



**Rural Connectivity
Tuesday 16th September 2025
13.30-15.30
AGENDA**

- 13.25 Event Opens to Delegates
- 13.30 Welcome and Introduction to the RSN National Rural Conference
[Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive, [Rural Services Network](#)
- 13.40 [Cllr Nick Oliver](#), Cabinet Lead for Finance and Value for Money and
[Chris Thompson](#), Director of Digital and IT, [Northumberland Council](#)
Rural Digital Inclusion: Blueprint to Delivery, Northumberland
- 13.55 [Chris Hockley](#), Head of Engagement, Digital Voice Programme, [BT](#)
An update on the UKs Digital Phone Switchover
- 14.10 [Bryn Jones](#), Director, [Shared Rural Network](#)
The Shared Rural Network - enabling mobile connectivity through collaboration
- 14.25 [Lianne Williams](#), Strategy, Policy and Engagement Advisor,
[Government Digital Service](#)
GOV.UK One Login: Making it easier to access government services online
- 14.40 [Clare Evans](#), Director of Transformation, [Tewkesbury Borough Council](#)
Transforming Tewkesbury Borough through digital and data
- 14.55 Panel discussion and Open Forum featuring our featured speakers
*This will be led by **Kerry Booth**, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network and is an opportunity for speakers and delegates to debate rural connectivity.*
- 15.30 Close of Conference Session

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