

KALC NEWS

Kent Association of Local Councils



Your Front Page News...

Local Council Action on Climate Change

At the KALC AGM on Saturday 13 November, 115 delegates from 88 member councils heard an inspiring presentation from Rachel Coxcoon, Director of Climate Guide and formerly of the Centre for Sustainable Energy, on Local Council Action on Climate Change. The presentation slides have been sent to all the delegates and can be viewed on the KALC Climate Change webpage. The presentation at the AGM was the start of a series of climate change related events that KALC will be running over the course of the next 12-18 months aimed at supporting our member councils in identifying what action they can take on climate change mitigation and adaptation and working in collaboration with their principal authority/authorities.

This was followed by our **virtual Climate Change Conference on 15 December**, which included speakers from County, District and Local Councils on what action they are taking, along with CPRE Kent on

planning and climate change and the **launch of KALC's free carbon footprint calculator for member councils, which has been produced by KALC's Environment Consultant, Matt Morris. For further details on this, please visit the Climate Change page on our website:**

[Home - KALC \(kentalc.gov.uk\)](http://kentalc.gov.uk)

President, and 5 Vice-Presidents and Auditor re-elected at KALC AGM

Congratulations to Cllr John Rivers who was re-elected at the AGM as KALC President for a 3-year term of office and to Bob Scruton, Cllr Andrew Bowles, Cllr Richard Parry, Caroline Shaw and Gurvinder Sandher who were re-elected as KALC Vice-Presidents for a 3-year term. Kreston Reeves was re-elected Auditor for a 3-year term. A big thank you to Cllr Richard King and Nigel Whitburn for all their support to KALC over many years, as they stepped down as Vice-Presidents at the AGM.



We are delighted to announce that, following our recruitment campaign, Charmaine Keatley will be succeeding Terry Martin as KALC Chief Executive. Charmaine will be taking up her new post on 17 January 2022. We will be advertising for a new Training and Partnerships Officer in the New Year.

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COVID 19 UPDATES - PLAN B



From 13 December, those who can, will be advised to work from home. Employers should use the rest of this week to discuss working arrangements with their employees.

- From 10 December, the government will further extend the legal requirement to wear a face covering to most public indoor venues, including theatres and cinemas. There will be exemptions in venues where it is not practical to wear one, such as when you are eating, drinking or exercising.
- From 15 December, and subject to parliamentary approval, the NHS Covid Pass on the NHS App will become mandatory for entry into nightclubs and settings where large crowds gather – including unseated indoor events with 500 or more attendees, unseated outdoor events with 4,000 or more attendees and any event with 10,000 or more attendees.
- People will be able to demonstrate proof of two vaccine doses via the app. Having considered the evidence since the emergence of Omicron, proof of a negative lateral flow test will also be accepted.

As Omicron spreads in the community, the government also intends to introduce daily contact tests for contacts of confirmed positive Omicron cases instead of the ten-day self-isolation period.

You can obtain up to date information on COVID 19 by accessing the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

[Protect Kent and Medway - Kent County Council](#)



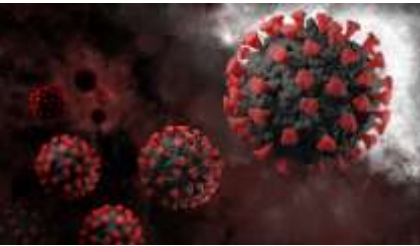
Further Roll Out of Booster Vaccines now to be Accelerated

Further to the latest guidance given opposite, the Prime Minister spoke to the nation on Sunday 12 December. The roll out for booster vaccines has been upscaled so that everyone over the age of 18 may obtain a booster dose of the COVID 19 vaccine by 31 December 2021, as the transmission risk from the Omicron variant is extremely high.



Further information regarding the accelerated programme can be found by visiting the GOV.UK webpages here, which include the transcript of the message given by Mr. Johnson.

