



## News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 25 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**

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## NEWS



## Keep us informed

You will now all of had your AGM's in May - please can you ensure that your clerk informs us of your New chair's name and contact details and the names and contact details for your newly elected area committee reps . It is vital that we have the correct information to ensure they are sent relevant information ( and more importantly that we don't send to the wrong people)



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### Have you booked for National Conference and Awards Ceremony?

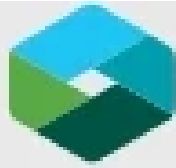
Numbers are rising , so don't leave it too late to discuss at your Council -so, why not place it as an item for your June meeting to see how many from your Council would like to attend this great event. Not only does it have great speakers ,you will hear about all the amazing award winning projects which is an invaluable source of thought provoking information to take back to your own Council .

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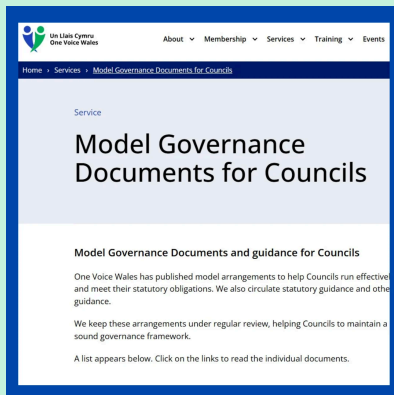


Planning Aid **Wales**  
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Upcoming Events

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

### Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils



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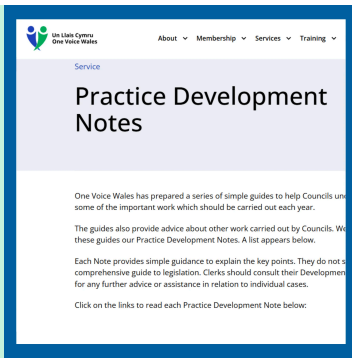
One Voice Wales has published model arrangements to help Councils run effectively and meet their statutory obligations. We also circulate statutory guidance and other guidance.

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:



## Practice Development Notes

We are always looking to improve the way we do things, to provide a better service to Councils.

Our web pages include copies of all of our Practice Development Notes. We encourage Clerks to share this information with Councillors.

We have reviewed the format of the Practice Development Notes to improve their layout. We have standardised fonts, tidied up tables, and generally made them easier to read. You should start to see these changes coming into effect in June 2026. We have also reviewed how they appear on our website.

[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](#)

## Training Cancellations

Our training programme is thriving, and many Councils are taking advantage of the numerous free places to attend. However, we are also seeing an increase of

no shows ( and these are for the free places courses in the main) . Can we remind individuals that whilst it may not be costing your Council for you to attend using a free place - it is still being paid for with Public Monies , Obviously there are some genuine reasons why people can't attend , but we hope there is no correlation that people think its free so it doesn't matter if they don't turn up .

## 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

1st JULY 2026

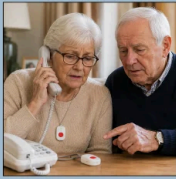
ONE VOICE WALES  
INNOVATIVE PRACTICE  
CONFERENCE

30th September 2026

## One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

### Cost of Living Crisis Project News:

#### Preparing Your Residents for the Digital Landline Switchover



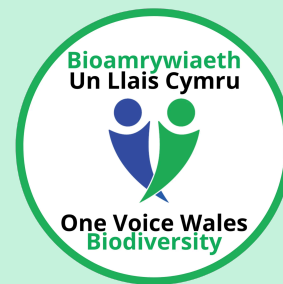
As the UK moves to a new digital phone system by the end of 2027, some older and more vulnerable residents may face additional challenges during ongoing cost of living pressures, particularly where personal alarms or older phone equipment could be affected. Residents are encouraged to act early so they are not caught out by the changes.

We are sharing a simple resident checklist on the Age Friendly Communities webpage for councils to share with their communities.

[Read More](#)



LOCAL PLACES FOR  
NATURE



## Help needed for Hawthorns



Hawthorn is the backbone of UK hedgerows, making up around 70% of their structure. However, despite its importance, its resilience to pests, diseases, and climate change is poorly understood. To help address this you can get involved with the Tree Council's hawthorn monitoring programme. For more information, head to: [Hawthorn Sampling Protocol - The Tree Council](#)

## Let it Bloom June



A huge well done to everyone who took part in the month of No Mow May! Simple changes to mowing practices can have huge benefits for plants and animals who are buzzing with activity at this time of year, and need to make the most of every available food source. Why not keep the momentum going for 'Let it Bloom June'? Head to our [website](#) for more information on the positive impact of altering mowing practices for nature.

## 5 pillars of Nature Recovery Webinar Series

Our next webinars are coming up...



9.6.26 @11am

**Pillar 2 - Provide Forage**

16.6.26 @11am

**Pillar 3 - Provide Water**

23.6.26 @11am

**Pillar 4 - Create Connections**

30.6.26 @11am

**Pillar 5 - Spread the Word**

Click here to find out more and book your free place: [5 Pillars](#)

## Section 6 reports



A reminder to all councils who have not yet done so to send a copy of your Section 6 report to [biodiversity@onevoicewales.wales](mailto:biodiversity@onevoicewales.wales) so that they can be uploaded to the Wales Biodiversity website. Support and advice on completing your Section 6 report is available on our [website](#).



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