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## **Press Release: All Saints Parish Council, East Devon**

All Saints Parish Council is delighted to report that it was recently awarded Quality Foundation status by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), one of only 6 councils in Devon to achieve this award to date.

The Foundation Award demonstrates that the council has the required documentation and information in place for operating lawfully and according to standard practice. The council also has policies for training for its councillors and officers and so has the foundations for improvement and development in place.

The Council's Proper Officer, Paul Hayward, who joined the council in September 2015 said *"The members and I have reviewed all of the council's processes, policies and regulations to highlight any areas of concern and we are working together to provide the very best services for the residents of All Saints parish whilst ensuring that local taxpayers are kept abreast of how, and why, the council needs to spend their precept"*

*"Council hopes to build on this accreditation and work towards the next stage ie. The Quality Award which, together with the full implementation of the Local Authority Transparency Code, and the Parish Council's own nascent Neighbourhood Plan, will highlight the desire of the Parish Councillors to be open and forward in all matters relating to the business of the Council, and to work with residents, local organisations, neighbouring parishes and higher authorities in order to make All Saints Parish an outstanding place in which to live, work and play"*

*"I would like to thank both Lesley Smith and John Vanderwolfe, both of DALC, for their assistance, guidance and support during the application process. Their feedback was invaluable in improving our documentation to achieve this Foundation Award"*

The Certificate will be formally presented to the Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Alistair Forbes, at the next bi-monthly meeting of the council in September.

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