

Cheshire Branch Conference

**Thursday 21st September 2017
Canalside Conference Centre, Middlewich**

Welcome



I would like to welcome you to the inaugural Cheshire Branch conference which, I hope, will be one of many training opportunities provided by the Branch tailored to support the professional development of Clerks in Cheshire.

The importance of sharing ideas, knowledge and experience cannot be underestimated.

The ever changing demands of the sector resulting from legislative changes, evolution of best practice and the dynamic nature of our communities means that our role continues to evolve and grow in scope, complexity and responsibility.

It is, therefore, vital that we embrace these changes and look upon them as catalysts for new learning opportunities.

During this conference we have an opportunity to learn from the

session speakers and exhibitors, however, please do not forget that each and every individual here today also has skills, experiences and inspiration that we can learn from.

Regardless of the size or character of our communities or our career stage we are here today as both learners and teachers. I, therefore, invite you to celebrate the wealth of expertise here today by both learning from and inspiring your colleagues.

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Elizabeth Maddock
Branch Chairman

Conference "Rules":

- 1) Show appreciation for all our speakers. They've given up their time to be here for you!
- 2) Ask questions - the day will be far more interesting if everyone asks just one question!
- 3) Share your day - if you are on twitter tweet us @cheshireslcc
- 4) Take the opportunity over the breaks to speak with our five exhibitors. You might even win a prize!
- 5) Please complete the feedback form throughout the day. This will help us plan for 2018. Just leave this on the table once completed.
- 6) Talk to your colleagues. Part of the event is about meeting with fellow clerks from across the county!
- 7) If you need any assistance speak to one of the conference organisers - we have red name badges! You can also call Adam on 07584 057 228.

Our Conference Programme

0900-0930	Arrival and Networking	
0930-1010	So, where is the Sector Heading? What are the issues and challenges we face as and what is the wish list? Town Clerk to Council of the Year 2016, David Preston. (Cedar Room)	
1015-1100	Risk Management Vicky Jacomb, Came & Company (Juniper Room)	Finance Q & A Crispin Taylor MILCM, SLCC Finance Advisor (Cedar Room)
1100-1130	Break and Networking	
1130-1215	VAT Crispin Taylor MILCM, SLCC Finance Advisor (Juniper Room)	Agendas & Minutes Adam Keppel-Green MILCM (Cedar Room)
1220-1300	Shaping the Corporate Plan David Preston (Cedar Room)	
1300-1350	Lunch and Networking	
1350-1435	Employment Lis Moore FILCM, SLCC Employment Advisor (Juniper Room)	Social Media Q & A David Trott and Vicky Jacomb (Cedar Room)
1440-1525	Your Society How can the society best serve you? (Juniper Room)	Planning – What's the point? Nial Casselden, CWAC (Cedar Room)
1530-1630	Community Engagement An interactive session on community engagement and the annual parish meeting. (Cedar Room)	
1620-1630	Conference Close	

Our Venue

Cedar Room:

Our plenary sessions are held in this, the main conference room.

Juniper Room:

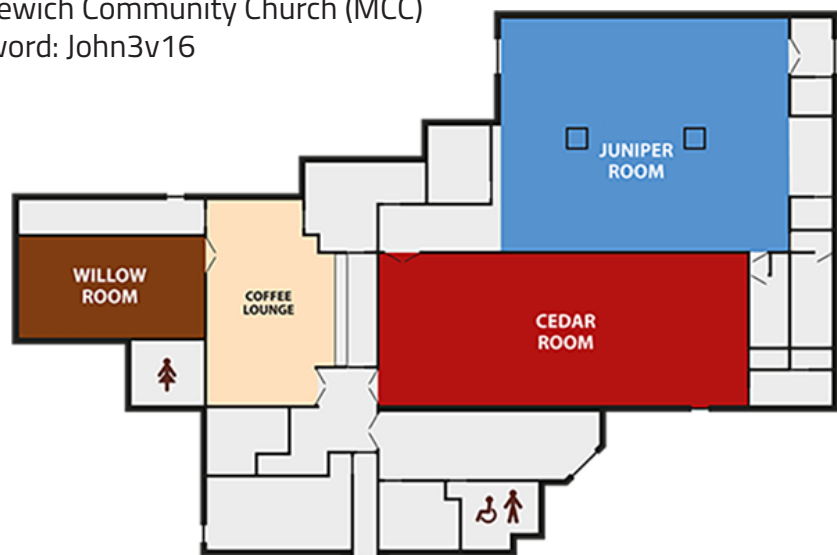
Accessed off the Cedar Room, this is our breakout room for some sessions.

