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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

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### **Emails to Member Councils**

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following emails since the last issue of the Enews

4 February 2020

- Anti-Social Behaviour and Petty Crime Survey

5 February 2020 containing

- A PDF version of the Anti-Social Behaviour and Petty Crime Survey questions dispatched yesterday
- New HR Templates and How-To Guides
- Draft Minutes for the January 2020 County Committee
- The Children's Funeral Fund for England
- Development Control Matters
- Govt. Publications

14 February 2020 containing

- The national Smaller Councils Committee
- Northumberland's Draft Local Plan
- HMRC Employer Bulletin
- Operation London Bridge
- Play Area Training

If your Council has not received a copy, or if your Chairman or Clerk has changed, please let me know.

## **Challenges to Neighbourhood Plans**

The link is to a recent case where there was an unsuccessful challenge to a neighbourhood plan.

If you're involved in preparing a plan, it may be worth reading as the opening paragraphs are a commentary of the role of the Examining Inspector.

<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2020/227.html>

## **Job Vacancy**

Prudhoe Town Council are seeking an Events and Administration Assistant.

Details are at

<https://www.prudhoetowncouncil.gov.uk/administration/recruitment/>

## **The Joint Local Access Forum**

New members are being sought for the forum by the NNPA. More details are at the link, the closing date is 6 March.

<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/looking-after-the-park/joint-local-access-forum/>

## **Rural Transport**

CPRE have issued some research on Transport Deserts which includes Northumberland

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/transport-deserts/>

## **Briefings from the Parliamentary House of Commons Libraries**

These briefings may be of interest

The Agriculture Bill

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8702>

Native Trees: Pests & Diseases

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/LLN-2020-0047>

Local Growth Deals

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN07120>

## **Internet Explorer 7 and the Government Gateway**

From 1 April 2020, you will no longer be able to access your Government Gateway account on Windows XP and Windows Vista or Internet Explorer 6 and 7. Other older operating systems and browsers may also be affected. There's more information at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/access-to-government-gateway-is-changing-for-users-of-older-technology>

## **Healthwatch Northumberland**

The following information has been sent to us

Healthwatch Northumberland is the independent champion for people who use health and social care services, it receives feedback about what is working well for people and what could be improved, and share these views with those who have the power to make change happen. Healthwatch also helps people find the information they need about services in their area and record this as 'signposting'.

The report below shares a summary of the feedback collected from October to December 2019. Prior reports are available from their website and Healthwatch is happy to attend meetings to hear from parish councils.

<http://bit.ly/HWNOctDec19QReport>

At Healthwatch Northumberland we are running our Annual Survey until March 31st. Come and talk to us and tell us what you think of health and

social care services at one of our public events (listed here:

<https://healthwatchnorthumberland.co.uk/annual-survey-2020/>).

Let us know about your experiences, what went well and what could be improved, and together we can help make care better for everyone in Northumberland. By telling us about the care you received and what's important to you, you can help us set our work for the coming year so that we can be more effective on your behalf. There is also a chance of winning a £25 Amazon, or M&S voucher on completion of the survey!

If you are unable to come to one of our events you can leave your feedback via our online survey (<http://bit.ly/HWNSpeakUp2020>) or get in touch to ask for a postal copy with freepost return (Healthwatch Northumberland main line: 03332 408 468)

## **Direct information from the national NALC**

All members of our association are automatically part of the national NALC. If you would like to receive direct copies of their newsletter please see the details at this link

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/newsletter>

We always try to pass on matters of significance to Member Councils but there may be other items nationally which are of interest



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