This can be found here: [Urgent Omicron appeal: Get boosted now - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/urgent-omicron-appeal-get-boosted-now)



KALC Learning and Development - What's In Store...



o **6-month rule -**
Members are reminded of the importance that councillors always try to attend

meetings of the council, committees and representative roles as appropriate as set out in the 1972 Local Government Act. Failure to attend a meeting over a 6-month period can lead to an automatic disqualification unless a REASON is provided and approved by the council which generates a resulting minute. This prevents the disqualification and resets the 6-month period. Where members cannot attend meetings, they should always try to submit a reason and *not just an apology* (which has no legal resonance). Full details are set out in NALC **LTN 8 Elections "Failure to Attend"** items: 12-15 which is available on our website.

KALC's Learning and Development Programme has some new dates for our membership that brings us into Spring 2022.

We are still rolling out our workshops and conferences online so these events are all via the Zoom Video Conferencing platform.

Here's what we have coming up in the New Year:

January 2022

- **Dealing with a Crisis: Managing your Communication Effectively.** 13 January at 1800hrs
- **An Introduction to Planning for Local Councils.** 19 January at 1800hrs
- **The Dynamic Councillor.** 20 January at 1000hrs
- **Appraisal Skills Workshop** 27 January at 1800hrs

February 2022

- **Chairmanship Conference 2022.** Date to be confirmed
- **Improving Internal Council Communications.** Mid February
- **Strategies to Identify and Recruit New Councillors.** Late February

March 2022

- **Annual Planning Conference.** Early March
- **The Dynamic Councillor.** Mid March
- **Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Council.** Mid March
- **Achieving the CiLCA 2022.** Late March and April
- **Working with Social Media to Engage Your Community.** Mid March
- **Health and Wellbeing Conference.** March - date to be confirmed



**Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
from Terry, Clive, Laura, Charmaine and Tricia**

**OUR OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR**

NORMAL OPENING HOURS UP TO 23 DECEMBER

2021

24 December (Friday) Skeleton Staff available until
Midday for urgent enquiries

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED OVER ALL
CHRISTMAS DATES AND UP TO AND
INCLUDING 3 JANUARY 2022 WHICH IS A
BANK HOLIDAY**

We return to normal working hours on Tuesday 4 January
2022



KALC Launches its Ninth Community Award Scheme...



**Serving Parish & Town
Councils in Kent**

On 17 November, the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) launched its ninth KALC Community Awards Scheme, inviting nominations for selfless individuals from across the county, who make significant contributions to their communities.

The scheme is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council. Nominations are invited from Parish, Town and Community Councils and Parish Meetings (Local Councils) for people living or working within their boundary. The Local Councils make their own decisions about how they want to identify those who have made a significant contribution to the local community and there are no pre-determined criteria for what the contribution to the community might be.

The Awards Scheme has proved very successful since it was originally launched in 2013. Among last year's winners were many volunteers who supported vulnerable people and their communities during the Covid-19 pandemic by collecting groceries and prescriptions, visits and telephone calls, designing PPE gowns and bags, running monthly quizzes for charity, organising 'Secret Santa' and co-ordinating distribution to lonely and elderly residents, offering IT assistance and training for the elderly.

Other examples include initiating and delivering projects to improve the historic coastline attractions providing restful contemplation, exercise, and social interaction for the benefit of residents and visitors, organising village activities, serving on local community groups and local charities, helping keep the community tidy, fundraising activities, and Speedwatch volunteers.

The winners will receive a certificate signed by the High Sheriff of Kent, KCC Chairman/Mayor of Medway and the KALC Chairman. The Local Councils can decide whether they want to present something extra to the winner or to all nominees. The High Sheriff of Kent, John Weir commented: "After the trauma of the past eighteen months it is more important than ever to recognise and pay tribute to the many unsung heroes who have contributed so much to communities across Kent. I have not only been privileged, but also humbled, to visit many charities and organisations to witness the dedication and compassion of the volunteers. I am thrilled to play a part in recognising these amazing people, and the outstanding contribution that they make to our county."

The former Chairman of Kent County Council, Mrs Ann Allen MBE, who has very sadly passed away recently, had expressed her support for the awards, saying: I am so pleased to support the KALC Community Awards Scheme again this year and to help recognise those people in our communities who go above and beyond to aid those in need. Volunteers play such a vital role in so many areas of our lives and this has been particularly evident during the pandemic, with many people supporting neighbours and friends through very difficult times. These Awards offer us the opportunity to recognise and thank those people in our communities who do so much but may otherwise go unnoticed. Honouring Mrs Allen's support of the Awards, Vice-Chairman, Mrs Lesley Game, stood in for Mrs Allen at the launch of the awards saying: My colleague and friend, Ann Allen, was a firm supporter of these Awards and I am keen to honour that support by representing our former Chairman today."

