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DALC News

Independence update

Our County Committee met last week and discussed our progress towards independence from Devon Communities Together. We have identified an **office** just outside Exeter; we have a copy of the lease and will be instructing solicitors shortly. Next steps: IT services and Office equipment.

You will have seen that we have begun advertising for our **staff**. Details about the positions for [County Officer](#) and [Assistant to the County Officer](#) can be found on our [website](#).

We are aiming to be operational in our new office with our staff from 1st May 2019. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

Royal Garden Party 2019

Congratulations to the following individuals who were picked from the hat for this year's Garden Party. We hope you have a fantastic day at the Palace!

Mr Harold Smith, Tavistock Town Council
Mr William Marshall, Shute Parish Council
Mrs Yvonne Issac, Roborough Parish Council
Mr Jonathan Wadsworth, Kentisbeare Parish Council

Upcoming courses

We still have some spaces on the following courses this month. Further details on all our courses can be found at devonalc.org.uk. Book now to avoid disappointment.



Preparing for Elections

Thu 7 Mar, Exeter. 10.00am - 12.30pm.
£30 + VAT per person.



CiLCA Part 1

Wed 6 Mar, 10.00am - 12.30pm.
£30 + VAT per person



HMRC PAYE

Tue 19 Mar, Exeter. 10.00am - 12.30pm.
£40 + VAT per person.



Planning

Tues 26 Mar, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.
£40 + VAT per person



Preparing for Audit

Wed 27 Mar, Exeter. 10.00am - 12.30pm.
£40 + VAT per person.



Clerks Boost

Wed 3 Apr, Exeter. 10.00am - 3.00pm
£50 + VAT per person

News from our National Association

National Parking Enforcement Survey

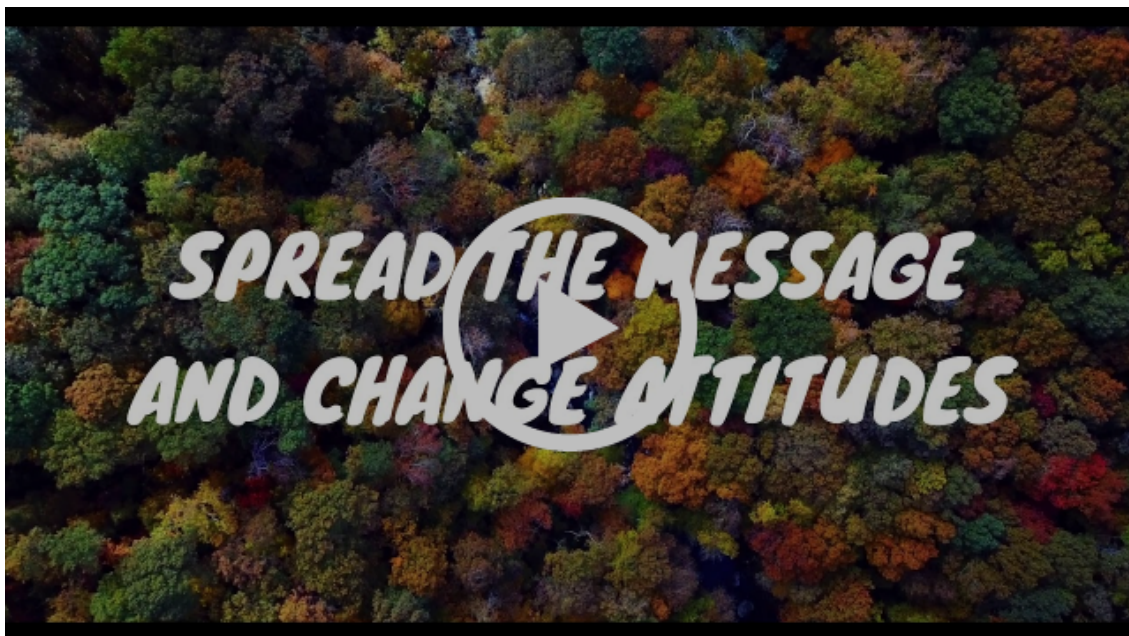
Newquay Town Council is preparing to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act in relation to allowing local councils the power to enforce civil parking regulations. This will be supported by NALC which has also had a long-standing policy position on this matter for some years.

In Newquay there have been significant issues with anti-social on-street parking, which is compounded by a lack of enforcement in more remote or residential areas. This is creating serious safety issues, particularly at junctions or along narrow streets – preventing access to emergency services. Whilst a year-round issue, as a tourist destination, this worsens during the summer months where the road network is brought to a standstill.

Newquay is also embracing devolution and local service provision and as a result, has taken over land and some car parks as a means of generating income or providing important local facilities. However, with the lack of enforcement powers, the town council feels it has been unable to manage these assets effectively. This is mainly due to an increasing number of drivers deciding to ignore the terms of use and flouting the rules – especially when they know the town council was unable to enforce them.

These are unsustainable and growing problems in Newquay (and across many market / coastal towns nationally) and we believe most other local councils will suffer similar issues. Please help us gain a greater understanding of the scale of the issue by completing NALC's [short survey](#) by 17:00 on Friday 15 March 2019 – it will only take 5 minutes.

How to get involved in The Tree Charter. Further information on [NALC's website](#).



Legal Team updates

- They are updating NALC's disciplinary and grievance procedures following the publication of the Local Government Ethical Standards report in January and the *Ledbury* Judgement. They are also working on guidance for dealing with employee complaints about councillor conduct.
- Having worked with think tank Planning Futures, NALC will be launching a practical guide to CIL will be later this month.

- NALC have confirmed that Parish and Town Councils can, using either the General Power of Competence or S137 of LGA 1972, contribute to a library authority (county or unitary) towards the cost of library services.

LCR Opinion Survey

For their Spring Issue, NALC would like to hear your views on elections; who should pay; are you encouraging people to stand; and should voting be digital? Share your thoughts by 29 March 2019.

Share your thoughts on elections with NALC here

Help a member

Decorative planting/maintenance and watering contractors

Andrew at Dawlish TC is looking for recommendations for contractors that can provide all 3 aspects of this activity. They currently use Boyce's and have spoken to Idverde. Any suggestions to andrew.mckenzie@dawlish.gov.uk

Other news

Finance

Making Tax Digital

The Parkinson Partnership has provided advice for DALC members on how 'Making Tax Digital' for VAT will affect them. The advice can be found on our [website](#).

Local Government Finance Settlement 2019/20

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, confirmed that council tax referendum principles have not been extending to parish and town councils for 2019/20.

Community

Calor offers £70,000 of funding for rural community projects

The Calor Rural Community Grant Fund - now in its third year - aims to reward deserving community projects with prize pots ranging from £1000 to £5000. Find out more on our [website](#) and share with your community groups.

Beware of rogue driveway repairers

In the latest article from the Trading Standards service, they offer advice in regards to rogue traders. Read more on our [website](#) and disseminate within your community.



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