
11.30 – 11.45	Refreshments
11.40 – 12.40	<p>Housing and planning: how local council can help the management of development in local areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trudi Elliott, chief executive of RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute) • Cllr Ron Simpson, Neighbourhood Planning champion, Uppingham
12.40 – 13.25	Lunch
13.25 – 14.00	Open-mic





14.00 – 15.00

Councillor & Diversity Commissions

What should the future look like for councillors in their community leadership roles?

How can we increase Diversity in our Councillor representation?

- **Clr Sue Baxter, Chairman of NALC**
- **Justin Griggs, Head of Policy & Development, NALC**
- **Professor Colin Copus, chair of the Councillors Commission; Director of the Local Governance Research Unit, De Montford University**

15.00 – 15.15

Refreshments

15.15 – 16.15

Devolution: what are the opportunities from devolution for local councils of any size

- **Clr Linda Haysey, Leader of East Herts Council**
- **Tim Thorogood, ex-chief executive of Falkland Islands and Local Government Information Unit, now a Director**
- **Andrew Tubb, NALC policy team**

16.15 - 16.30

Summary and Close

- **Clr Sue Baxter, chairman of NALC**

NALC reserves the right to change the programme at any time.

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Charter

for Trees, Woods
and People

Become a local council Charter Branch

This year NALC has partnered with more than 60 organisations, including the Woodland Trust, to help launch a new Charter for Trees, Woods and People on November 6th 2017. The new Tree Charter will set out how our local communities and trees can best benefit one another. It will serve as a resource which local councils can use in support of their efforts to look after the trees in their area.

To get involved with the Tree Charter, your local council can become a Charter Branch. Becoming a Charter Branch is completely free and will in no way effect the autonomy of your council or local conservation groups. Your level of involvement is up to you and may range from simply signing up to receive free copies of the Charter's newspaper "Leaf!" to helping gather signatures of support, to more imaginative projects and activities around trees, for which funding of up to £1500 is available.

Additionally, we will be here for any help or advice your council may need regarding trees and you will have the chance to contribute your voice to the ongoing development of the Tree Charter.

[Register your local council as a Charter Branch](#)

(simply add your local council's name and details to the boxes on the right hand side of the webpage)

Find out more about Charter Branches, by visiting the

[Local Councils: Becoming a Charter Branch blog](#)

[Find out more about the Tree Charter](#)

If you have any inquiries or problems, or wish for guidance on how to get your local council involved with the Tree Charter, please contact: joseph.palasz@nalc.gov.uk



HM Government

The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme

basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk

ABOUT THE SCHEME

The UK government is committed to providing every home and business across the country with access to a basic broadband service.

If you can't get a broadband speed of at least 20Mb per second, you could qualify for a subsidised connection worth up to £350 to boost your internet speed.

The scheme is delivered in partnership with Local Broadband Projects across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

FIND OUT IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

- Visit basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk to find out if you are eligible for a subsidy.
- Fill out a simple application form.
- If you qualify you will be emailed a unique code.
- Use the code with selected service providers to get a subsidised broadband service.



basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk

Countryside Awards 2017

Entries open 22nd March to 30th June 2017

Lead sponsor **The Southern Co-operative**

The CPRE Hampshire Countryside Awards celebrate a beautiful and thriving countryside that everyone can value and enjoy

Entries are welcome from all sections of the Hampshire community; projects both big and small which support CPRE Hampshire's mission of 'standing up for the countryside'

The awards categories and sponsors are:

- Community and Voluntary - The Southern Co-operative
- Young People - Steve's Leaves
- Rural Enterprise - Hildon
- Sustainable Buildings - Hastoe Group

For details and to enter online visit www.cprehampshire.org.uk or contact Countryside Awards Project Manager Olivia Osorio - olivia.osorio@cprehampshire.org.uk or 01962 841837



ENTER BY 30TH JUNE 2017!

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Hampshire community groups power forward with a fresh round of funding

More than 30 dance, theatre, music and community groups have received good news with grants worth more than £180,000 announced by Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside.

