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Latest News

[NALC news](#) (NALC login may be required)

[SLCC news](#) (No SLCC login required)

CiLCA Congratulations!

Congratulations to Helen Key from Billingham Parish Council upon successful completion of CiLCA.

Latest BRAMM Newsletter

The British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM) has issued its latest newsletter. It includes news about this year's Cemetery of the Year competition – which is open for entry until 30 June, changes to the BRAMM Fixer Licence ID cards, and various training opportunities.

[Read the newsletter.](#)

NALC disappointed by omission of remote meetings and standards reform from King's Speech

NALC are bitterly disappointed that the government's legislative programme in today's King's Speech failed to include measures to permanently enable remote and hybrid council meetings for parish and town councils and local authorities. The ability to meet remotely proved highly effective during the COVID-19 pandemic, improving accessibility, increasing participation, and supporting councillors with caring responsibilities, disabilities, or work commitments. Its omission represents a missed opportunity to modernise local democracy and remove unnecessary barriers to public service.

We are deeply concerned by the absence of legislation to strengthen the standards regime in local government. Parish and town councils continue to operate within a framework that lacks sufficient powers to deal effectively with councillor misconduct and uphold public confidence. We are one of the loudest voices pressing for a stronger and more consistent standards system, including the ability to apply tougher sanctions where appropriate, which is essential to maintaining trust and accountability in local democracy.

[Read more.](#)

SLCC have also expressed their disappointment and have released a [public statement](#).

Latest Community Resilience Newsletter

Inside this edition:

- Our NEW Community Resilience Video. Hear from volunteers their experience, see examples and get a flavour for what it is all about.
- Reflections on all the exciting work that's been taking place over the last quarter.
- Details about the new fund launched to Support Lincolnshire Households with Increased Heating Oil Costs.
- Opportunity to take part in the EA's short research activity to help us understand what information people find most important when checking their possible future risk of flooding or thinking about getting prepared for a flood.

[Read the Newsletter.](#)



It is now less than a month until Lincolnshire Show on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June. LALC will have a stand at the show to promote the work of parish and town councils near to the Lincolnshire County Council and West Lindsey District Council stands.

We are preparing our materials for display and would appreciate if you could share with us any images of your council, recent events and projects in 2025 and 2026 that you have been delivering in your communities.

We would be grateful if you could send them to enquiries@lalc.co.uk as soon as you can but by Thursday 11th June at the latest.

Please give us the name of the council, a description of the project, date and title of the event and the name of any significant person shown in the image, such as:

"Anywhere Parish Council held its annual garden fete on 4th June 2025 with over 500 members of the public. In the picture is the Chair of the Council, Vicky Smith and Vice Chair, John Smith, awarding prizes."

Or

"Everywhere Town Council held its Annual Town Meeting on 4th April 2026 and local electors came along to hear about the new new flood warning systems installed locally. Here is the picture of the Town Hall with attendees listening to the speaker, Matt Jones from Lincolnshire County Council."

And

"Any Parish Council recently invested in new benches, defibrillators, war memorial refurbishment and provided a grant for regular coffee mornings in the village hall. Here are some photos of these items and events."

Your assistance is much appreciated. It helps promote your council and your community. We prefer that you have copyright holders' approval to share the images and approval for us to display them.

Please send your contributions to enquiries@lalc.co.uk by **Thursday 11th June 2026**.

If you are at the Lincolnshire Show come along to our **stand 10-28** and we will be serving light refreshments throughout the day and we look forward to seeing you.



Central Lincolnshire Local Plan consultation

West Lindsey District Council, North Kesteven District Council and the City of Lincoln Council have worked jointly to produce Local Validation Lists for planning applications, providing a consistent approach across Central Lincolnshire and ensuring alignment with the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

National planning policy requires Local Planning Authorities to keep their Local Validation Lists under review. The Central Lincolnshire authorities are therefore undertaking a review of the jointly adopted Local Validation Lists and are consulting on a set of proposed updates.

The proposed Local Validation Lists relate to the following types of planning application:

- Full Applications
- Householder Applications
- Outline Applications
- Listed Building Consent Applications

The consultation is open for a four week period from **11 May 2026** to **7 June 2026**. During this time, comments are invited on the proposed updates to ensure the Local Validation Lists remain up to date, proportionate, and aligned with current national policy and guidance.

