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Latest News

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

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

CiLCA congratulations!

Congratulations to Stacey Hoyland of Sturton-by-Stow Parish Council upon attainment of CiLCA.

NALC launches new banking hub to help councils review their arrangements

NALC have launched a new banking hub to help parish and town councils navigate the challenges of day-to-day banking and make informed decisions about their financial arrangements.

The new hub brings together practical guidance, useful resources and links to trusted organisations, supporting parish and town councils to review whether their current banking arrangements continue to meet their needs.

In recent years, parish and town councils have reported frustrations with banking services, including delays in opening accounts, changing authorised signatories and updating mandates. Many councils have also highlighted the limited understanding of the sector among high street banks, making routine administrative processes more difficult than they should be.

The new banking hub has been developed in response to this feedback. It reflects the changing banking landscape, where providers are increasingly offering services designed specifically for public sector organisations.

[Read more](#) (no NALC login required).

[Access the Banking Hub](#) (NALC login required).

Local Government reorganisation

The Government has announced its decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Greater Lincolnshire which would see the creation of two new unitary authorities – a Lincoln City unitary and a Lincolnshire unitary.

The Lincoln City unitary council will cover an extended area from the current city boundary incorporating some wards in the West Lindsey and North Kesteven districts.

The Lincolnshire unitary council will cover the rest of the West Lindsey and North Kesteven districts as well as the remaining four district council areas.

North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council (already unitaries) will remain as they are.

The new authorities are expected to go live in April 2028

[Read the full Government statement on the decision.](#)

LALC will be working closely with all parties and will share further details as and when they are known.

New Clerk's Induction

The next New Clerk's Induction will be held on Thursday 27th August 2026, 10:00 - 16:00 at the LALC office.

The day covers the key points and duties for the Clerk's role, including:

- The Clerk's role
- The Council
- Meetings
- Planning
- Finances

Please book your place via the LALC portal (login required).

Another successful LALC Summer Conference

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Conference and helped to make it a success. Feedback received so far is overwhelmingly positive. We value all feedback and do take into consideration any comments about where we can make improvements for future events.

The Trade Stands Passport was drawn at random in the LALC office on Friday 17th July. The lucky winner of £50 credit towards one of LALC's events or services was Claire Dring from Barrowby Parish Council.



"Another informative event with many relevant trade stands and talking tables."

"Very informative talking tables and networking opportunities."

"The best conference by far! Really useful trade stands and loved the talking table approach."



95 delegates

20 Talking Tables

19 Trade Stands

Representatives from
Lincolnshire County
Council, District Councils
and NALC in attendance



Free Worknest Webinar - Employment Tribunals: Causes, costs and claim prevention

Most employers don't expect to face an Employment Tribunal claim. Yet many claims arise from everyday workplace situations: a rushed dismissal, an undocumented conversation or a grievance that wasn't handled correctly.

With employment rights evolving, increasing employee awareness and lengthy Tribunal waiting times, the risks facing employers are changing rapidly.

Join WorkNest's experts on the **20th August** at 2.00 pm to understand why claims happen, where employers commonly get it wrong, and the practical steps you can take to reduce risk before issues escalate.

[Register for the webinar.](#)

Award-Winning Bee Squared Project Featured in Latest SLCC Podcast

Listen to SLCC's latest podcast '**Bee Squared: A Community-Led Approach to Pollinator Conservation**'.

This episode explores the alarming decline in bee populations and the vital role that local councils can play in protecting and restoring pollinator habitats. Featuring insights from Andrew Maliphant, SLCC's Environmental and Sustainability Advisor, Natalie Richardson, Project and Administrative Assistant at Ecclesfield Parish Council, and Luke Dixon, CEO of the Bee Friendly Trust, the discussion examines the key drivers behind bee decline, the potential environmental consequences of inaction, and the practical steps that councils, communities, and individuals can take to support these essential pollinators

Natalie also highlights the success of the Ecclesfield Bee Squared project, for which the parish council has been awarded a Bees Needs Champion Award. The project engaged local communities through simple yet impactful initiatives such as distributing wildflower seeds, delivering both educational and ecological benefits.

Organised by Defra, and partnered with the Nature Friendly Farming Network, the Bees' Needs Champions Awards recognise and celebrate examples of exceptional initiatives undertaken to support pollinators.

[Listen to the podcast](#) (no login required).

Learn more about Ecclesfield Parish Council's 'Bee Squared Project' [here](#).

More information on the [Bee Friendly Trust](#) [here](#).

Worknest on demand webinar - The Big 5: Employment law cases every employer should know in 2026

From whistleblowing and unfair dismissal to discrimination, wages and Early Conciliation, recent Tribunal and Court of Appeal decisions are reshaping employer responsibilities in 2026.

From complaints raised strategically during disciplinary processes to AI-assisted grievances, employers are facing new challenges that can significantly increase both legal and commercial risk.

Worknest recently hosted a free 60 minute webinar which explored:

- The Tribunal and Court of Appeal decisions shaping employer obligations in 2026
- What recent rulings mean for dismissals, investigations and flexible working
- Key legal risks linked to whistleblowing, discrimination and wage-related claims
- The practical steps employers should take now to strengthen compliance and reduce exposure
- Real-world insights you can apply immediately within your organisation

[Watch the recording.](#)

Make a Moon Meadow for moths!

Many moths need darkness to thrive, but each year, the night sky gets lighter.

Find out how you can dim the dangers of light pollution for our moths by creating a Moon Meadow.

What is a Moon Meadow?

A Moon Meadow is a green space or planted area such as a pot which is filled with plants which benefit our night-time pollinators like moths, with an additional secret ingredient – the moon!

Why are Moon Meadows needed?

