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VILLAGE HALL INFORMATION BULLETIN

Update on Martyn's Law

Village halls can now begin taking steps to comply with the new Martyn's Law, after fresh guidance was published by the government. Named after a victim of the Manchester Arena bombing, the law requires public premises to plan how to keep people safe in the event of a terror attack. View the guidance to see if your village halls need to take action.

[Martyn's Law guidance for village halls now available - ACRE](#)

As the regulator of this new legislation, the Security Industry Authority (SIA) wants to hear what venue owners and committees think about the new draft guidance, which sets out its powers, roles and responsibilities.

A consultation on the content of this draft guidance is now live, with those affected by the law, along with their wider membership bodies, encouraged to share their views. People can access the consultation, which will run until Friday 12 June, through the gov.uk website. [Martyn's Law: draft section 12 statutory guidance - GOV.UK](#)

[It is vital that rural voices are included in this important consultation, so take part today and help make a difference.](#)

The SIA is looking for premises and events to volunteer to help test and develop its systems and processes as it prepares to regulate Martyn's Law, which is expected to come into force in Spring 2027.

The SIA is inviting premises and events to take part in a pilot on assessment and inspection or to help test the digital service. Taking part will give those in scope an opportunity to feedback to the SIA prior to launch and to shape the way Martyn's Law is regulated.

Anyone interested should [sign up](#) by the end of May 2026.

Webinars

A series of webinars is also taking place throughout May and June, in which the SIA will share further details about the new guidance and the corresponding consultation.

Places on the webinars can be booked by [clicking here](#).

Charity set up to mark late Queen's 100th birthday

Inspired by the belief that “everyone is our neighbour”, the new Queen Elizabeth Trust is expected to provide funding to restore shared spaces across the country. ACRE colleagues are exploring ways to engage with the trust, so that rural communities get a fair share of any funding being made available.

Find out more about the remit of this new charitable organisation [Charity in memory of late Queen set up to strengthen communities - ACRE](#)



ACRE's corporate sponsor, Utility Aid, is hosting this webinar.
Do attend and/or share with your members

Energy Market Insights for Charities: Managing Risk & Collective Purchasing

 11 June 2026 |  11:00am – 12:00pm

In a volatile energy market shaped by ongoing geopolitical uncertainty, charities are under increasing pressure to manage costs effectively while avoiding unnecessary risk.

This free webinar, hosted by Ben Mason, will explore current energy market conditions and provide practical guidance on:

Understanding recent energy market movements

- Reducing procurement risk in gas and electricity contracts

- The benefits of collective purchasing for charities
- Practical considerations when reviewing energy agreements

This session is particularly relevant for organisations looking to improve financial resilience and make more informed energy purchasing decisions.

 Register here:

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