Please note that the proposed Local Validation Lists are not yet adopted and do not currently apply. The existing adopted Local Validation Lists will continue to be used when validating planning applications throughout the consultation period.

Full details of the consultation, including the draft Local Validation Lists, a summary of the key proposed changes, and information on how to comment, are available on the [dedicated consultation webpage](#).

Responses received during the consultation will be reviewed and considered. The outcomes of the consultation will inform the final Local Validation Lists prior to any formal adoption.

Environment Agency Flood Risk Survey

The Environment Agency is inviting members of the community to take part in a short flood risk survey.

This research will help them understand what information people find most useful when checking their possible future flood risk or thinking about how to prepare for flooding.

[Complete the survey.](#)

NALC event - Flood Resilience: Local action, lasting impact

Equip your council with the knowledge, partnerships, and confidence to take action before the next flood hits.

Join this FREE event, which is funded by the Environment Agency and ACRE.

- Learn from real examples of parish and town councils tackling flooding in their areas.
- Understand how to engage your community in reducing and managing flood risk.
- Explore the role of community-led planning in responding to wider environmental challenges.
- Find out how to connect with your Local Resilience Forum and strengthen your local response.

10 March 2027, 12:00 - 13:15.

[Book here.](#)



NALC event - Public Conveniences: Cost, pressure and practical solutions

Get a clear view of the challenge and take away practical ideas to help your council manage it.

Join this practical and honest event to:

- Understand the national picture and emerging trends around public convenience provision.
- Explore how further devolution of these assets and liabilities may impact your council.
- Hear real examples and good practice from councils keeping facilities open despite financial constraints.
- Get a clear view of the challenge and take away practical ideas to help your council manage it.

11 November 2026, 12:00 - 13:15.

Tickets start from £35, excluding VAT and fees.

[Book here.](#)



New Free Service Fills Critical Gap in Early-Stage Support for Community Energy Projects

Source: SLCC

A new national support service has launched to help community-based groups in England develop renewable and low-carbon energy projects, with free expert guidance available from the earliest stages of project development.

[Read more here.](#)

[Community GO website.](#)

Security Industry Authority (SIA)

The SIA is looking for premises and events to volunteer to help test and develop its systems and processes as it prepares to regulate Martyn's Law, which is expected to come into force in Spring 2027.

Premises and events are invited to take part in a pilot on assessment and inspection or to help test the digital service. Taking part will give those in scope an opportunity to feedback to the SIA prior to launch and to shape the way Martyn's Law is regulated.

Sign up by the end of May 2026

Amendment to the Localism Act 2011

Source: NKDC

In response to increasing concerns about councillor safety, an important amendment has been introduced to the Localism Act 2011 under the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 which is that the publication of a councillor's home address is no longer required as standard.

The following will apply from 29 June 2026

- Default position: A councillor's usual residential address must not be published in the public register.
- Opt-in approach: Councillors may request that their home address be included, but this will only be published with their explicit consent.

Action Required

NK had taken this position some time ago by enabling councillors to choose on their 'Register of Interest' form if they wished to have their home address published or not as a sensitive interest, so many councillors may not need to do anything further.

However, please do bring this legislative change to their attention as those who currently have their home address published will need to give us their express consent to keep it published - if that is what they wish.

Conversely, there may be some who currently have their home address redacted might want it published.

Declaration of Interests: Important

The above does not change any requirement for a Member to make a declaration of this interest at a meeting

- Declaring Interests at Meetings: If an issue arises at a council meeting that relates to an address where a councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they are still legally required to formally declare the interest at the meeting e.g. planning matters etc (they do not have to state the precise location).
- Withdrawing from Debate: Once a declaration is made, the councillor typically must not participate in the discussion or vote on that matter.

Second homes/Other Concerns

If a councillor considers the detail of any other interests, including a second address in the parish area, could lead to violence or intimidation of them or their family, they will continue to be able to apply to the Monitoring Officer to consider having these classed as "sensitive interests".

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026

Source: SLCC

The English Devolution and Empowerment Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 29 April and introduces a new 'strategic authority' devolution framework plus a package of community and governance reforms that will shape how local decisions are made and how communities can intervene.