At his Decision Day meeting (21 March), Councillor Andrew Gibson approved Community Buildings Capital Fund grants to ten community groups totalling £129,680 and he also approved Culture and Community Activity Grants to 21 organisations amounting to £52,880.

Councillor Gibson said: "The grants for these organisations will enable them to continue offering projects and much loved interactive arts events and activities at the heart of the communities, which are enjoyed by so many people. At the same time, the capital funding will enable the buildings to be fit for purpose, modern and efficient, long into the future.

"Importantly, the funding will also help organisations reach and engage with harder to access groups, supporting the County Council's wider work in protecting the economic, cultural and social wellbeing of all Hampshire residents."

The awarded grants listed by district include:

Basingstoke and Deane

- Buckskin and Worting Community Association - £5,000 towards heating, replacement flooring and general refurbishment of the Ridgeway Community Centre, including the refurbishment of the toilets and redecoration of the youth room to make it more multi-purpose.
- Silchester Village Hall - £25,000 towards replacing the leaking roof and installing felting and insulation.

East Hampshire

- Alton Community Association - £25,000 towards the refurbishment and improvement of the community centre's main entrance, foyer, disabled toilets, garden room, kitchenette and member's lounge.
- Gilbert White and the Oates Collections - £3,000 to support a weekend festival designed to inspire greater involvement in nature and conservation activities through talks, guided tours, arts, crafts and games.
- Spirit of Music Festival - £1,020 to support the 2017 festival taking place over two weekends in April and May in Petersfield and Liss, including live performances and workshops.

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- Whitehill Village Hall - £9,990 towards resurfacing the car park and overflow car park, which have degraded over recent years.

Gosport

- Elson Junior School - £2,120 for an ecology project involving pupils, parents and local residents to create a new community display and garden, planted with pollinator plants and recycled materials on the school grounds.
- Gosport Community Safety Partnership - £3,000 to support activity sessions for young people in the summer holidays.
- Loud and Proud - £2,390 to deliver intergenerational sessions for older people in residential homes and support the costs of volunteering at civic and community events

Havant

- Motiv8 - £2,990 to run weekly sessions in art, drama and music to help young people discuss and explore sensitive issues and promote their emotional wellbeing.
- The Urban Vocal Group - £3,000 to support its Havant group for young people which provides vocal training and experience of the music industry through performances, professional recording and the opportunity to work towards an Arts Award.
- Waterloo Events Team - £1,480 to create a monthly pop-up cinema experience in local venues.

New Forest

- Lymington Community Association - £21,990 to install double glazed windows at the Robert Hole Complex, Lymington Community Centre.
- Youth and Families Matter - £2,750 to support weekly Community Breakfast and Coffee Morning sessions for vulnerable families and socially isolated members of the community. Sessions will also include support in parenting skills, budgeting, cookery and nutrition with an aim of improving mental and physical wellbeing.

Test Valley

- Abbotswood Community Association - £10,000 towards equipment and fittings for a new community centre currently under construction.
- Age UK Mid Hampshire - £3,000 to establish a weekly Wellbeing Lunch Club in Andover, providing hot meals, organised activities including weekly fitness sessions and access to advice.

Winchester

- Bassline Circus - £3,000 to engage new audiences through theatre, music and costume making workshops.

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- Colden Common Community Association - £9,700 towards improving the Colden Common Community Centre's electricity, heating and overall efficiency.
- Integr8 Movement - £3,000 to support affordable weekly classes in various styles of dance targeted at young people from disadvantaged communities with a lack of access to dance provision.
- South Wonston Village Hall - £2,980 to repair the roof, and to prevent damage and deterioration of the building which otherwise may require more significant remedial works.
- Southwick and Widley D-Day Memorial Hall - £13,520 to replace wooden windows and doors, including fire doors as well as the installation of double glazing to improve insulation and reduce utility bills.
- Waltham Chase Village Hall Committee - £6,500 towards the replacement of two old gas heaters with more modern and efficient units as well as replacing fluorescent strip lights with LED lights.
- Winchester Chamber Music Festival - £2,500 to support a four day festival in April 2017, in celebration of its tenth anniversary. The festival will include a series of concerts and music workshops.

