



# Conference Programme

Date: Saturday, 7th September 2024  
Timings: 9am for a 9.30 start – finish 3.30pm  
Venue: Delta Marriott Hotel, Preston just off the M6/M55 motorway junction  
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## **Keynote & Specialist Speakers**

- Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive at National Association of Local Councils (NALC)  
*Speaking on the role of NALC, National Developments, and its lobbying on behalf of Local Councils*
- Claudine Pearson, The Great Collaboration  
*Local Council duty on Biodiversity and climate action for smaller councils*
- Steve Parkinson, CEO Parkinson Partnership LLP  
*Sharing developments in Audit and Finance with specific reference to the new NALC Financial Regulations and his role as Specialist Adviser to CALCs on Finance, Annual Audit process and much more for Local Councils*
- Ian Wright, Treescapes  
*Sharing opportunities for Treescapes funding, tree planting projects across Lancashire, Coronation Community Orchard Grant Scheme and ideas for working with Local Councils and projects*

## **Speakers from Sector Specific suppliers of goods or services**

- Mark Davies, Consultant- Local Government at CCLA  
*Providing information and guidance on sector specific savings products and CCLA's experience with Local Councils*
- James Reilly, Managing Director of Easy Websites Ltd  
*Learn about the opportunities to transform your Local Council website, how Easy Websites can add value to your Council's communication channel and moving to '.gov.uk' domains and website accessibility*
- Chris Mewse, Managing Director of Parish-Online  
*Demonstrating how Parish Online digital maps can help Local Councils with resilience, planning, asset management and collaboration*
- Sarah Johnson, Relationship Manager – Local Councils at Unity Trust Bank  
*Sharing developments with Unity Trust's banking products and recent account and product developments for Local Council's*

## **Visitors**

County Councillor Paul Rigby, Parish Champion at Lancashire County Council

Alison Wilkins, Senior Public Health Practitioner (Stronger and Safer Communities) & Health Equity, Welfare and Partnerships

## **Exhibitors** with examples and information

-  CCLA – interest earning products for Local Council investments
-  Easy Websites – experienced Local Council website builder and maintainer and email provider, built 50+ council websites in the Northwest
-  Festive Lights – provider of festive/celebration lighting including solar, and battery powered for remote locations (also see case study)
-  Parish-Online - provider of digital mapping and website services
-  Unity Trust Bank – Local Council sector specific bank accounts and services

## **Takeaway Projects**

Case Studies & Projects - LALC will be sharing with you case studies which showcase examples of innovative Local Council projects which will inspire you and your Councils. They show alternative uses for funding, problem solving, address green issues, community engagement and how to obtain and use key statistical data for your Local Council.

-  Calendar project
-  Christmas trees anywhere!
-  Dog bag dispensers and bags project – showing a sample dispenser and sample bespoke refill bags
-  Hedgehog Highways project
-  ONS Statistics for your area – find it, use it, be informed

## **Booking information**

Conference costs: Members £35 pp and non-members £55 pp which covers all refreshments, materials and lunch.

*The cost has been held since the last conference as this is LALCs first conference back since Covid.*

### **Limited time offer on early bookings:**

Book 2 Councillor places and can get 1 free Clerk space.

If you want to book email [office@lalc.org.uk](mailto:office@lalc.org.uk) for a 'Conference Booking Form' link, or go straight through to the booking form using the QR code on the right of this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/bydx8aaUzD>