Mayor of Medway Jan Aldous said: "It is my privilege to pay tribute to our Volunteers through the KALC award scheme. They are by their dedication, compassion and devotion our unsung heroes and fully deserving of an award; Covid has made us appreciate what charities and volunteers do to serve to our community and make them a better place to live. As Mayor of Medway I have made it a priority to visit Charities and Volunteer Centres to thank them for all they do."

KALC Chairman Mrs Sarah Barker said: "We are delighted that the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council are supporting this excellent Awards Scheme. Our member Councils, as the first tier of local government closest to their communities, are ideally placed to recognise those individuals who make a significant contribution to their local communities across the county." The closing date for nominations is Monday 14 February 2022.

APPLICATIONS OPEN...

THE CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND FOR PARISH, TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS



Applications can be submitted anytime between 1st November 2021 and 31st January 2022 but Councils are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible. Only one application is permissible per Council and the application must be approved at a Council Meeting before being submitted. Councils are permitted to apply for projected costs up until 31st March 2022. The funding has been allocated as follows:

- **Parish/Town/Community electorate figure is 500 or greater: Funding amount based on electorate data at £1 per electorate**
- **Parish/Town Council electorate figure is less than 500: Funding amount will be £500 per Parish per Parish/Town Council**



Kent County Council has received emergency grant funding from central government under the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF), to be used to support efforts towards preventing or containing the spread of COVID-19 and/or helping those that have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

KALC has been liaising with KCC on the COMF as Parish, Town and Community Councils have played a vital role in contributing towards COMF objectives. As such, funding has been allocated per Parish, Town and Community council in recognition of the additional costs they may have incurred between 1st November 2020 and 31st March 2022. Costs are exclusive of VAT unless the VAT is irrecoverable.

Any activity funded by this programme must be conducted within the Kent County Council boundary. KALC is contacting member councils in Medway on their costs to support making a similar approach to Medway Council.

For more details on the funding criteria for Parish, Town and Community Councils please click:

COMF for parish, town, and community council funding criteria (PDF, 186KB)

Apply for Contain Outbreak Management Eligibility (COMF) for parish, town and community councils - Return to Kent.gov.uk (achieveservice.com)

Further Details...

Please visit

[Apply for Contain Outbreak Management Eligibility \(COMF\) for parish, town and community councils - Return to Kent.gov.uk \(achieveservice.com\)](#)


by 31 January 2022 at the very latest and make your online application.

- Applications must be submitted online via however if you require a hard copy of the application form to assist with preparing your application, please visit the Latest News section of the KALC website here:

[Home - KALC \(kentalc.gov.uk\)](http://Home - KALC (kentalc.gov.uk))

- If you are unable to access the website or have any questions, please contact: chief.executive@kentalc.gov.uk or call 01304 820173 and press 1. **Please remember that the application form must be submitted online**





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Kent County Council News and Updates



Ways in which Kent's pollinators can be supported to thrive using footways, railways, riverbanks and verges was the focus of this year's Plan Bee summit.

The event was convened by Seán Holden, Chairman of KCC's Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee and Kent's Plan Bee, and took place on Tuesday 23rd November. Held virtually for the second year running, this event proved ever successful with over 120 registered delegates.

It brought together speakers from Network Rail, Kent Wildlife Trust, National Highways, the Environment Agency, Buglife and Butterfly Conservation and highlighted some of the work being undertaken to help the recovery of pollinators alongside this linear infrastructure.

Bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and wasps are all part of the pollinator family and key to many of our fruit, food and flower growth in the county.

Susan Carey, KCC's Cabinet Member for Environment and David Brazier KCC's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport also spoke to underline KCC's own commitment to Kent's Plan Bee.

Susan Carey said: "I was delighted KCC hosted this summit bringing together so many organisations showing how we can make the most of linear features such as roads, rivers, canals, railways and paths.

