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Airband is a provider of rural broadband services and this year is working closely with the Rural Services Network to sponsor their popular seminar programme.



Founded in 2009, **Airband** is an independent internet service provider bringing high speed broadband to homes, business and industry in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

Their mission is to provide the best rural broadband.

Airband have invested in the latest technology to give the fastest internet service available. It's called full **fibre optic broadband** and it meets the needs of the modern online world. Working from home, studying and streaming is now a glitch-free reality for anyone, anywhere, even in more rural areas.

Airband understand the key role that village halls play in rural communities and their importance as a focal point for the community.

They are delighted to offer free broadband to village halls on their current airband network. Terms and conditions apply and for more information, please contact mark.sealey@airband.co.uk.

This offer is available until 31/12/2022

1. Older People in Rural
Areas

Wednesday 26/01/2022
11 am - 1 pm

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2. Young People in Rural
Areas

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3. Rural Planning

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4. Rural Decarbonisation

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5. Rural Digital
Connectivity

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6. Rural Affordable Housing

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11 am - 1 pm

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7. Rural Health and Social
Care **NEW DATE**

Wednesday 16/11/2022
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8. Rural Town Centres, High
Streets & Village Hubs

Wednesday 02/11/2022
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9. Rural Economies

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The RSN seminar programme is free to members of the RSN as part of their membership.
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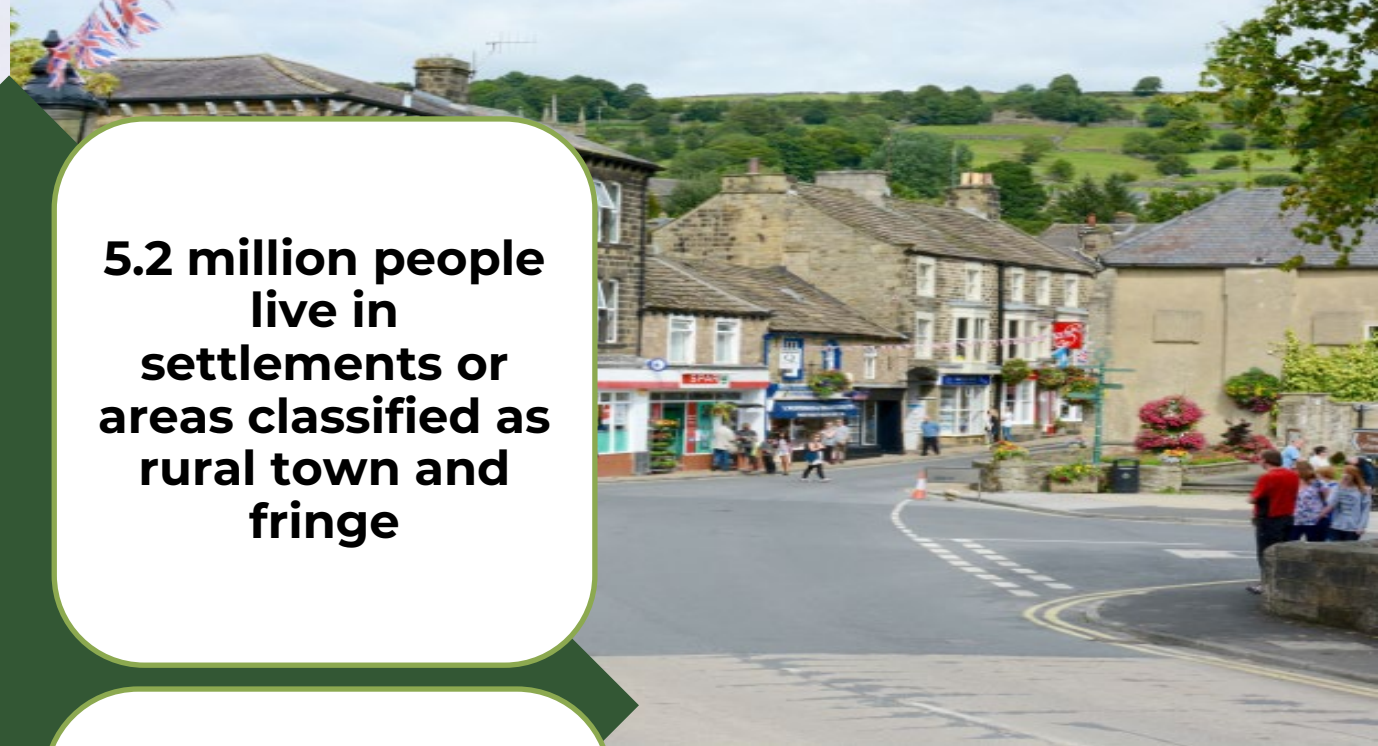
Realising the Vision



We want a fairer distribution of national resources to rural areas and for more nuanced national policies that reflect rural circumstances.



Rural or market towns play unique role in rural economies and life, acting as focal point for hinterland of smaller villages and hamlets



5.2 million people live in settlements or areas classified as rural town and fringe



Only 46% of rural residents have a bank branch within 5km of their home compared with 98% of urban



Urban counties spend 23% more than rural counties on library services

Rural areas are facing challenges which have impact on their town centres, high streets and village hubs



Not everyone shares equally in the UK's success.

