sir - I am chairman of our local and vibrant community shop. We recently received an email from the Society of Local Council Clerks requesting that as "a public-facing community agency" we contribute to an awareness course of two hours, costing this village £275, teaching us how to communicate with transgender people, as if they have come down from Mars.

There are 6,116 villages in Britain and potentially around £2 million to be raised. Who is driving this?

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