"As well as the benefits to pollinators and other wildlife such changes can also reduce carbon emissions.

"I hope the learning from the event will encourage more people to make changes to support Kent's natural environment."

KCC's recently published Pollinators Survey Report details the findings of our survey in May 2021, to gauge understanding of the issues and their perception of actions to address these.

Of the 4,655 people who responded to the survey, it showed 85% believed grass verges should be managed with a twice-yearly conservation cut, indicating many were interested in and supportive of retaining environments for these types of insects.

Speaking after the event, Seán Holden, said: "As always, the turnout at this year's summit was excellent and offered the opportunity for a valuable discussion on how these areas can be designed around pollinators' needs.

"I want to thank the team at KCC for organising the event and everyone who was able to attend."

Visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/nature-and-biodiversity/pollinators/kents-plan-bee-pollinator-action-plan> to learn more or search for Kent's Plan Bee on Facebook.



Kent County Council News and Updates



NHT Public Satisfaction Survey

This year, for the fourth year running, Kent County Council is taking part in the NHT Public Satisfaction Survey on highways and transport services. This includes six web-based surveys on specific issues:

- Highway maintenance
- Accessibility Walking and

- cycling
- Public transport
- Road safety
- Tackling congestion

These surveys are publicly available online. So far this year we have had a good response, and as the surveys remain open until **28 February 2022** we are keen to encourage more people to take part.

The surveys may be accessed via our website: <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/national-highways-and-transport-survey-2021-22>

Kent Countryside Access Forum Needs You!

The Kent Countryside Access Forum (KCAF) advises Kent County Council and others on ways to improve public rights of way and green spaces in Kent.

It is made up of volunteers who aim to provide a balanced view of access issues and priorities affecting the local area or which might influence national policy.

Members represent:

- users of local rights of way such as walkers, cyclists and horse riders
- owners and occupiers of the land
- conservation, tourism, and the rural economy interest groups.

The Forum is seeking to recruit enthusiastic, passionate volunteers with experience in landscape, heritage and access for disabled people. To apply simply visit :

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/volunteering/countryside-volunteering/kent-countryside-access-forum>

For further information or an informal discussion please contact Graham Rusling

03000 413449 graham.rusling@kent.gov.uk

Kent County Council News and Updates

Kent County Council Road Safety are running a Winter Drink Drive campaign throughout December, to highlight how even a small amount of alcohol will affect reaction times and people's ability to drive safely.

The campaign provides information on the penalties you could receive when you are caught drinking and driving and the consequences these would have on you and those around you.

The Road Safety Team would like to work in partnership with local and parish councils to help deliver our drink drive messages. They have created a toolkit for you to access to help you engage with your resident to encourage them to not drink and drive.

Interested? Then you can view the [Drink Drive Toolkit](#) online. If you do have any questions and want to use the toolkit then contact us on roadsafety@kent.gov.uk.



Consultation, Consultation, Consultation

Help Shape Kent Libraries for the Future...

“We know that the library services we provide are hugely valued. The Libraries, Registration and Archives Strategy helps us to steer the service in the right direction. This is even more important now as we continue to recover from lockdown. Whether you are a current library user or not, we need your help to develop a new strategy.

Over the next few months there will be lots of opportunities to get involved as we listen to feedback and invite you to take part in more activities.

There are currently three ways to get involved:

- Quick questions - answer a few questions to help us understand if your use of library services has changed because of the pandemic
- Stories - tell us what Kent Libraries mean to you
- Ideas - tell us what would encourage you to use our services more or for the first time. This could be your ideas for new services or improvements to our existing services.

This engagement runs until 28 February. Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/shapingkentlibraries to find out more and participate.

Kind regards,

KCC's Engagement and Consultation Team”

consultation@kent.gov.uk



- **Kent Design Guide: KCC and partners have refreshed and updated the Kent Design Guide as a website, and they welcome your views.**

The Kent Design Guide provides guidance on design for the built environment. It is intended as a useful resource for house builders, architects, engineers, town planners, other professionals working in the built environment, and residents. Design guidance is important so that good design standards are met and design leads to sustainably built places and communities in Kent and Medway. The consultation deadline on the Kent Design Guide website is **17 January 2022**. For further details, see [Kent Design Guide | Let's talk Kent](#)

- **Kent & Medway Listens:**

This consultation wants to hear how you are feeling and gather your thoughts on how we can help mental wellbeing in Kent and Medway. The project is open until **January 2022**. Please see the following link for further details: <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/kentandmedwaylistens>

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Make your Young People Matter

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has launched a new suite of resources on young people, including a dedicated web page and a case study publication.

