

MEMBERSHIP TO THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Dartington PC is a member of DALC and membership runs from April 1st to March 31st and fees are paid annually. The cost to Dartington Parish Council this year will be **£457.67** including VAT which we can claim back.

My view is that a major benefit of being part of DALC is that it allows the Council to be part of the National association (NALC) which has many useful resources. They also offer training courses. For the last year DALC has had problems, but it seems that they are now more stable, and I'd recommend renewing membership.

The following information comes from DALC

- The Devon Association of Local Councils is a not-for-profit membership organisation, providing a wide range of support for parish and town councils in Devon including:
- Up-to-date advice and guidance by email and phone on request, with access to legal and financial advice via the National Association of Local Councils.
- Regular updates and information on local government matters via our website and regular e-newsletters. Including access to legal briefings, publications and toolkits on a wide range of topics.
- An events programme providing a range of opportunities for clerks and councillors to update their knowledge and skills to support the improvement and development of their councils.
- Being part of an organisation of mutually supportive councils, able to help one another, share issues and inspire each other, with regular opportunities to network and discuss topics of interest.
- Access to, and influence over, a national family of county associations and a national body (NALC), working together with a strong voice raising the profile of local councils and lobbying government on matters of interest to our sector.