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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
20 January 2022**

**Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Briefings

The following events are scheduled over the next few weeks. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking. I have reloaded the links as there were some issues in the last Enews.

[Planning - Enforcement](#)

Mon, 24 Jan 2022 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/planning-enforcement-tickets-185693774077>

[Planning - Conservation Areas](#)

Wed, 2 Feb 2022 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/planning-conservation-areas-tickets-185690093067>

Tue, 8 Feb 2022 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/planning-highway-and-rights-of-way-issues-tickets-185681758137>

[Standards for Parish, Town & Community Councils](#)

Thu, 10 Feb 2022 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/standards-for-parish-town-community-councils-tickets-216137712717>

Future Briefings

We are preparing our programme for the rest of 2022 and would be very grateful for suggested topics please.

Any thoughts should be emailed to

stephenrickitt@northumberlandalc.uk

Vacancy for a Clerk

Brunswick Parish Council are seeking a new clerk. Details are at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/acfe585e-9de8-d03d-277a-f551a657fc5e/Clerk_and_RFO_Advert_Jan_2022_Brunswick.pdf

or from their website

<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/brunswick>

Public Access Defibrillators

The Ambulance Service written to say

"Have you got a Public Access Defibrillator in your parish? If so, it is vital that you register this on the new national defibrillator database, The Circuit, even if you have registered it with the North East Ambulance Service in the past. This national database will be replacing the local ambulance database of information soon so please make sure yours is registered so the ambulance service can continue to direct members of the public to it in an emergency.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact Alex Mason, Community Resuscitation Officer for the North East Ambulance Service alex.mason@neas.nhs.uk or visit The Circuit website <https://www.thecircuit.uk/> "

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Northumberland County Council has allocated £70,000 to create a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund. The purpose of this special fund is to enable non-profit making community and voluntary groups, schools, local charities, parish councils and churches within Northumberland to apply for grant funding to help them to take part in celebratory events, and community and legacy projects, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Further information, forms and guidance can be found here

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Grants/Grants-Funding.aspx#queensplatinumjubileefund>

Bank Holidays in 2022

Colleagues are reminded that the usual bank holiday on the last Monday in May has been changed this year.

To mark The Platinum Jubilee, Thursday 2 June 2022 will be the Spring bank holiday with Friday 3 June 2022 being The Platinum Jubilee bank holiday.

If Councils are planning to hold meetings in the week of 6 June 2022, care should be taken to dispatch agendas early than may be the usual case to avoid having to count either of these for the "three clear days" rule.

The County Council's Storm Arwen Inquiry

All Northumberland's Parish, Town and Community Councils should have received direct letters earlier this week. In case any Council has not received a copy, details are at the links below.

The email address for the inquiry is nccstormarwenreview@northumberland.gov.uk

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/db317bd7-aa67-2c58-32b8-6e1c63fe0a00/Storm_Arwen_Letter_MPs_PC.pdf

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/95e2f913-6a4a-5f4c-06b0-a63bf7e2f592/C_P_Storm_Arwen_Review_Scoping_Report_.pdf

An Open Letter from the Chair of the

The new Chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, has written an open letter to our sector available at

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/1968-new-year-open-letter>

Second Homes

On 14 January 2022 DLUHC announced changes to the Council Tax position for second home / holiday lets.

Details are at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gove-closes-tax-loophole-on-second-homes>

Historic Maps

There are occasions when colleagues wish to research old maps of their communities. The National Library of Scotland has copies of the Ordnance Survey Maps for England as well as Scotland, including many of the older larger scale issues.

These are freely available on their website at

<https://maps.nls.uk/>

The January 2022 newsletter from the Family History Federation has a very useful guide to using the NLS website at

https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/_resources/reallyuseful/fed-really-useful-bulletin-17-jan-2022.pdf

Reports and other articles of possible interest

[The Case for Culture](#)

The Northern Culture All-Party Parliamentary Group has published the Case For Culture Report, "a comprehensive, ground-breaking document that advocates for an approach to levelling up with cultural funding at its centre."

<https://northernculture.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/NCAPPG-The-Case-for-Culture-Report.pdf>

[State of the North 2021/2022](#)

"This year's State of the North report highlights the gap between promises and reality on levelling up. We need to further empower those across the North who are already levelling up for themselves, and make sure no place or community is left behind."

https://www.ippr.org/files/2022-01/1642509678_sotn-2021-22-jan-22.pdf

[Population estimates by ethnic group and religion, England and Wales: 2019](#)

These have been published by the ONS at

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/articles/populationestimatesbyethnicgroupandreligionenglandandwales/2019>

[Village Roads](#)

Shaun O'Neil and Nicola Hyam report on a recent case where a claimant sought to argue that a village road in the Lakes should have been maintained to the standards of a footway.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/litigation-and-enforcement/311-litigation-features/49315-carriageways-footways-and-standards-of-maintenance>



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