

RURAL VULNERABILITY DAY

Monday 11th February 2019 11am – 3.45pm
Jubilee Room, Annexe of Westminster Hall,
Houses of Parliament

AGENDA

STATE OF RURAL SERVICES LAUNCH

- 11:00 – 11:30 **REGISTRATION** (Refreshments available on arrival)
- 11:30 – 11:35 **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME: PHILIP DUNNE MP**
Chair of APPG Rural Services
- 11:35 – 11:55 **LAUNCH OF THE STATE OF RURAL SERVICES REPORT 2018**
Presentation by Brian Wilson, author of report and
Chair of Rural England CIC
- 11:55 – 12:00 **LORD GARDINER OF KIMBLE**
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
(Rural Affairs and Biosecurity)
- 12:00 – 12:30 **DISCUSSION ON STATE OF RURAL SERVICES ISSUES**
Chaired by Margaret Clark CBE,
Chair of Rural England Stakeholders' Group
- 12:30 – 13.15 **LUNCH AND NETWORK SESSION**

EMPOWERING RURAL COMMUNITIES TO COMBAT RURAL VULNERABILITY

(Afternoon kindly sponsored by the National Housing Federation and
gas network distributor Cadent)

13:15 – 13:20 **INTRODUCTION: REBECCA POW MP**

Deputy Chair of APPG Rural Services

13:20 – 14:10 **FIRST SESSION: HOUSING**

Case Study 1: Providing affordable homes in challenging rural housing markets (10 mins)

Presentation by Teresa Jamieson, Vice-Chairman, Grayshott & District HA

Case Study 2: Creating community facilities AND building affordable homes for local people (10 mins)

Presentation by Christine Duggan, Director of Housing and Wellbeing, Connexus

Case Study 3: Villages Together- working with rural communities (10 mins)

Presentation by Angela Gascoigne, Chief Executive, SHAL Housing

Case Study 4: Regenerating a disused hospital to provide affordable housing, community facilities and a business hub (10 mins)

Presentation by Henry Lee, External Policy & Research Co-ordinator, Hastoe Housing Association

14:10 – 14:30 **SECOND SESSION: FUEL POVERTY**

Rural England Fuel Poverty Update Report (20 mins)

Presentation by Dr Jane Hart, Director, Rural England CIC

14:30 – 15:00 **THIRD SESSION: RURAL VULNERABILITY**

Understanding Rural Vulnerability (30 mins)

Presentation by Jo Giles, Customer Safeguarding Manager, Cadent

15:00 – 15:20 **FOURTH SESSION: RURAL TRANSPORT**

Moving Towards Rural Vibrancy (20 mins)

Presentation by Mike Axon, Board Director, Vectos

15:20 – 15:40 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Chaired by Graham Biggs MBE, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network and Company Secretary, Rural England CIC

Panel Members: Harriet English, Head of Engagement, Plunkett Foundation

Rob Henderson, Public Affairs Manager, Age UK and

Tracy Clark, CEO, Young Gloucestershire

15:40 – 15:45 **CLOSING COMMENTS: DR DAVID DREW MP**

Vice-Chair of APPG Rural Services