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Vacancy for a Clerk

Craster Parish Council are seeking a clerk. Details are

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/a163e5b8-0737-450f-8228-9124a93dad6/PC Job Vacancy Craster.docx](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/a163e5b8-0737-450f-8228-9124a93dad6/PC_Job_Vacancy_Craster.docx)

Public Spaces Protection Orders

The Local Government Association has issued guidance for Principal Councils. Local Councils may find it useful if they have particular problems with anti-social behaviour in public areas.

The guidance is at

https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/10.4%20-%20PSPO%20guidance_03_1.pdf

Standards

You may recall that around Christmas I sent details of judgments regarding an unsuccessful judicial review involving Honiton Town Council. A barrister has written a one page summary which is

available at

<https://www.ftbchambers.co.uk/sites/default/files/Trouble%20with%20councillors.pdf>

De-Warding

The recent Local Council elections in Northumberland may have raised issues regarding some Local Councils being divided into wards. If your Council believes that wards may no longer serve a useful purpose, then please get in touch with the County Council's Democratic Services Team to discuss a possible Community Governance Review.

It may be that your Council is content for wards to remain, and that is perfectly legitimate and requires no action.

PAYE

As all clerks should be paid through the PAYE system, colleagues may be interested in the free webinars and other training offered by HMRC. Details are available via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/webinars-emails-and-videos-on-employing-people>

Bus Services Act 2017

There's an overview available at

http://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31540%3Athomas-services-act-2017&catid=64&Itemid=32

Training

There are still places available on the following courses. Please use the links to book.

Please ask that Councillors book direct and then reclaim the cost from their own Council. It is helping us to reduce our administrative overheads.

[Being the Chairman of a smaller Local Council -West Northumberland 27 June 2017](#)

This event is for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the smaller Councils. It will cover chairing the meeting as well as being the Clerk's line manager and having to steer the Council. It is open to any councillor not just Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-the-chairman-of-a-smaller-local-council-west-northumberland-tickets-32623125647>

[Being the Chairman of a smaller Local Council- North/Central Northumberland - 28 June 2017](#)

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-the-chariman-of-a-smaller-local-council-northcentral-northumberland-tickets-32623254031>

[Finance - West Northumberland 3 July 2017](#)

This will be an overview of a Local Council's finances dealing with budget and precept setting, expenditure controls and the audit of a year's income and expenditure. Although it is aimed at councillors, Clerks are very welcome.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finance-west-northumberland-tickets-32623360349>

[Finance - North/Central Northumberland - 12 July 2017](#)

This will be an overview of a Local Council's finances dealing with budget and precept setting, expenditure controls and the audit of a year's income and expenditure. Although it is aimed at

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finance-northcentral-northumberland-tickets-32623513808>

[Introduction to Local Councils - Central Northumberland - Saturday 15 July 2017](#)

This event deals with the procedures which apply to Parish, Town and Community Councils. It is both an introduction for those new to Local Councils as either a Councillor or a Clerk, and also as a refresher for longer-serving Councillors, with the changes over recent years.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-local-councils-central-northumberland-tickets-1966879798>

More events are planned after the summer and further ones should be announced in the near future, especially on development control issues.



If you have any comments or observations, please contact

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