

**RSN Seminar: Rural Connectivity  
Online via Zoom  
11:00-13:00, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023  
Agenda**

11:00 **Introduction & Housekeeping**

11:05 **Welcome and introduction to the topic of Rural Connectivity**  
**[Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive Designate, Rural Services Network**

**Seminar session: Rural Connectivity**

11:10 **Louise Branch**, Community Engagement Manager, **[Good Things Foundation](#)**  
*Tackling Data Poverty*

11:20 **Femi Ogunbiyi**, Senior Policy & Public Affairs Manager, Networks  
**[BT Group](#)**  
*Digital Voice: getting it right for our customers.*  
Short Q&A with the speaker

11:40 **Cllr Philip Atkins OBE**, and **Iona McPhee**, Digital Infrastructure Co-ordinator,  
**[Staffordshire County Council](#)**  
*Gigafast Staffordshire – Connecting our rural communities.*  
Short Q&A with the speaker

12:00 **Laurie Patten**, Director of Strategy and Regulation, **[Argiva](#)**  
*Protecting broadcast and radio services for rural communities.*  
Short Q&A with the speaker

12:20 **Open forum discussion led by Graham Biggs MBE**, Chief Executive of RSN  
**focusing on Rural Connectivity**  
Wider discussion with evidence and examples of Good Practice that members wish to share.

13:00 **Close of Seminar**

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