The case study publication highlights the excellent work that local (parish and town) councils are doing to support young people within their communities. These case studies are an invaluable resource for local councils and county associations as examples of best practices and demonstrate the types of work they can do within their boundaries.

The case studies include examples on several topics such as consulting young people, funding youth groups, youth clubs and youth services, to name a few.

The dedicated webpage will act as a hub with valuable information, links, and resources.

If your local council is actively working with young people in the community, let NALC know.



NALC elects new chair

Cllr Keith Stevens was elected as the new chair of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

Cllr Stevens spoke to NALC's National Assembly on his priorities, which include:

- Ensuring local (parish and town) councils are recognised as the first tier of local government.
- Transforming the organisation and services with a focus on being digital-first.
- Extending engagement with councils to grow membership.

Cllr Stevens, NALC chair, said: "I look forward to working with NALC's new leadership and committees, as well as our staff and county associations, to continue to promote and support local councils.

"Local councils make a change in our communities. And local councils, which, I am sure you would agree, have never been more vital."

Cllr Stevens takes over from Cllr Sue Baxter, Worcestershire Association of Local Councils, who was recently appointed vice-president and will continue to play an active role in NALC's work.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Online Events for Booking at NALC

Levelling up the nation and our communities

26 January 2022 — 12.00 - 13.15

NALC member: £30 – Non-member: £40

Sponsors: BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA

At the 2019 general election, the Conservative Party manifesto included a commitment to "levelling up every part of the UK – not just investing in our great towns and cities, as well as rural and coastal areas, but giving them far more control of how that investment is made".

Fast forward two years and the prime minister's driving mission of the government arguably still lacks detail, despite significant pots of funding being announced. And a white paper on devolution widely expected to be published last year has been delayed. But following the recent cabinet reshuffle, levelling up is centre stage, now featuring in the name of a rebranded government department along with a new levelling up the minister. More details are finally to be revealed in a levelling up and recovery white paper due to be published this Autumn.

Join us to learn all about the white paper and the government's plans for levelling up and further devolution, and to find out what this all means for local (parish and town) councils.

Speakers: Will Tanner, director at Onward and Vidhya Alakeson, chief executive, Power to Change

Working together to make communities safer

30 March 2022 — 12.00 - 13.15

NALC member: £30 – Non-member: £40

Sponsors: BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA

According to the Office of National Statistics, the pandemic affected patterns of crime and decreases across individual crime types such as theft offences were offset by rises in fraud and computer misuse offences, resulting in no change in overall levels of crime. Just 26% of the public say the government are doing a good job on dealing with crime, according to recent polling by IPSOS Mori.

So just how safe do communities actually feel? How are the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC's) working with communities to reduce crime and improve community safety? And what part can local (parish and town) councils play using their existing powers and funding?

You will hear more about the role and work of the PCC's since being first elected in 2012 to replace police authorities, how they are engaging and working with communities and local councils, and about the important role police and crime panels play in scrutinising PCCs, how effective it is, and their link to local councils, along with tips and good practice.

Speakers: Cllr John Gilli-Ross, chair of Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel and Caroline Henry, Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.

Booking available here: [Online events \(nalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.nalc.gov.uk)

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www.report-it.org.uk/home

Country Eye – rural crime app



Snap a photo of the suspicious behaviour, incident or concern.



Receive updates and alerts on the incident you submit.



Tell us where you are or use your phone's built in GPS location.

www.countryeye.co.uk

Nuisance and environmental issues

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www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council

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- suspect drug use or dealing or
- give information about crime
- have a general enquiry



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- Email contactyourpcc@pcc.kent.police.uk
- Twitter @PCCKENT
- Visit the website www.kent-pcc.gov.uk



Kent Police



KENT FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATES



Kent Fire &
Rescue Service

SAFE AND WELL VISITS
FROM KENT FIRE AND
RESCUE...

