

**RSN Seminar: Rural Digital Connectivity  
Online via Zoom  
11am-13pm, Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021  
Agenda**

**11:00 Introduction and 'housekeeping' from Marija Aleksandrova, Rural Services Network**

**11:05 Welcome and introduction to speakers from Kerry Booth, Assistant Chief Executive, Rural Services Network**

**Seminar session  
Rural Digital Connectivity**

**11:20 Speaker 1**  
Huw Saunders, Director of Network Infrastructure and Resilience, OFCOM  
***Changes to the UK Telephony Network***

Short Q&A with the speaker

**11:40 Speaker 2**  
Katy Mason and Sharon Wagg, Lancaster University Management School  
***Digital Infrastructure Grand Challenge: Working in an Inclusive Way with Rural Communities***

Short Q&A with the speaker

**12:00 Speaker 3**  
Amy Cobbett, Business and Rural Affairs Adviser, National Farmers Union  
***2020 NFU Digital Survey Results***

Short Q&A with the speaker

**12:20 Open forum discussion led by Kerry Booth focusing on Rural Digital Connectivity**  
Wider discussion about Rural Digital Connectivity in England with evidence and examples of Good Practice that members wish to share.

This discussion can also include Rural Digital Connectivity concerns from local rural communities due to Covid-19, and any wider issues as relevant.

[You can read more about the Revitalising Rural: Realising the Vision on our website.](#)

**13:00 Close of Seminar**

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