

## **Great prizes revealed for the winners of the NALC Local Council Awards – so get nominating!**

NALC has re-launched its Local Council Awards with some great prizes up for grabs for the lucky winners. Prizes include two night breaks for two and £500 contributions towards a community project. All winners will have the honour of collecting their certificates and prizes at an awards ceremony.

It is widely recognised that the vast majority of local councils (parish and town councils) are delivering a great service and acting as a voice for their local communities on a day-to-day basis. It is in honour of this, that NALC is renewing its Local Council Awards this year.

NALC is looking for good practice from councils regardless of size or location. It is also looking for councils, councillors, clerks and workers who are really making a difference in their community.

Undoubtedly, these are tough times to be involved in democratic institutions. With the expenses scandal, all forms of governance, be that local or national, are being “tarred with the same brush”. But these awards show how the most local form of governance is still connected and responding to the needs of its electorate and residents.

This year’s NALC Local Council Awards will be in the categories of:

- Council of the year sponsored by AON
- Clerk of the year sponsored by AON
- Councillor of the year sponsored by the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC)
- Council worker of the year sponsored by The Co-operative Bank
- Much improved council of the year sponsored by Standards for England.

NALC would like to thank all the sponsors of these awards for their support in helping to make them a success.

The closing date for applications is 30 November 2009.

For further information about the awards criteria and application details, see [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk) or please also visit NALC’s flagship publication *LCR*, [www.lcronline.org.uk](http://www.lcronline.org.uk).