Creating a safer future for Kent and Medway

Friendly, professional and very open in their approach. The passion for helping people and looking after each other comes through in every conversation.

ServiceMark assessment report, Institute of Customer Service



Kent Fire &
Rescue Service

Together



Here at KFRS, we're passionate about always giving you our absolute best - whether that's during an emergency, as part of a Safe and Well visit in your home, a session at your school, or an inspection in your work place. If you have loved ones over 70, or if they have a long term health condition, smoke, are pregnant or have kids under 5 - call 0800 923 7000 to book a free Safe and Well visit.

KENT FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATES



Kent Fire & Rescue Service

Welcome to the Safety and Wellbeing Plan Update 2022

The purpose of a Safety and Wellbeing Plan is to inform customers about changes we intend to make, or would like customers' views on, before we make them. This Plan focuses on what we continued to do during the COVID 19 pandemic to help customers across over Kent and Medway. We have also given a summary of what you receive as a customer, for the money you pay in your council tax to help run the fire and rescue service across Kent and Medway.

As part of the update, the infographic on this page provides a summary of what everyone of our customers receive for the money they pay through Council Tax, which help run our fire and rescue service.

We would welcome your comments on a number of options regarding council tax levels for 2022/23.

I hope this Plan gives you useful information on how we plan to continue to keep you safe in Kent and Medway.

Nick Chard – Chair
Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority

To read the plan and complete the survey click here <https://beta.kent.fire-uk.org/safety-wellbeing-plan-update-2022>

The deadline for responses is 14 January 2022





KALC AND CLIMATE CHANGE YOUR INFORMATION IN BRIEF

The Garden of England, let's get planting!

The Woodland Trust's Free Trees for Schools and Communities campaign aims to plant 50,000 more trees. The Trust is now taking applications for trees which will be distributed in March, sign up now to avoid disappointment by clicking this link [Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#).

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". You can find out more here: [The Queen's Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](http://The Queen's Green Canopy (queensgreencanopy.org))

We would be delighted to hear from you and see photos of any tree or wild plant planting in your Council, please send these into Tricia!

Welcome...

Climate Change is one of KALC's key priorities. We have decided to dedicate a space to it in every KALC newsletter. This space will be filled with ideas and information to keep you informed. We would also like to hear about any projects you may have underway, as we are keen to share initiatives/actions amongst our member councils. If you would like your Council project included, please send details to Tricia on communications.officer@kentalc.gov.uk. Photographs of your projects would be much appreciated too.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Some Local Councils have already installed Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points through the Kent County Council EV Charging Point Scheme. We understand that KCC will be undertaking another funding round early in the New Year. Many District Councils are also installing EV charging points around their District, so we would encourage you to contact the County Council (electricvehicles@kent.gov.uk) and your District Council to see what plans and/or potential funding opportunities they have in place. Other sources of funding for installing EV charging points include the Workplace Charging Scheme: guidance for applicants - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and the Energy Savings Trust on-street residential chargepoint scheme (ORCS) – see KALC Climate Change webpage.

Before proceeding with an EV Charging Point project, please ensure that you have identified an appropriate power. As all projects are different, please contact adviser@kentalc.gov.uk for further advice.

COP 26: WHAT NOW?

As COP26, the climate-change summit in Glasgow, has concluded, a new tree-planting initiative in Kent has been announced.

Kent County Council, in partnership with Ashford and Swale Borough Councils, has been awarded £275,129 from the Local Authority Treescape Fund which will lead to the planting of more than 41,000 trees and saplings across those two areas.

The two districts will be responsible for delivering these trees within their areas, which must be planted before March 2022.

In Swale, trees will be planted across 16 sites including Vincent Gardens in Sheerness, Leysdown coastal park, Homewood Avenue and Manor Grove Sittingbourne and Whitings Crescent and Windermere in Faversham.

In the Ashford borough, plantations will be spread across Ashford with a number in the Willesborough and South Ashford areas. The council's intention is to plant 135,000 trees over the next three years -representing one for each resident. This funding will support the project with the first 30,000 going into the ground this winter.