Our research showed that moth caterpillar numbers under LED street lights were 52% lower in hedgerows and 43% lower on grass verges compared to those which were unlit.

[Find out more](#) about Moon Meadows (and download your Moon Meadows guide) from Butterfly Conservation.

NALC seeks councillors' views on time off for public duties

NALC are encouraging working-age (18+) parish and town councillors to complete a survey to help shape our response to the government's consultation on time off for public duties.

People who undertake public duties make a vital contribution to their communities and play an important role in delivering public services. Current legislation gives employees carrying out certain public duties, including councillors, school governors and magistrates, the right to reasonable time off work to help them balance their employment with their public service responsibilities.

The Department for Business and Trade is consulting on potential changes to these provisions, including whether: special constables should become entitled to reasonable time off for public duties, people carrying out eligible public duties with a clear local focus should gain the right to reasonable time off, and people carrying out public duties for national public sector organisations should no longer be entitled to this right, as these roles may not align with the legislation's original locally focused purpose.

The government is not proposing to remove the existing right for councillors to take reasonable time off work for public duties.

If you are a working-age (18+) parish or town councillor, please [complete the survey](#) and share your views. The survey closes on 30 July 2026.

Publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) delayed

Source: SLCC

Government have confirmed that the publication of the revised NPPF will be delayed until after the parliamentary summer recess. This is mainly due to recent changes in the leadership of the Labour Party.

The revised NPPF is now expected in September.

Galagher Community Matters Newsletter

Practical insights and guidance to help organisations strengthen resilience, improve preparedness and navigate emerging risks.

Read the latest Community Matters newsletter [here](#).

What Does It Mean to Be a 21st Century Councillor and Clerk?

Source: SLCC

A new research report from SLCC, NALC, the Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO), and the University of Birmingham, explores how the roles of councillors and clerks are evolving and the support needed to help them meet future challenges.

The report highlights how councillors and clerks are already adapting to increasingly complex demands, acting as connectors, communicators, and catalysts in their communities, and draws on contributions from over 160 councillors, clerks, and sector experts, painting a vivid picture of a tier of local government that is both under pressure and full of potential.

Read the 21st Century Parish and Town Councillor and Clerk report [here](#).

NALC election analysis shows fewer vacancies left on parish and town councils

NALC new analysis of the May 2026 parish and town council elections has highlighted positive signs for the sector, with fewer councils becoming inquorate and fewer councils left with vacancies following the elections.

The data covers 15 county areas, 33 principal authorities and an estimated 376 parish and town councils, with a 100% data return from the areas where elections took place.

Key findings:

- 2.2% of parish and town councils that held elections in May 2026 became inquorate following the elections.
- The number of councils left with vacancies after the elections, fell from 74% in 2025 to 68% this year.
- 12% of councils holding elections in 2026 had at least some councillors elected on a party-political basis, compared with 5.8% in 2025.
- The proportion of contested elections fell to 12%, compared with 21% in 2025.

[View the full findings](#). (NALC login required).

How Do You Solve the Problem of Young People?

Source: SLCC

Read how Woodley Town Council in Berkshire tackled youth provision, putting in place a flexible Youth Strategy built around priorities including wellbeing, youth voice, safe spaces, targeted support, accessibility, partnership working, and sustainable impact.

[Read more](#) (no login required).

NALC Artificial Intelligence (AI) Network

NALC have launched a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Network to help parish and town councils understand and use AI confidently in their work.

The new network provides a dedicated space for parish and town councils to explore how AI can support day-to-day activities, improve efficiency, and enhance services for local communities. It will bring together the sector to share experiences, discuss practical applications, and build confidence in using AI responsibly.

The network will focus on real-life use cases, emerging opportunities, and the key considerations that come with adopting AI, including data protection, transparency, governance, and responsible use. Meetings will feature guest speakers, case studies from councils already using AI, and interactive discussions where members can exchange ideas and learn from one another.

[Find out more](#) and how to join.

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 (including mandatory 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.

School's Out, Adventures Await, If You Can Get There

Source: Rural Services Network

With the summer holidays now underway in some parts of England and just about to begin in others, there is some welcome news for many families. Throughout August, children aged 5 to 15 will be able to travel free on participating local bus services across England, helping to reduce the cost of days out during the school break. This is part of the Government's [Great British Summer Savings](#) programme.

But for many rural communities, the question isn't only **how much does the bus cost?** it's also **is there a bus at all?**

While the Rural Services Network welcomes measures that make public transport more affordable, many rural residents continue to face limited, infrequent or, in some areas, no bus services at all. Without reliable local transport, initiatives like free travel cannot fully benefit the communities that could make the greatest use of them.

Making bus travel more affordable is an important step, but improving the availability and reliability of rural bus services remains just as vital if families in rural areas are to enjoy the same opportunities as those living in towns and cities. The challenge now is ensuring that every community has access to the bus services needed to take advantage of it.

[Read more.](#)

Please let us know when the vacancy has been filled, so that we can remove it from our website/eNews. Please also notify us of your new Clerk/Officer's details so that we can update our records and set them up with access to our portal.

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>Bigby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	31 st August 2026
<u>Leverton Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	31 st July 2026
<u>Osgodby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	30 th June 2026
<u>Hagworthingham Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Tealby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	31 st July 2026
<u>Walpole Parish Council (Norfolk)</u>	Clerk/RFO	13 th August 2026
<u>Gedney Hill Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council</u>	Assistant Clerk	14 th August 2026
<u>Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council</u>	Administration Assistant	14 th August 2026
<u>Crowland Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Crowland Parish Council</u>	Deputy to Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Branston and Mere Parish Council</u>	RFO	15 th August 2026
<u>Billingborough Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	10 th August 2026