Willow Room:

This is where you'll find our five fantastic exhibitors. Make sure you find time to speak with them to be in with a chance of winning the hamper!

Wi-Fi:

Middlewich Community Church (MCC)
password: John3v16



Speakers

David Preston *Town Clerk* *Oswestry Town Council*



President Elect of the SLCC, David has been Town Clerk to Oswestry Town Council since 1984 and is well known in the sector with his council winning Council of the Year twice!

He holds extensive qualifications in the local council work including a BA in Local Policy.

Adam Keppel-Green *Branch Secretary*



Town Clerk at Knutsford & clerk to Gawsorth PC. Adam is our branch secretary and sits on the SLCC Board of Directors.

A crash course in the clerk's bread and butter! Ensure your agendas and minutes are legal and follow best practice.

Nial Casselden *Planning Team Manager, CWAC*



Nial qualified as a planner in 2001 and has worked with Liverpool and Chester City Councils and since its formation has been with Cheshire West and Chester.

Find out how Parish and Town Councils fit into the planning system and a look at the key planning issues of the future.

Vicky Jacomb *Came & Company*



Vicky Jacomb is the Senior Underwriter for Came & Company Local Council Insurance Broker.

Vicky brings over 20 years insurance experience with her specialising local councils, village halls and charity & not for profit organisations.

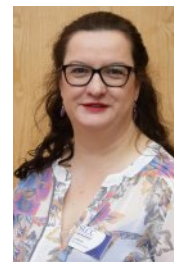
David Trott *Impact Business Solutions*



David has worked with countless UK schools, businesses and charities - with a brilliant track record of helping them with their biggest challenges.

Bring David a coffee, and you've won his heart. Loves strategy, growth hacking, and dogs.

Lis Moore *Head of Advisory Services*



Lis manages the Advisory Service providing specialist employment advice to members. A clerk since 2003 Lis is a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development

Lis is clerk to Rawdon Parish Council, a new urban parish in Leeds established in 2012.

Crispin Taylor *SLCC National Finance Advisor*



Crispin advises members, on pensions, tax and other finance issues.

He spent 22 years in the Inland Revenue, later HMRC, including senior posts advising ministers and helping to draft legislation.

Crispin is Clerk to Newton St Loe Parish Council near Bath.

Association of Local Council Clerks

Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC) is the only trade union dedicated to supporting people working in the local council sector across England and Wales.

We are committed to serving the interests of our members and stand for their right to be respected, listened to and treated fairly whilst at work. Our members benefit from

professional support, advice and representation in accordance with our approved terms of service.

If you are a full, current member of the SLCC you can join for only £10 a year. Non-members can join the ALCC for £50 per year.

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Exhibitors



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SLCC Cheshire Branch Meetings

Meetings of the branch are held every two months. These are an opportunity to network with fellow clerks, discuss issues, share best practice and generally provide a pillar of support in what can be an isolated profession.

All meetings are completely free for members to attend, include refreshments and contribute to your CPD points!

**Thursday 28th September 2017
Knutsford, 6:30pm**

Focus on the General Data Protection Regulation

**Friday 1st December 2017
Congleton, 10am**
Branch AGM

**Friday 19th January 2018
Frodsham, 4pm**
Focus on Community Shops

**Wednesday 14th March 2018
Alsager, 10am**

**Friday 25th May 2018
TBC, 10am**

**Thursday 19th July 2018
TBC, 6:30pm**

**Friday September 28th 2018
TBC, 10am**