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VILLAGE HALL INFORMATION BULLETIN

Village Halls Week next week!!!



**Village Halls Week is next week! How quickly has that crept up on us!**

**Please let me know if you have any planned events, we can advertise these for you via a press release.**

**A reminder below of our programme of events – thank you to those who have already booked on. There is still time! Please follow the signing up instructions for each event.**



# Village Halls Week

East Midlands ACRE  
Network advisors

## Webinars

16th - 20th March

MONDAY

16

10.00 - 11.00

### RCAN (NOTTINGHAMSHIRE)

DEE THORNTON - LEGIONELLA:  
KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



MONDAY

16

13.30 - 14.30

### RCC LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

EXPLORING INFRARED HEATING SYSTEMS  
FOR VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY HALLS,  
WITH ARC THERMAL + Q&A



TUESDAY

17

10.00 - 11.15

### YMCA LINCS

NORRIS & FISHER - TOP TIPS FOR  
INSURING YOUR HALL



WEDNESDAY

18

09.30 - 10.30

### HUMBER & WOLDS RURAL ACTION

AUTHOR, LOUISE BEATON - TRUSTEE  
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Email  
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hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:carole.foster@hwrcc.org.uk)  
to book

THURSDAY

19

11.00 - 12.00

### RCC LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

THE CHARITY COMMISSION - TOP TIPS  
FOR GETTING TRUSTEESHIP RIGHT



THURSDAY

19

14.00 - 15.00

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE

DISCLOSURE & BARRING SERVICE  
WHEN DBS CHECKS ARE REQUIRED



CONTACT YOUR COUNTY REP FOR A BOOKING LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE



## Terrorism Webinar – a reminder

There is still time to sign up for this – link will be forwarded to those already registered.

**\*\*Tuesday 14 April 10am-11am\*\***

PC Josh Baker from Counter Terrorism Police will be delivering the webinar. This session has been arranged by my colleague in Derbyshire and unfortunately will not be recorded.

If you would like to attend, please email [villagehallsadvisor@hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:villagehallsadvisor@hwrcc.org.uk) so that the link can be forwarded to you.

## Martyn's Law

The ACRE Network has been working with the Home Office as part of an advisory forum for the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.

Home Office have launched the following on ProtectUK:

- Infographic on [Premises Scope](#)
- Infographic on [events scope](#)

The following documents are also available:

[one page leaflet](#)

[mythbuster](#)

## Latest information regarding Martyn's Law from the SIA

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-proportionate-approach-to-martyns-law-regulation>

## Help improve charity banking across the UK

Charity Finance Group has launched the 2026 charity banking survey to track progress and challenges in the sector. Your responses will provide powerful evidence to drive change with banks, regulators and government. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and all data will be anonymised. The findings will shape CFG's policy

work and practical resources to better support charities nationwide.  
Please [complete the survey](#) .

## Utility Aid



**As a member of Humber & Wolds Rural Action, you can benefit from a free consultancy session with Utility Aid, whether you need support with understanding your bills, checking whether you are paying the correct VAT or if you need advice on starting your journey to Net Zero. Please click on the link below.**

[\*Contact a member of the Utility Aid today!\*](#)

## About Utility Aid

- **Utility Aid exists to help charities and not-for-profit organisations source energy**
- **They use their knowledge and experience**
- **They anticipate and solve problems**

**Above all, everyone at Utility Aid is united by their desire to do more good their stakeholders and that sets them apart in terms of how they are as a business.**

**For over 20 years they have helped charities and not-for-profit organisations bring down their energy costs. This includes reclaiming overcharges, managing administration and advising on all energy-related matters. Our customers include housing associations and community groups, schools, churches and frontline support services.**

## **Help available (click on links)**

[· Energy switching](#)

[· Online switching \(for single meter sites\)](#)

[· Collective Purchasing](#)

[· Account management](#)

[· Bill checking](#)

[· Net zero and carbon reporting](#)

## **LemonBooking**

**\*\*We have had some interest in the below – anyone else before I contact LemonBooking?\***

**For anyone wanting a booking system:**

**LemonBooking have an offer on currently for members of HWRA of 10% off your first year (code: HWRCC10).**

**If anyone is interested in further information or a short webinar which LemonBooking will arrange, please let me know by emailing [villagehallsadvisor@hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:villagehallsadvisor@hwrcc.org.uk)**



The flyer features a yellow and green color scheme. At the top left, the text 'LemonBooking' is displayed in white on a green rounded rectangle. Below this, the text 'A booking system & website editor for community centres and village halls' is written in black. To the right of this text is a circular image showing three people smiling. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text reads: 'User-friendly software for halls and community centres. One system to manage bookings, raise invoices, track payments and keep your website up to date. Visit our website to start a free 30-day trial.' At the very bottom, there are two small icons followed by the contact email 'contact@lemonbooking.com' and the website 'www.lemonbooking.com'.

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