The council intends to create a number of densely packed plantations varying in size from 500 square metres upwards.

Using a mix of native tree and shrub species these plantations will be planted in areas of existing open space where the addition of trees will create opportunities for biodiversity.

Where possible meadow areas will be created around some of these new plantations to maximise and encourage species to colonise new habitats.

Residents will start to see some preparation of sites in the next few weeks, each one will be fenced off to support the development and establishment of the trees saplings.

The Treescapes Fund supports the planting and natural development of trees outside woods, establishing more trees in settings such as hedgerows, parklands, urban areas and beside riverbanks, roads and footpaths.

Over £22 million of National Lottery funds to help communities across the country celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

New programmes and activity from The National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England, Sport England and the BFI, made possible by over £22million of National Lottery funding, will support communities to develop activities that bring people together to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, will today launch the £3.5million Platinum Jubilee Fund, which will provide grants of up to £50,000 to 70 impactful community projects across the UK, celebrating Her Majesty's 70 years of public service.

In addition to The Platinum Jubilee Fund, grants of up to £10,000 from The National Lottery Awards For All programme – which gives out almost £80million of National Lottery funding in all parts of the UK each year - will be available for community-led events throughout 2022.

The Platinum Jubilee weekend will also be celebrated with The Big Jubilee Lunch from 2-5 June 2022. Part of a 2-year programme of activities supported by £2.3million of National Lottery funding, this Jubilee-focused version of the annual Big Lunch event will bring thousands of communities together and help people celebrate the Jubilee while getting to know their neighbours.

Arts Council England is launching the Let's Create Jubilee Fund, a £5million programme that will support voluntary and community organisations in England to develop creative and cultural activities as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations with grants of up to £10,000.

The fund will be administered by UK Community Foundations, and applicants will be encouraged to partner with established artists, creatives and cultural organisations to develop their activities, ensuring that the Jubilee celebrations become an opportunity for communities throughout England to enjoy the best of the country's culture and creativity, as well as celebrating an important milestone in our national history.

Throughout the year community organisations will also be able to apply for grants from the Arts Council's £98.75million National Lottery Project Grants programme, which has been refreshed with new guidance to better support a broader range of ambitious cultural projects.

To mark the Jubilee year, **The National Lottery Heritage Fund** will invest £5million in supporting communities across the UK to re-connect with the nature on their doorstep. From wilding verges and sowing meadows, to digging ponds and creating highways for nature, communities will be encouraged to take action to help natural green spaces flourish as a legacy of the Platinum Jubilee. An additional £2million funding will create 70 paid placements for young people from under-served and disadvantaged backgrounds. These employment opportunities will provide the skills, experience and practical qualifications for those looking to enter a career in wildlife and nature.

Sport England will commit up to £5million towards a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund, which will open at the beginning of 2022 and focus on the role of sport and physical activity in tackling inequalities and building stronger communities.

The BFI is launching a Royal Jubilee themed BFI Player collection in 2022. Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be watched by countless millions across the world, and this collection of archival films will show how royal Jubilees have been celebrated and captured on film and television since the earliest days of the moving image. From Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, which brought the nascent film industry to London, via George V's Silver Jubilee, captured by a new generation of amateur cine-enthusiasts, to Her Majesty The Queen's Silver Jubilee, televised for hundreds of millions world-wide.

The films, drawn from the collections of the BFI National Archive and regional and national archives across the UK, have mostly been digitised with the support of the National Lottery, and will be made available for free on BFI Player.

Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries said: "2022 will be a blockbuster year, celebrating the best of Britain with the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, the Unboxed festival and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

"It's great to see our lottery funders supporting communities up and down the country to celebrate this historic occasion. This Jubilee funding will help everyone join together and say thank you to Her Majesty for 70 years of dedicated service."

Blondel Cluff CBE, Chair of The National Lottery Community Fund and Chair of the UK Funding Committee said: "Thanks to National Lottery players, we are proud to support communities across the United Kingdom to mark the momentous year of 2022.

"The £3.5million Platinum Jubilee Fund presents a wonderful opportunity for community spirit to shine, funding 70 exemplar projects that enable communities to come together, spurring fresh purpose and pride, whilst at the same time creating tangible legacies for the future."

