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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

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Emails to Member Councils

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following emails since the last issue of the Enews.

[22 October 2019](#) - which included

- Northumberland's Council Tax Base for 2020/2021
- Annual Meetings
- Cyber-Security
- The national NALC's Smaller Councils Committee

[31 October 2019](#)

- Purdah & the General Election 2019

If your Council has not received a copy, or if your Chairman or Clerk has changed, please let me know.

Briefings

The following events are scheduled over the next few weeks. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking.

Dealing with persistent complainers - Central Northumberland

Pegswood Community Hub | Longhirst Rd | Pegswood NE61 6XF | United Kingdom

Saturday, 9 November 2019 from 10:00 to 12:00 (GMT)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dealing-with-persistent-complainers-central-northumberland-tickets-56901422687>

Dealing with persistent complainers - North Northumberland

The Glendale Gateway Trust | 12 Padgepool Pl | Wooler NE71 6BL | United Kingdom

Monday, 11 November 2019 from 19:00 to 21:00 (GMT)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dealing-with-persistent-complainers-north-northumberland-tickets-56901544050>

Unfortunately the briefing scheduled for West Northumberland in Hexham on Monday 4 November 2019 had to be cancelled because of insufficient bo

Letter to the Chief Planners October 2019

The MHCLG have published a further issue giving information of various aspects of the planning system.

It is available at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/841308/Planning_Newsletter_

Newcastle University has published a research paper into the problems that members of our society with visible and hidden disabilities etc. have accessing toilet facilities when they are outside of their own homes. Respondents to the research have included residents from across Northumberland.

One outcome is a Best Practice Guide at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/fcca476d-43ef-42eb-a3f02c065bb8/Public_Toilets_Best_Practice_Guide_Oct_2019.pdf

Neighbours and On-Street Parking

Local Councils and Councillors can often be drawn into these disputes. The following report from the Ombudsman on why he is not in a complaint may be of interest

<https://www.lgo.org.uk/decisions/planning/enforcement/19-002-724>

Invasive Species

These can be a serious issue in some communities. A House of Commons Select Committee has been investigating the issue and <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201920/cmselect/cmenvaud/88/88.pdf>

The national NALC Conference

A full report of the conference held earlier this week is in preparation and should be dispatched to Member Councils during November. Attendance has meant a delay in responding to emails.

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