

## Rose of Northamptonshire

Nominations for the **Rose of Northamptonshire Awards 2024** are now open! This awards initiative was first launched in 2020 by the High Sheriff's Office, the Lord Lieutenancy, and what was at the time Northamptonshire County Council, as part of the Unsung Heroes Initiative. The Rose of Northamptonshire Awards were relaunched in 2023 to recognise the county's **community heroes**. If you know an individual or organisation in Northamptonshire who deserves recognition for their good work and support of their local community, please nominate them for a Rose of Northamptonshire Award. Please see <https://www.ncf.uk.com/rose-of-northamptonshire-criteria> for details. The closing date for nominations is **20 June 2024**.

## Member Services & Benefits

When onboarding a new councillor or a new clerk, one of the publications to make sure they read is the Northants CALC **Member Services & Benefits booklet**, which describes our service and what support member councils are entitled to. It is vital that clerks and councillors know about the training offer, the legal support, the enquiry service, and all the other things we do to empower parish and town councils in Northamptonshire. A copy of the 2024 version is at <https://www.northantscalc.com/friday-mini-e-update>.

## Local Council Clerk Week

Being clerk to a parish and town council can be demanding, rewarding, challenging, frustrating, exciting, or just plain exhausting! Whatever it is, there is rarely a dull day! Local Council Clerk Week (LCCW), which takes place from **10 to 14 June 2024** is an opportunity to celebrate clerks and recognise the incredible and often unseen work they do. LCCW raises the profile of the role of the clerk, which improves recognition and attracts potential new entrants into the sector. Please take the opportunity to promote LCCW (clerks can access social media assets via the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)) and to say thank you to your council's clerk.

## Community Energy Projects

Has your council delivered a Community Energy Project, or thought about it and found it too difficult? Microgeneration of electricity (from solar, wind, or water) is an important element of the country's renewable energy strategy and so the **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)** recently launched a consultation into barriers to Community Energy Projects (<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/barriers-to-community-energy-projects>). The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) will be responding and has created a survey of parish and town councils to inform its response. The survey is at <https://forms.office.com/e/4fAucpk2Rd> and the deadline for responses is **31 May 2024**.

## Local Council Vacancies

Today is the last chance to apply for the vacancy at **Newnham Parish Council** near Daventry (30 hours per month, closing date 10 May 2024). In the far north of the county **Bulwick Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 22 hours per month. There are just 138 electors and a five-seat council. The precept for

2024/25 is £15,000. The deadline for applications is 20 May 2024. Meanwhile, just over the border into Leicestershire just north of Market Harborough, **East Langton Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk working 5 hours per week. The deadline for applications is 31 May 2024. Full details of these vacancies can be found at <https://www.northantscalc.com/council-vacancies>.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best regards,

Danny.