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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
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**Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Elections and Meetings

At the date of dispatch, elections are still scheduled to take place on 6 May 2021.

On 22 January the Minister issued a letter indicating that canvassing or leafleting by individual activists was not permitted.

We have asked the national NALC whether this prohibition applies to Local Councils using Councillors or Volunteers to hand deliver newsletters, questionnaires etc.

The Minister's letter is at

[a3c5-6ab0-4c4a-9bfc-efa48fe72f0e/MCD letter to members of the Parliamentary Parties Panel.pdf](#)

The national NALC are lobbying hard for the provision allowing formal digital meetings to continue beyond 6 May.

As soon as there is any definite news, we shall let Member Councils know.

Playgrounds

The national NALC have drawn our attention to Play England and a group of academics, scientists, play experts and charities who have written an open letter calling on local authorities to put the wellbeing of children first and keep playgrounds open. This has been sparked by some local authorities in England closing children's playgrounds despite government guidance that is specific about keeping them open.

The letter is at

<https://www.playengland.org.uk/letter-to-local-authorities-on-playgrounds/>

Vacancy for a Clerk

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

<https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/655b803c-70f2-4905-9046-dbb47f39ee9a/Acklington Jan 2021.pdf>

Rural Employment Hubs

Community Action Northumberland runs the Rural Employment Hubs project to support unemployed residents in rural areas of Northumberland. They are part of the Bridge Northumberland Project.

on Thursday 11th February Online at 2.00 pm.

More details of the event is at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/d001554e-e830-4dfc-8632-28aedaf2d856/Bridge_Northumberland_Referral_Partners_drop_in_session_Feb_11th.pdf

Information on the Hubs is in the leaflet at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/24e68b4e-2bcd-45b0-8d69-37f844e9b6ab/Rural_Employment_Hubs_leaflet.pdf

or on the CAN website at

<http://ca-north.org.uk/supporting-individuals/northumberland-rural-employment-hubs>

The Section 137 limit for 2021/2022

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as stated that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for parish and town councils in England for 2021-22 is **£8.41** per elector.

This is the amount as a result of increasing the amount of £8.32 for 2020-2021 by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2019 and September 2020, in accordance with Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.

North Steads Sisters Windfarm Community Fund

A funding workshop is being held on 21 February, details at the link

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/f8c5a0a0-eb9f-4322-92fc-55a768f45f33/North_Steads_Sisters_Windfarm_Community_Fund_Funding_Workshop.pdf

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/eca-dc70f-2d8c-479c-bd95-1b4f6c251af6/North Steads Area.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/eca-dc70f-2d8c-479c-bd95-1b4f6c251af6/North_Steads_Area.pdf)



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