



**Rural Transport**  
**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023**  
**13:30-15:30**

### **AGENDA**

- 13:25 Event Opens to Delegates
- 13:30 **Welcome to the RSN National Rural Conference**  
[Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive, [Rural Services Network](#)
- 13:35 Introduction to the Conference Session by [Selaine Saxby MP](#) for North Devon and [All Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Services](#) (Rural Transport lead)
- 13:45 [John Birtwistle](#), Head of Policy, [First Bus](#)  
*The renaissance of the rural bus*  
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 14:05 [Xavier Brice](#), Chief Executive, England, NI & Wales, [Sustrans](#)  
*Rural Transport: Ideas and examples for supporting rural active travel*  
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 14.25 [Caroline Whitney](#), Director for England, [Community Transport Association](#)  
*Rural Community Transport: challenges and opportunities*  
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 14:45 Open Forum led by Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network  
*An opportunity for speakers and delegates to debate the challenges facing rural transport and potential solutions*
- 15:30 Close of Conference Session

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