Darren Henley, Chief Executive at Arts Council England said "We're giving people across the country the chance to come together to experience the joy of culture and creativity in celebration of this historic milestone. With Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee taking place alongside the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Festival and the Unboxed festival of UK creativity, next year is set to be a magnificent celebration of our nation's artistic achievements."

Dr Simon Thurley, Chair of The National Lottery Heritage Fund said: "I am excited that we will be bringing people together from across the UK during this special year with the shared purpose of celebrating, conserving and improving their unique community green spaces. The protection of our natural heritage is vitally important. On a grand scale it affects our ecosystem, our climate and the air that we breathe. For individuals, it inspires wellbeing and joy. I am delighted that, thanks to players of the National Lottery, not only will individuals from diverse backgrounds have the opportunity to work in nature but nature's spaces will be kept safe for the enjoyment of generations to come."

Tim Hollingsworth, CEO of Sport England said: "Whether it is the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, the Platinum Jubilee or the Unboxed Festival, 2022 is shaping up to be a year that we can come together and celebrate everything great about this country.

"In particular, the Platinum Jubilee allows us to mark an unprecedented anniversary by using the power of sport and physical activity to bring communities together and get people moving.

"We are excited to do so alongside a number of other organisations too, demonstrating the effectiveness and reach of the National Lottery, and the critical role it plays supporting so many aspects of public good."

The National Lottery Community Fund's Platinum Jubilee Fund opens to applications at 12noon on Wednesday 17th November. For more information, visit The National Lottery Community Fund's [website](#).

The Arts Council will publish more detail on how to apply for the Let's Create Platinum Jubilee Fund in December. Find out more [here](#).

Sport England will announce further details on The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund in due course.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons



THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE
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2nd June 2022

Further to the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June 2021, regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022, which The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons is part of, I have pleasure in confirming the Guide To Taking Part in this event is available to view and download from - www.queensjubileebeacons.com and will be updated on this site at the end of each month as more and more communities, individuals and organisations etc, join the event over the forthcoming months. The beacon lighting and associated activities will take place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and, for the first time, in each of the Capital Cities of all the Commonwealth Countries on **2nd June 2022**.

Pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 show the various types of beacons to be used for this historic occasion that can be lit in farmers' fields, on country estates, on the top of high hills, around our shorelines on cliff tops and on beaches, with gas-fuelled beacons on church towers and castle battlements and permanent beacon braziers made and lit by craftsmen and women in the centre of town and village greens, providing a lasting reminder of this historic moment in the history of The Queen's reign. Those considering purchasing one of the gas-fuelled Beacons found on pages 11 and 12 could consider organising a local raffle with the winner having the honour of lighting the beacon on the night, with the funds raised being donated to a local charity or used to cover the cost of the beacon and the bottle of gas required to fuel it.

Those wanting to take part are being asked to go to page 10 and provide us with the information requested in Step 1, enabling us to include them in the monthly guide updates over the forthcoming months, along with sending them further information in due course. Many of those receiving this communication will already have permanent beacons in place, so please light them for this occasion but remember to still register your involvement as soon as possible please. From pages 16 onwards you will see those, to date, that have already agreed to take part around the UK and the Commonwealth. These lists and pages in the guide will be added to over the forthcoming months as more communities etc, join the project.

From the guide, you will see that we are involving town criers undertaking the Proclamation at **1pm** announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening and pipers playing *Diu Regnare* at **9.09pm**, before the beacons are lit at **9.15pm**.

With this in mind, please consider sourcing a local piper to play this tune at your beacon location before lighting it at **9.15pm**. If this is the case, please register your piper in a similar way to your beacon by no later than end of **May 2022**.

This could well be the last chain of beacons lit during The Queen's reign, so we want to make it the largest and most dramatic the world has ever seen. We do hope therefore, that you will help us achieve this by taking part in lighting a beacon at **9.15pm on 2nd June 2022**.

My warmest regards,

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[Vacancies - KALC \(kentalc.gov.uk\)](http://www.kentalc.gov.uk)

There are several vacancies to look at this month if you are seeking employment in the County.

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