


2022



E-mailed our weekly Rural News Bulletin to over 20,000 subscribers each week

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Our Services to You

 Hosted 2022 National Rural Conference, a week long event with almost 650 delegates, including Keynote speaker Lord Benyon Defra Minister and expert speakers on Rural Affordable Housing, Rural Economic Regeneration, Rural Health and Care, Net Zero and Rural Transport.

 Hosted 9 networking seminars with 27 expert speakers throughout 2022, and over 630 delegates from over 240 organisations attending the events.

 Rural Funding Digest newsletters published highlighting hundreds of funding and grant opportunities relevant to rural communities

Hinterland publications offering comment and unique insight from rural specialist Ivan Annibal

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 Rural Beacon publications issued, sending information direct to nominated Members of local councils in membership

Spotlight publications on Rural Economy, Rural Housing and our Rural Services Partnership members, sharing best practice and news on these key issues

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Rural Lens Documents

We have reviewed Government Strategies and White Papers through a 'rural lens' to determine the impact for rural areas.

This work has included consideration of: Defra Rural Proofing report, Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, Queen's Speech, UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus, Levelling Up White Paper

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We represented you nationally in 2022

Rural Impact Forum

RSN has been part of the Rural Impact Forum created in lockdown, meeting weekly and now monthly ensuring that those in Government are aware of key issues affecting rural areas

Evidence Submitted to

Parliamentary Inquiry and Consultations:

- Phasing out fossil fuel heating in homes off the gas grid
- Phasing out the installation of fossil fuel heating systems in businesses and public buildings off the gas grid
- Landscapes Review (National Parks and AONBs): implementing the review
- Fire Reform White Paper – Reforming our Fire and Rescue Service
- OFCOM call for input into UK preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023
- A plan for digital health and social care
- Adult Social Care Inquiry
- APPG Powerhouse on Rural Cost of Living Crisis



Revitalising Rural Campaign

Continued our work on the Revitalising Rural campaign setting out a number of asks of Government in key policy areas such as affordable rural housing, rural economy, connectivity and access to health services

www.rsnonline.org.uk/revitalising-rural



The 2022-2023 Local Government Finance Settlement maintained the Rural Services Delivery Grant at £85 Million. We continue to campaign to see the principle extended to all rural authorities

We have commissioned and published research which we shared nationally with the press and parliamentarians into:

- Rural Cost of Living Crisis
- Rural as a region considered in Levelling Up White Paper

Supported the All Party Parliamentary Group for Rural Services with 3 meetings on Adult Social Care in Rural Areas, Decarbonisation of Off Grid Gas Heating, Fair Funding and the Local Govt Finance Settlement.