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All the latest news from your County Association

A message from the Chairman

Our move to independence

The Devon Association of Local Councils is entering an exciting stage on its journey. I can confirm that from 1 May 2019 we will be working from our new office at The Devon Rural Hub, Cheriton Bishop, near Exeter. All of our contact details will be changing (post, email and phone) and we will communicate these with you at the earliest opportunity.

I would like express thanks to the members of the County Committee and the Forward Planning Committee for all their dedicated work in the preparations.

Introducing our new team

Our staff team had been provided via a service level agreement with Devon Communities Together. Our move to independence means that we must employ our own staff in future. Recruitment has been underway for the last few weeks and we are pleased to be able to announce our appointments.

We are delighted to announce that Cara Stobart will be taking up the role of County Officer. Cara has been the assistant for DALC for many years and a valued member of the team. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience working with local councils to this role, and her familiarity with our organisation will provide a great continuity of service to members moving forward. She will begin this role on 1 May 2019.

We will also be welcoming Rebecca Walker to our team. Rebecca will be taking up the position of Assistant to the County Officer. Rebecca has been a clerk to a parish council for the past 4 years and in her new position will be responsible for DALC's communications and administration. Rebecca will be starting with us next month.

Looking forward ...

Although we have quite a lot of work still ahead of us in setting up our new office, our aim is, and always will be, to provide an excellent service to parish and town councils. We believe the work we are doing now will put us in a stronger position to support you and the sector in the years to come. If you have any queries or concerns please email either dalc@devoncommunities.org.uk or myself at dalc@halberton.org.

Kind regards

Ken Browse, Chairman

Membership for 2019/20

Within the last couple of weeks, you should have all received your membership renewal paperwork (if you haven't, please get in touch!). Membership provides you with a range of support including:

- Up-to-date advice and guidance with access to legal and financial advice.
- Regular updates and information including legal briefings, publications and toolkits on a wide range of topics.
- An events programme providing a range of opportunities for clerks and councillors
- Being part of an organisation of mutually supportive councils
- Access to, and influence over, a national family of county associations and a national body (NALC).

It will be helpful to us if you could send your membership forms and payments to us by **1st May** (before our office move), but we appreciate that is not possible for everyone. If you will be doing this after this date please make sure to send them to our new address (to be communicated soon).

Annual Report for 2018/19

In our Annual Report each year we like to celebrate the work that parish and town councils are doing to support their communities. It shows the diversity of your work, how you enhance the quality of life for your community, and inspires others to take on new projects. It's also an incredibly useful tool when we are meeting with authorities and other organisations as it demonstrates the value our sector brings.

We are beginning to prepare for our next report and are appealing to you for contributions for inclusion this year. We want to hear what you have been doing and what you have accomplished. You could have begun a new project, started delivering a new service, or engaged with your community in a new way. You tell us! No project is too big or too small.

How to submit your story

A picture says a thousand words, so grab a good picture (300dpi or hi-res if possible) and email it to cara@devoncommunities.org.uk along with a couple of paragraphs about your activity. **Deadline for contributions is Fri 31 May.**



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