

**RSN North East Regional Seminar Online via Zoom
11am-1pm, Tuesday, 19th May 2020**

Agenda

11:00 Welcome from Ivan Annibal on behalf of Rural Services Network

11:10 Introduction by Chair Cllr Trevor Thorne, Northumberland County Council

**Seminar session
Barriers to Access – Connectivity & Rural Transport**

11:20 Speaker 1

Valerie Hastie, Senior Governance & Assurance Officer at Midlands Connect
The Future of Rural Mobility Study

Short Q&A with the speaker

11:40 Speaker 2

Gareth Elliott, Head of Policy and Communications at Mobile UK
Delivering future connectivity – the physical constraints

Short Q&A with the speaker

12:00 Speaker 3

Niz Smith, Project Co-ordinator - The Sensory Library at Linkage Community Trust
Mobile Outreach

Short Q&A with the speaker

12:20 Open forum discussion led by Ivan Annibal focusing on the North East Region

Wider discussion about Connectivity & Rural Transport in the North East with evidence and examples of Good Practice that members wish to share.

This discussion can also include current connectivity and rural transport concerns from local rural communities due to lockdown, and any wider issues as relevant.

Providing a voice for rural communities and service providers

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