Core messages:

- Neighbourhood governance is now a 'must do' — and parishes must be engaged
- Community Right to Buy: a stronger tool to protect local assets
- Expect a new 'strategic' layer — map your influence points early
- Audit and governance reforms may change the operating environment
- Practical next steps

[Read more on SLCC website.](#)

NALC Project Keystone survey is now open!

An essential opportunity to directly shape the future of support for parish and town councils. Project Keystone is a major review of NALC and its relationship with county associations. It will influence how the sector is supported for years to come.

We want to hear from councillors, clerks, council staff, county associations, councillor representatives, and wider stakeholders about what is working well, where improvements are needed, and what support the sector needs for the future.

Your feedback will help determine priorities, strengthen support structures, and ensure councils are better equipped to serve their communities. Now is the time to make your voice count.

[Complete the survey.](#)

LALC Welcomes our new Webmaster

Some councils will already be aware, that we have now recruited a new Webmaster. Jonathan Clarke has been with us for just over a week now and is continuing to make inroads into what is currently a very busy list of requests.

Please send through your requests as usual to webmaster@lalc.co.uk.

SLCC-e: New Online Climate Change Resource for Local Councils

SLCC have launched SLCC-e, a new online resource providing practical information, advice, and guidance on climate change, its causes and effects, and the actions that can be taken by both local councils and individuals.

Developed through our partnership with Save Our Shropshire (SOS). Founded in July 2021, SOS was established to help the people of Shropshire better understand climate change and support them in making lifestyle changes towards a net-zero carbon future.

When SOS dissolved, SLCC was determined that its valuable work should not be lost. We therefore took the decision to preserve and build upon the charity's resources by taking on its website — and from that, SLCC-e was born.

SLCC-e is designed to support local councils working with their communities to protect nature, enhance biodiversity, and respond to the climate challenge. The site offers guidance and resources to help councils, residents, and local businesses work together on initiatives including renewable energy generation, improving local resilience, and supporting nature recovery.

[Visit SLCC-e here.](#)

Historic England has published its new Strategic Plan 2026–2031

The new plan has a clear conviction at its heart — that heritage can enable growth, strengthen places, and support a resilient sector to deliver lasting public value.

The message is simple: heritage is a catalyst for better places, better homes, better jobs, and stronger communities — and we can achieve the most when we work in partnership.

The plan sets out how Historic England will deliver against three new priorities of growth, place, and sector.

[Read more on the SLCC website.](#)

Tree Planting Grants Available

The following tree planting grants have been announced:

The Tree Council – Branching Out Fund

The Tree Council has reopened its Branching Out small grants fund to support a new season of community tree planting.

Branching Out awards grants of £250 to £2,500 for UK-sourced and grown native trees, saplings, tree guards, mulch and non-peat-based soil improvers. It may also fund non-native species within specific guidelines (see the fund guidance for full details of eligible costs).

The Fund welcomes applications from community groups, Town and Parish Councils, schools, not-for-profits, residents' associations and Tree Warden Networks.

Applicants must hold public liability insurance for planting and secure written permission to plant on the site.

The deadline for applications is 19th July 2026 (midnight).

Tel: 020 7407 9992

Email: geraldine.creaven@treecouncil.org.uk

The Tree Council and Network Rail – Community Tree Planting Fund

The Tree Council and Network Rail are working in partnership to support a new round of community tree planting. The Fund offers grants of £2,500 to £10,000 for well-planned, sustainable projects that deliver clear benefits for people and communities.

Projects must meet the following criteria:

- Clear community benefit and involvement, such as volunteering, education, or wellbeing initiatives
- Improvements in biodiversity at the planting site
- Clear understanding of site suitability for tree planting, based on site-specific considerations
- Thoughtful tree selection following “right tree, right place” principles, supported by a detailed planting plan
- Use UK-sourced and grown trees, preferably native species from local or community nurseries and/or those that are Plant Healthy certified
- Comprehensive establishment and aftercare plan, including a commitment to maintain the trees and site for a minimum of three years
- Willingness to provide content for external communications purposes
- Commitment to participate in monitoring and evaluation activities post planting

The Fund favours projects close to the rail network, those that support climate resilience, and schemes delivered in partnership, particularly where they involve young people, work with local groups or Tree Warden Networks, and use sustainable, low-impact materials.

