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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

### **NALC Enews 21 January 2021 Please forward to all Councillors and Staff**

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### **Emails to Member Councils**

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

15 January 2021 containing

- Election Recharges
- The County Council's Town & Parish Liaison Working Group
- Economic Recovery after Covid-19

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

### **Briefings**

The programme for February - July 2021 has been separately circulated to Member Councils.

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/3d0de353-e945-4c51-bd97-ade5bc4eef88/Training\\_Programme\\_2021\\_Feb\\_July\\_2021.01.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/3d0de353-e945-4c51-bd97-ade5bc4eef88/Training_Programme_2021_Feb_July_2021.01.pdf)

## Counselling Service for staff in Northumberland

Through the Bridge Project, we have been made aware of the counselling service described below which aims to help anyone feeling the pressures of the current situation with respect to the pandemic etc.

SilverCloud and the Covid19 capacity project, operated by Cygnus, are available not just for residents but the whole workforce in Northumberland.

Cygnus have a team of volunteers and sessional counsellors who provide this service for anyone looking for a bit of support.

The service is completely confidential and can be accessed by calling 0808 196 3933 free during these times:

Monday 10am-2pm  
Tuesday 1pm-5pm  
Wednesday 3pm-7pm  
Thursday 1pm-4pm  
Friday 10am-2pm

<https://cygnussupport.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone else you think might benefit from the service.

## Right to Regenerate

MHCLG have announced this saying

"The 'Right to Regenerate' proposals would make it easier to challenge councils and other public organisations to release land for redevelopment – helping communities make better use of public land and give a new lease of life to unloved buildings."

More details are at

## Historic Statues, Plaques, Memorials and Monuments

The Secretary of State at MHCLG has made a Written Statement in relation to the protection of historic statues, plaques, memorials and monuments in which he states

"I am today therefore setting out my intention to make the removal of any historic unlisted statue, plaque, memorial or monument subject to an explicit requirement to obtain planning permission. I also intend to require local planning authorities to adhere to similar notification requirements as for listed building consent applications involving listed statues, plaques, memorials and monuments. This will require Directions and changes to secondary legislation including the permitted development right for the demolition of buildings."

The full statement is at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2021-01-18/hcws713>

## NHS and Frontline Workers Day 5 July 2021

Local Councils throughout the United Kingdom are being encouraged to play a leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5 July 2021, a unique day of celebration and commemoration of those who work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week without any thought of their own safety.

They are asked to do this by agreeing to raise a unique flag at 10 am; lead the Two-Minute Silence at 11 am and the Nation's Toast at 1 pm from within their local communities, to the Heroes of the NHS, Social Care and those that work so tirelessly on the frontline.

This special day is also being used to raise valuable funds for NHS Charities Together, the official organisation set up to support over 230 hospitals and their charitable trusts

More details are at <https://www.nhsfrontlineday.org/>

## Parish Representatives on the Northumberland National Park Authority

process which takes place immediately after the all-out parish council elections.

Today we have emailed all the parishes who are either wholly within the Northumberland National Park, or who have a part of their area within the Park, no matter how small.

**If your parish is one of these, please let us know as soon as possible if the email has not been received by your clerk.**

The process for 2021 is based on the elections being held on 6 May 2021. If those elections are delayed, then the selection timetable may change.

## A Land Registry Survey for Local Councils

The national NALC has recently engaged with Her Majesty's Land Registry regarding an online survey regarding land ownership (an issue key to many local councils, especially when it comes to development and neighbourhood planning).

HMLR have now sent NALC the final survey link which is here

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160406652244>

The survey closes **on 26 February 2021.**

## Emails from the County Council

All Local Councils in Northumberland should have received emails from the County Council regarding

- Postal Votes - 18 January 2021
- Private Sector Housing Strategy - 18 January 2021



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