



News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 23 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. This edition is packed with our regular update from our *Cost of Living* team and *Local Places for Nature* programme, along with key news and opportunities to support your work in local communities.

Please can we ask all clerks to share with their members and staff

NEWS



Click on the links below to enjoy the latest two updates full of interesting information

[Week 5](#)

[Week 6](#)

Businesses on Wales Coast Path & National Trails - Join our business database! Register your business for simple and easy tips.

We're putting together a series of business bulletins to help business attract more customers from the Wales Coast Path and National Trails in Wales: Offa's Dyke Path, Glyndwrs Way and Pembrokeshire Coast Path.

Whether you're a cafe owner, accommodation provider, pub or shop, these bulletins will give you easy tips to help attract more visitors.

Register your interest to receive a Quick Start Guide to free online material to start using straightaway. Practical and ready to use, this guide will help you get noticed by customers - at no cost. [REGISTER FOR BUSINESS BULLETINS](#)

One Voice Wales invited to the launch of the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Committee recommendations Report

David Collins (our Governance and Policy Development Officer) represented One Voice Wales at the launch and was chosen to be introduced to His Majesty King Charles III -David managed to give His Majesty a brief insight into One Voice Wales's offerings and was extremely impressed when he received a greeting back in Welsh. The report which can be found following the link below may be of interesting due to the section around the trust recommendation

"We recommend that the Queen Elizabeth Trust be established to deliver a national community programme operating across the UK. Working through implementing charities, the Trust will provide grants to communities in both rural and urban areas, supporting the regeneration of shared community buildings and green spaces - with a focus on places that bring different local people together and can be sustained over the long term. The Trust aims to connect with people and groups who do not usually receive funding from these sorts of programmes, and invest in projects over a long period to build strong partnerships. The Queen Elizabeth Trust aims to ensure that her legacy lives on in communities across the United Kingdom for generations to come."

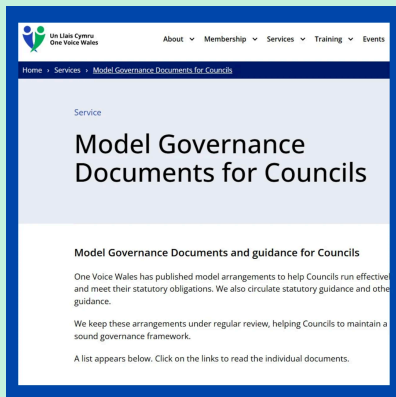
Safeguarding Policy

Many Councils have requested a Safeguarding Policy - this can now be found within the Model Governance section of our website for Member Councils

[Link to policy](#)

Worth taking the time to view on the One Voice Wales Website:

Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils



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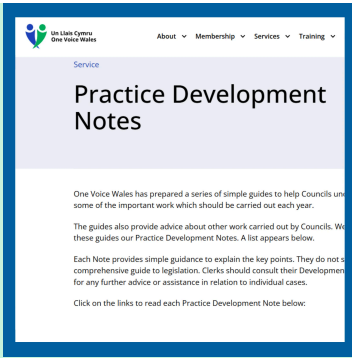
One Voice Wales has published model arrangements to help Councils run effectively and meet their statutory obligations. We also circulate statutory guidance and other guidance.

We keep these arrangements under regular review, helping Councils to maintain a sound governance framework.

Click on the the link to see the wealth of documents that are available

[For further information](#)

Practice Development Notes:



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One Voice Wales has created Practice Development Notes - simple guides to help Councils understand key annual tasks and provide advice on other council activities.

[View all Practice development notes here](#)

One Voice Wales Training Dates:



Councillors wishing to attend training modules please contact your clerk who will book you on to the relevant session.

[Click here to view dates](#)

JOBS

Vacancies within Community and Town Council Sector:



Vacancies:

As part of annual membership, One Voice Wales offers member Community and Town Councils the opportunity to advertise sector-related vacancies, such as Clerks, Responsible Financial Officers, and other staff roles.

[Further Information on vacancies](#)

Welsh Government Jobs



If you are looking for a new career then a job in the Welsh Government is a great place to start.

A career in the Welsh Civil Service offers you:

- the opportunity to make a difference to people's lives in Wales
- learning on the job and good career development opportunities
- flexible working hours and comprehensive benefits

There are a number of different ways to join the Welsh civil service.

We are keen to work with our external partners to build a pipeline of individuals who are interested in applying for a board position.



Save the Date

Events you don't want to miss

ONE VOICE WALES
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND
AWARDS CEREMONY

ONE VOICE WALES
INNOVATIVE PRACTICE
CONFERENCE

1st JULY 2026

30th September 2026

One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

Cost of Living Crisis Project News:

Upcoming Lunch, Learn & Connect Session:



Upcycling and Repair – Practical Ideas for Councils (Online)

Join us for a short Lunch, Learn and Connect session on how councils can support their communities through upcycling and repair initiatives.

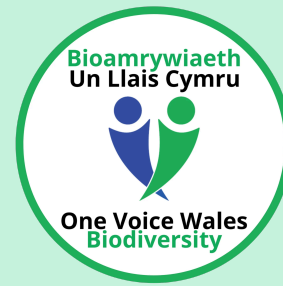
Hear from Repair Café Wales on getting started, alongside councils already running repair cafés, sharing practical insights. We will also explore other reuse initiatives being delivered by councils across Wales.

📅 Wednesday 13 May ⌚ 12:30pm – 1:30pm

[Register Now](#)



LOCAL PLACES FOR NATURE / BIODIVERSITY TEAM



NEWS



Biodiversity Packages 2026-2027

Applications are now open for the Round 1 of applications for our Biodiversity packages.

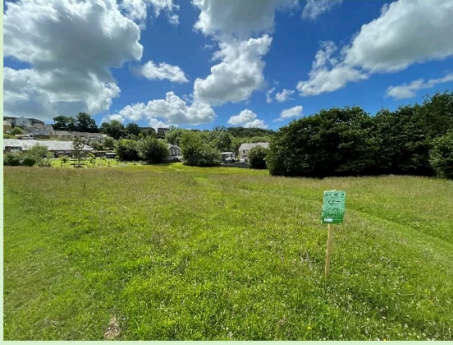
[Click here to find out more.](#)

Deadline for applications:

Round 1 - May 31st 2026

No Mow May

It's the time of year when plants are bursting into life!



As a local council one of the simplest and most effective ways to increase biodiversity and support ecosystem resilience is to reduce mowing schedules on the land you manage. If you are landowner/manager of green sites, please consider discussing changes with your existing contractors or Grounds maintenance teams. You can also request a change in mowing for any Local Authority managed land in your area.

Head to our [website](#) for more information.

Five Pillars of Nature Recovery Webinar Series

Our first webinar in this series is now open to book your free place.



Pillar One: Create and Protect Habitats

Tuesday 12th May

11:00 – 12:00

[Click here to book your free place.](#)

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