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Welcome to the January 2020 Edition



Village Halls Week 2020

It's nearly here! We are joining in with the ACRE Network national campaign to celebrate rural community spaces and the people whose time and dedication keep them going. Find out about events taking place in County Durham [here](#)



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SHARE & LEARN NETWORK

Share and Learn Network Meeting 9th March - Diversifying your Income

At the first meeting of 2020 we will be meeting at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre to discuss diversifying your income and looking at sources other than grant funding including social investments. Attendance is free and everyone is welcome. Book your place [here](#)

'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition



Win up to £1000 for your Village Hall and £500 for the photographer!

We've seen some great entries for the competition so far, many illustrating the real beauty of village community!

When making your entry, please remember the theme: 'Village Life - a photo which characterises the value of community in your village'. Our competition aims to emphasise the role of village halls in fostering that sense of community.

PLEASE HELP US! The judges want **YOUR** help in choosing the best entries. Please take a few minutes and vote for the best photos at:

villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition/photo-gallery

Allied Westminster Wonderful Villages Photo Competition - Update

This competition has been running for a month - it's great to see pictures from County Durham have been submitted and we would love to see more! Read more details about the competition [here](#) The closing date for the competition is **15th March**.



West Rainton & Leamside named Dementia Friendly Community of the Year

Congratulations to West Rainton and Leamside who have been named Dementia Friendly Community of the Year at the National Dementia Friendly Awards ran by the Alzheimer's Society. The award accepted at a prestigious ceremony in London celebrates a community that is leading the way in taking action to ensure that people affected by dementia feel included in society. Read [more](#)



Waddington Street Centre awarded the Trusted Charity Mark Level 1

Waddington Street Centre in Durham City has recently been awarded the Trusted Charity Mark (TCM) at Level 1. They are absolutely thrilled and want to share their experience to help others decide if this quality mark could benefit them. Read [more](#)



Each month we are going to focus on a specific topic to help with the running of your organisation.

This month we are focusing on **Setting up a New Group**

Did you know...every week Durham Community Action deals with enquiries from people looking to set up a new small group. Sometimes the groups have been running informally for a while, are beginning to look for a little more funding and find that they now need to become more formal. Other times, people come to us because they want to provide a new service which they feel is missing in their community and are unsure how to go about it.

Find out more [here](#)

News Highlights from across the sector

- County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service seeks your views - read [more](#)
- Healthwatch County Durham Pharmacy Services Survey - read [more](#)
- VONNE Introduction to Innovation Workshop 29th January - read [more](#)
- Free First Aid course at Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre - read [more](#)

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