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DALC Newsletter: #1 2019

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DALC News

I'm back!

Hello everyone, and thanks to all those who sent well wishes whilst I was away. I have come back from maternity leave a little earlier than planned; I just couldn't sit at home knowing that DALC was without staff at the office. So I'll be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the time being - and a massive thank you to John who is still holding the fort whilst we wait for a new County Secretary. to be appointed. Unfortunately, our second round of interviews yet again proved unsuccessful, so we'll be advertising again very soon.

An exciting future for DALC

For many years now, DALC has had a service agreement with Devon Communities Together. This agreement provided our office and staff, and the working relationship between the organisations has brought great value to communities across Devon. This model for delivering our services is quite historic in our sector, and many County Associations have since moved on. Having recently reviewed our arrangement, the County Committee in January has decided that we too shall make the change and will end our service agreement.

What does this mean for DALC? Well, it means we will be branching out on our own! We'll be looking to lease our own office and employ our own staff. It obviously requires a lot of work behind the scenes but we are lucky to have an entire network of county associations to draw advice from.

What does this mean to our members? Once we are set up, the main benefit our members will gain is greater officer support. Without having to pay overheads to another organisation, we can employ our staff for longer! Previously we had just 0.9 FTE officer support between two staff members. We plan to significantly increase this. It will enable us to be more proactive, expand our training and deliver new

projects and services. We'll also be seen as an independent organisation (we often got mixed in with DCT previously).

This is a really exciting time for us and we look forward to sharing our progress with you over the coming months.

Temporary office moves

Whilst we remain hosted under Devon Communities Together, they too are moving offices. We are currently situated in a temporary office in Marsh Barton. Our contact details remain the same during this time (everything is being redirected). So please continue to use: First Floor, 3&4 Cranmere Court, Lustleigh Close, Matford Business Park, Exeter EX2 8PW, or 01392 248919, or email dalc@devoncommunities.org.uk. If you are trying to contact us please use email as your first port of call, as this will get the fastest response.

News for our National Association

Loneliness Call for Evidence

NALC's project team is back together with an initiative for tackling loneliness; recognising that loneliness doesn't just impact on an individual's mental and physical health but also in the way that individuals engage and interact with wider services. NALC would like to hear from any town or parish council that are involved directly or in partnership with any projects aimed at tackling loneliness to support their discussions at a government roundtable. Email your examples to andrew.tubb@nalc.gov.uk

Shining a light on 150 local councils

Last month, NALC shone a light on the good work of England's 10,000 parish and town councils and what they are doing. [*Points of Light*](#) is a collection of case studies highlighting the work that local councils are undertaking to support their communities. The 2019 edition contains 150 case studies, which includes; summaries, electorate, precept and expenditure. Congratulations to all the Devon council's who had their work highlighted. [Read Points of Light 2019](#)

NALC sends an open letter to its 100,000 councillors

The letter sets out the challenges and opportunities ahead and showcases a number of key achievements over the last year. [Read the letter in full](#)

Help a member

Unauthorised swings

Cranbrook TC would like to hear of any examples, or advice, from councils on how they deal with unauthorised swings (i.e. ropes attached to trees with wooden seats or tyres). Please email clerk@cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01404 514552.

Other news

Beware of computer scams

Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards Service has given advice on how to watch out for fraudsters. [Read their advice on our website.](#)

Vacancies

Parish Clerk, Diptford PC

£10.67 - £12.81, 7 hours p/w

Parish Clerk, Roborough PC

£9.77 p/h. 4hrs p/w

Clerk/RFO, Clyst Honiton PC

£19,446 - £22,401 pro rata
20 hours per week

Parish Clerk, Westleigh PC

£8.71 - £11.77 p/h. 12 hrs per month.

Deputy Town Clerk, Cranbrook TC

£25,801 per annum
Full time, 37 hrs p/w.



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