Countywide

- Blue Apple Theatre Company - £3,000 to work with people with learning disabilities to increase learning, confidence and being active.
- Golden Oldies - £2,220 to expand free monthly singing sessions for older people to help reduce loneliness and boost overall wellbeing in Ringwood and Romsey.
- Joyful Jams - £3,000 to run a pilot programme of sessions of clowning within selected Hampshire County Council care homes to engage residents with dementia, improving their mental and emotional wellbeing and reducing isolation.
- Kala the Arts - £2,910 for a production of South Asian dance involving local communities and schools. A choreographed piece will be delivered through workshops and performed at cultural and outdoor locations.
- Nuffield Theatre - £3,000 to expand their youth theatre offer at additional venues including The Ashcroft Arts Centre (Fareham), The Forest Arts Centre (New Milton) and the West End Centre (Aldershot).
- The Conservation Volunteers - £1,900 to deliver 35 community-based conservation sessions focussed on improving local green spaces as well as reducing isolation and improving wellbeing amongst volunteers.
- The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company - £1,000 towards a tour of their latest work, increasing access to high quality arts in rural communities including Ropley; Conford; Hook; Hambledon; Selborne; Droxford and Sheet.
- Y Services for Young People - £2,600 to support the delivery of 50 two-hour outdoor play sessions for 0-12 year olds and their families across Fareham and Gosport with a focus on supporting families with multiple and complex needs.

[Further details on the grants funded can be found in the report to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside Decision Day.](#)



Do you have a pond that you're proud of?
Or a pond that needs a little TLC?

Tell us about your pond!

Contribute to our celebration of Hampshire's freshwater wildlife and history by telling us about your ponds. We're creating an online map of ponds, a public exhibition and book. All you need to do is complete a simple survey to make sure your pond is featured.

See the map so far at www.tcv.org.uk/se/hampshire-ponds

Contact us to take part, and to receive a set
of free wildlife ID cards:

Hampshire-ponds@tcv.org.uk or 02380 402 593



We also offer advice and help with
practical work on ponds. Get in touch to
find out more about the project.

LCR Opinion Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TLZT9RL>

I would be grateful if you could answer the survey by 26 April 2017.

Source: Marie Dill, LCR Editor, NALC

Direct Information Service Bulletin Issue 903 *(Click to follow link)*

My Community

Neighbourhood Planning - Local Green Spaces

Green infrastructure contributes to the quality and distinctiveness of the local environment. It creates opportunities for walking and physical activity and generally adding to quality of life. Green infrastructure is diverse in character and can include formal parks and gardens, informal grassed areas, linear paths, towpaths, sports pitches and various other kinds of landscaped area.

For many local communities, securing high quality green infrastructure in and around their neighbourhood is important. Neighbourhood plans can include policies for green spaces and can be used to designate 'Local Green Spaces' to protect them for current and future generations. [Read More](#)

Member Support Advice Centre



Legal Topic Notes

Reference	Subject Matter	Revised
LTN04	The powers of community meetings without councils (revised)	March 2017
LTN11	Celebrations and similar events (revised)	March 2017
LTN13	Policing in your area (revised)	March 2017
LTN18	Local councils' power to provide parking spaces (revised)	March 2017
LTN20	Markets and other events (revised)	March 2017
LTN31	Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (revised)	March 2017

Training Schedule 2017

Qualification Preparation	<u>Introduction to General Power of Competence</u>	10 May 2017
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 1 of 2)</u>	06 June 2017
Information & Networking Event	<u>Employment Workshop</u>	08 June 2017
Officer Development	<u>Minute Taking</u>	13 June 2017
Councillor Development	<u>Local Council Finance for Councillors</u>	15 June 2017
Officer Development	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 2 of 2)</u>	20 June 2017
Councillor Development	<u>The Knowledge & Core Skills (Parts 1 & 2)</u>	21 June 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

To book now please complete a booking form or email Sue Ramage – 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.

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