

1. BACKGROUND

Under Standing Order (j), at it's annual meeting, the council should review memberships and subscriptions.

2. SUMMARY

Current memberships/subscriptions for the council should be noted as:-

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils WALC and National Association of Local Councils NALC £1299.83

Community First £40

Natural England No fee

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust WWT £60

The Interim Clerk and RFO are both members of the Society for Local Council Clerks SLCC £412 total. A membership fee of £368 was also paid for the previous Clerk in August 2024.

WALC, SLCC and Community First are regularly used as sources of advice and information. WWT are a partner organisation at Castle Hill Country Park.

Previously the council has been a member of Campaign for the Protection of Rural England CPRE £36 and Youth Action Wiltshire YAW £200 but these have both lapsed in recent years.

CPRE are the countryside charity, seeking to promote a thriving countryside. CPRE Wiltshire Branch is based in Devizes. The Parish Council has not had cause to contact them directly. They have recently worked in partnership with NALC to produce a planning guide for the public. More examples of their work can be found here [Home - CPRE](https://www.cpre.org.uk/)
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YAW are the 'Youth Arm' of Community First, providing SPLASH and Wiltshire Young Carers Service amongst other services. Details can be found here [Youth Action Wiltshire | Working for the Future](https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/)
<https://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/> The Parish Council is hoping to work with SPLASH and Area Board on the joint Youth Worker Apprenticeship project.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That in line with Standing Order (j) the council notes the existing memberships and subscriptions

That councillors consider whether to reinstate membership of CRPE or YAW.

That councillors consider if they wish to propose any other memberships or subscriptions