The Fund welcomes applications from charities, community groups, educational institutions, local authorities and individual landowners.

The next deadline for applications is 19th July 2026 (midnight).

Tel: 020 7407 9992

Email: grants@treecouncil.org.uk



North Kesteven Lottery grant scheme

The North Kesteven Lottery grant scheme is now open and groups have until 12 noon on **Monday 1 June** to apply.

Grants of up to £500 are available to support small, volunteer led, non profit organisations with financial resources below £20,000 deliver projects in North Kesteven. Funding can be used for activities that enhance community wellbeing, improve local facilities, support vulnerable residents, encourage participation, or strengthen community cohesion. Eligible costs include running and overhead costs, as well as project specific expenses.

This scheme is funded by the proceeds from the North Kesteven Lottery, through which 60p from every £1 bought goes towards good causes. This is either 50p to a nominated good cause and 10p into a general good cause fund, or 60p directly into the general fund if no specific cause is chosen.

Full details on eligibility, how to apply and applicant support can be found on the Council's website - [Grants for communities and businesses](#).

Please contact the Partnerships Team if you have any questions on partnershipsteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk.

ACT Awareness Online Sessions

Lincolnshire Police (Counter Terrorism Policing East Midlands) are currently offering "Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) Awareness" online sessions, specifically tailored for individuals and groups organising private events that may not attract direct Police support.

These sessions provide valuable guidance, best practice advice, and practical measures to help ensure events are planned and delivered safely and securely.

If you are aware of any local event organisers, community groups, or individuals who would benefit from this training, please encourage them to take part.

To register interest, please complete the [booking form](#):

Alternatively, for further information, you can contact:

Martin Pattenden

Counter Terrorism Security Adviser (CTSA)

Email: martin.pattenden@lincs.police.uk

Vacancy advertising

LALC can advertise your vacancy on our website and in the fortnightly eNews. This is a **free** service. If you do not have a pre-prepared advert to send us, please complete our Vacancy Template, which can be found in the Members Portal under Document Templates.

We also offer a **paid** advertising service, which ensures that your advert also appears on Lincolnshire County Council's website, Facebook, and LinkedIn (in addition to the LALC website and eNews). The current fee for this is £80. Please complete the Vacancy Template (as above), ensuring that all requested information is completed, and then contact us at enquiries@lalc.co.uk. You will be invoiced for this service.

Please note that Lincolnshire County Council require a closing date on their advert, as well as salary information (these are mandatory fields). LCC will remove your advert once the closing date has passed, so please consider the date carefully as you will have to pay again to re-advertise if your vacancy hasn't been filled by then. We recommend all councils advertise their vacancy, job details, method of application and up to date contact details on their own website too.

Please let us know when the vacancy has been filled, so that we can remove it from our website/eNews. If your vacancy has not yet been filled and you are continuing to advertise, please let us know of any revised closing date. **If you no longer specify a closing date, please let us know so that we can update the vacancy adverts.**

Current vacancies	Position	Closing date
<u>Brookenby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Great Coates Village Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	20 th February 2026
<u>Holbeach Parish Council</u>	Temporary Acting Clerk	No closing date
<u>Holbeach Parish Council</u>	Temporary Acting RFO	No closing date
<u>Holbeach Parish Council</u>	Temporary Acting Clerk & RFO	No closing date
<u>Bardney Group Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	14 th March 2026
<u>North Somercotes Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	17 th May 2026
<u>Corby Glen Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	8 th May 2026
<u>Navenby Parish Council</u>	Clerk	27 th May 2026
<u>Navenby Parish Council</u>	RFO	27 th May 2026
<u>Benington Parish Council</u>	Clerk	15 th May 2026
<u>Ruskington Parish Council</u>	Parish Caretaker	24 th May 2026
<u>Farnsfield Parish Council (Notts)</u>	Clerk/RFO	5 th May 2026
<u>Ashby de la Launde and Bloxholm with Temple Bruer and Temple High Grange Parish Council</u>	Clerk	1 st July 2026
<u>Langtoft Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	19 th June 2026

