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Report:	**Subscriptions falling to be paid annually**

Note prices are subject to change by the supplier.

West Sussex ALC Ltd (WSALC) *includes subscription to National Association of Local Councils.* Annual Subscription - £1,997.66 (no VAT) (April 2023). This annual subscription includes membership of the National Association of Local Councils. Member Councils have the benefit of information and bulletins on the WSALC and NALC websites, training courses, access to legal advice from NALC (via WSALC) and advice from Trevor Leggo and other WSALC advisers on day to day issues.

Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils. Voluntary annual contribution - £10.00 (June 2023) Most of the Towns and Parishes in Mid Sussex are members of MSALC and the Association meets three to four times a year to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. The Association has also resurrected the Conference, which used to be an annual event. Members pay a voluntary contribution of £10 per annum to help towards the administration costs of running the Association.

Action in Rural Sussex (formerly Sussex Rural Community Council). Annual Membership - £free AirS' basic aim is to identify problems and respond to the needs of rural communities. Jointly with Lindfield Rural Parish Council we have made use of their professional services to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Society of Local Council Clerks. (Clerk's membership) Annual membership - £296.00 (February 2024). Membership of the Society is available to all Clerks in England and Wales. Its aims and objectives are to promote the professional standing and knowledge of its members, without assuming the role of a trade union. The Society produces a quarterly journal – "The Clerk" – which contains useful information, up to date reports on legislation and other matters which assist the Clerks with their work. It has also published a practical manual on Local Council administration and procedures. The Clerk belongs to the Sussex branch, and attends meetings whenever possible. Training courses are available which complement those organised by WSALC and the annual regional conference is very well worth attending with discounted rates for Members of the Council as well as Clerks. The annual subscription rate is pro rata to salary. The Council has in the past agreed that it would pay the subscription on behalf of the Clerks.

The Open Spaces Society. Annual membership - £45.00 (August 2023) Formerly the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, it was founded in 1865 and is Britain's oldest national conservation body. It campaigns to protect common land, village greens, open spaces and public parks and the public's right to enjoy them. It also advises local authorities and the public, and it manages and preserves open spaces which it acquires by gift or purchase. As a registered charity it relies on voluntary support from subscriptions, donations and legacies. A quarterly magazine is produced which contains several articles, case notes etc. This source of advice may be useful with regard to the Wilderness Field.

The Countryside Charity (CPRE). Annual membership - £36.00 (May 2023). "CPRE exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country". It is also a forceful campaigning organisation. Annual membership includes: news about the local branch and events and development in the local area, Countryside Voice magazine three times a year, half price entry to over 100 of England's finest houses and gardens, access to CPRE's password-protected members-only website.

British Toilets Association £50 plus VAT (August 2023) This is primarily an organisation that campaigns for better public toilets but they also provide consultancy and information service to members and a forum for public toilet providers, contractors, suppliers and users to share concerns and ideas and to communicate best practices.

Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Registration – Annual Registration Fee £35 (Feb 2023) The Parish Council holds data for which the obligation to register under the Data Protection Act applies.

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Local Councils Update - Annual subscription £100 (October 2023) Monthly paper and online update on changes to legislation, consultations etc.

Survey Monkey - Annual subscription £372 (March 2024) Online survey tool that it used to conduct consultations and feedback (for example Climate Change survey).

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