



SERVING LOCAL COUNCILS IN SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD & WREKIN

Affiliated to the National Association of Local Councils

10th September 2024

Dear Clerk

As we are approaching the Association's Annual General Meeting, it is a pleasure for me to invite you, and Members of your Council to attend. This year we are combining this with a Celebration.

Every Parish & Town Council has something to celebrate and we want to give you all an opportunity to share your success by forwarding details to be considered by a panel.

As you will see on the Agenda, attached, we will be able to hear from last year's Jan Snell Award Winners – they are going to share details of their projects with us.

We also want to hear from Long Standing Clerks – if you have served as a Clerk for more than 20 years, please let us know. There are awards for 20, 25, 30 and 45 years service.

As you may have noticed, the Jan Snell Trophy was full of successful Councils and it was decided that 2024 is the year to have a new Trophy. We will never forget the enormous support that Jan gave to SALC and the Parish & Town Councils, but not too many of us can remember that far back now, so this year we are inviting nominations to be considered for the New President's Award. We want to hear about your outstanding project – the nomination form is attached.

This year, too, we are grateful to Save Our Shropshire who has created a new award. This monetary Award celebrates successful ways in which local communities are tackling the Climate Change Agenda in their communities. There are three award categories based on population sizes and the deadline for submissions is the 25th September 2024.

The award criteria, application forms and the category prizes can be found at;
<https://saveourshropshire.org/climate-action-award> .

We are very grateful to Anna Turner, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, who has kindly agreed to attend and present the Awards.

Towards the end of the meeting, we will be hearing about Going Wild in Bishop's Castle - what a project this is! On 6th December, SALC is hosting a very special conference – The BIG Idea. It will be free to attend and all our councils will be able to send a representative. When you receive the invitation and the Itinerary for the event, you will be amazed by the Guest Speakers that will be there. It will be well worth attending – we are really looking forward to it – a highlight of our year and setting the scene for the future where we can all benefit.

I very much look forward to welcoming representatives of your council to both events. Please ensure that your booking forms and nominations are returned by 11th October 2024, with the exception of the Honorary Officers nomination form which must be returned by 23rd October 2024.

Kind regards.

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