While talent is spread equally across our country, opportunity is not. Levelling up is a mission to challenge, and change, that unfairness. Levelling up means giving **everyone** the opportunity to flourish.

There are stark geographical inequalities between and within our cities, towns and villages.

As this long-term programme of change is delivered, the difference will begin to be felt in communities, high streets, workplaces, pubs, restaurants, football grounds and theatres. People deserve to live in a country where life is not a postcode lottery, where by staying local you can go far.



**LEVELLING
— UP —**

Levelling Up the United Kingdom
Executive Summary



By 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ALL THE BANKS LEAVE TOWN?

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The BBC reports that it's been a couple of months since the last bank closed its doors in Brechin

Some people have hardly noticed. They moved to internet banking years ago and rarely set foot in one of the five bank branches which once stood in the high street.

For others uncomfortable - or even frightened - of signing up to their bank's app, it's another inconvenience in their day-to-day life as more services move online.

Meanwhile, some businesses say they have seen a drop in footfall as fewer potential customers travel to to the Angus town from its rural hinterland to do their banking.

The answer to Brechin's banking problems may lie 100 miles south in Cambuslang, where the last bank closed in 2017.

Local people travelled to Rutherglen to do their banking - and stayed there to do their shopping. But business owners had to close early to make the trip, find a parking space, and bank their takings.

They claim a new banking hub - one of the first of its kind in the UK - has revitalised the high street, with more people choosing to stay local and more businesses choosing to move into empty units.

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'WARM BANKS' AND 'MOBILE COMMUNITY SHOP' SET FOR RURAL VILLAGES

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Lincolnshire Live reports that organisations helping local residents deal with the rising cost of living will be granted £65,000 towards 'warm banks' and a mobile food shop for rural areas, with a total of £22,000 going towards a 'mobile community shop,' which will make weekly visits to villages around Retford

Councillor Kevin Dukes, the cabinet member for corporate services at Bassetlaw District Council, said the grants will be part of a "package of measures" to help residents in the district.

A range of organisations the provide residents with valuable services such as money and debt advice, offering warm and safe spaces, or access to affordable food will receive grants.

Almost £30,000 will be spread across district-wide services, including the Bassetlaw Action Centre and its new £10,000 budgeting advice service.

The tenancy sustainment service will be providing 60 slow cookers, recipe cards and more to help vulnerable households, thanks to a £2,000 grant.

The anouncement comes as councils across Lincolnshire are considering the possibility of opening 'heat banks' to help residents who will struggle through the colder months.

Awareness raising of key issues for rural communities

PARLIAMENT

STREET SW1



WHITEHALL

SW1



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Campaigning on behalf of
rural services

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RESEARCH REVEALS STRONG COMMUNITY BUSINESS GROWTH AND A GROWING MOVEMENT OF RURAL, COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNERS

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There is little doubt that, like most people, businesses face incredibly difficult times ahead and rural, community-owned businesses are no different. However, the most recent research conducted by the Plunkett Foundation identifies just how resilient community businesses have been and how the charity will continue to support these not-for-profit businesses that provide essential services to their local communities.

Plunkett Foundation's annual research, the **Better Form of Business reports**, examines the growth and success of community pubs and shops across the UK. This year's reports reveal an increase in the number of community-owned businesses and that, despite the extremely difficult trading conditions of the last two years, the courage of rural communities and a growing movement of grassroots campaigners continues to create growth where commercial companies fail.

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DEVON CHARITY TO SHARE THE STORIES OF COUNTY'S VILLAGE HALLS

VILLAGE HALLS PROMOTING RURAL BEST PRACTICE DEVON COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

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FIRST EVER VILLAGE HALLS AUDIT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY DEVON COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Independent charity Devon Communities Together is carrying out an audit of Devon's village halls to understand their stories – from their achievements to their struggles – which will result in a first ever asset map of these vital community facilities. The programme is funded by Devon Communities Together in partnership with Devon Public Health and DEFRA.



The aim of the initiative is to celebrate the value of village halls and what they mean to their communities, but also to understand what support they need and what potential they may have for providing additional services. The information will be used to support and maintain these spaces as important assets for the future health and wellbeing of their communities.

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TOURING ARTS IN LIBRARIES


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The Touring Arts in Libraries Project (TAIL) is a fantastic 2 year project, funded by the Arts Council England and delivered by the National Rural Touring Forum (NRTF), a national organisation set up to support high quality creative experiences for rural audiences.



TOURING ARTS IN LIBRARIES

Libraries exist as neutral, accessible spaces, free and open to everyone, and without the usual social and cultural barriers of an art gallery or theatre. There is a strong argument to support not only the existence of a library in every community but a future of libraries as spaces where individuals and communities can come together to share creative and cultural experiences.

Sharing best practice for our rural communities

The Rural Services Network is fighting for a fair deal for rural communities, in all public sector funding

