

What will we be doing?

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**60 years ago,
we were helping communities
to help themselves.**

**60 years from now,
we will still be helping communities
to help themselves.**



**Here are some of the issues
and challenges in our
latest CAN Action Plan:**



- the viability of basic community services, such as schools, shops, pubs

- overcoming technological disadvantage: Broadband, mobile phone coverage and the digital divide





- fuel depletion,
energy efficiency, renewable energy
and fuel poverty

- jobs and business support





- community initiatives



**- climate change and
community resilience**



**- prospects for young
people in rural areas**





**Some challenges
never quite go away!**

Governance

We have always been managed by a broad-based committee, drawn from throughout the county and a range of backgrounds.

We also enjoy the support of a long-serving president



and vice-presidents.

**These arrangements will continue,
in our new company structure**

Finance



We receive hundreds of grants each year: from government, local groups, charities, the Lottery, NALC and others.

The 60-year long support from the County Council ended in September 2011.

Who knows what the future will bring?





Our contract with the Government:

**DEFRA and its predecessors have funded us,
from the start.**

The current contract is co-ordinated via ACRE, and focuses on:



- **transport and services**
- **housing**
- **fuel/energy**
- **Broadband**
- **community assets**
- **community-led planning**



Parish and Town Councils



**The close bond between NALC
(Northumberland Association of Local Councils)
is set to continue.**

**It provides a joined-up and cost-effective service
for local councils and their communities.**

Supporting the VCS

We will be working very closely with our colleagues in Wansbeck CVS and CVA Blyth Valley to support voluntary bodies...

and also with other colleagues in the Durham and Tees Valley RCCs, to support rural communities.

