



RSN Round Up 2024-25

**Nadine Trout, Assistant Chief Executive
Rural Services Network**

28th April 2025

2024/2025

WE REPRESENTED YOU NATIONALLY



Together we count

The RSN is an independent membership organisation made up of over 500 organisations across England from the private, public and third sectors. We are the national champion for England's rural areas. Join us to have your voice heard and benefit from fantastic networking, promotion and learning opportunities.

**We are
growing**

**JOIN US
IN MEMBERSHIP**



Kerry Booth
Chief Executive

2024/2025

WE REPRESENTED YOU NATIONALLY



Northern Gas Networks
Small & Medium Enterprise Banking (SMEB)
Community First Yorkshire
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council
Go Bus Cornwall / Go South West
Humber and Wolds Rural Action
Reheat
Voluntary Action Cumbria
Healthwatch North Yorkshire
Retrofit Information, Support and Expertise (RISE)
Revival North Yorkshire CIC
Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust
Streetwave
North Northamptonshire Council
Somerset Art Works (SAW)
South Staffordshire District Council

Bedale Town Council
Bray Parish Council
Colne Town Council
Cricklade Town Council
Egremont Town Council
Evesham Town Council
Eye Town Council
Highworth Town Council
Hingham Town Council
Honiton Town Council
Huntingdon Town Council
Leek Town Council
Malmesbury Town Council
Market Weighton Town Council
Nelson Town Council
Newton Abbot Town Council
North Walsham Town Council
Northam Town Council
Warwick Town Council
Bexhill on Sea Town Council
Chipping Norton Town Council
Falmouth Town Council

Icklesham Parish Council
Tutbury Parish Council
Whippingham Parish Council
Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield Parish Council
St Osyth Parish Council
Tatworth and Forton Parish Council
Thorncombe Parish Council
Burnham Parish Council
Walton Parish Council
Clovelly Parish Council
Pitstone Parish Council
Milton Abbot Group Parish Council
Modbury Parish Council
Bean Parish Council
Hanslope Parish Council
Kimbolton & Stonely Parish Council
Lane End Parish Council
Hemingford Grey Parish Council
Bradworthy Parish Council
Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council
Dartington Parish Council
Landewednack Parish Council
St Erme Parish Council
Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council
Campton and Chicksands Parish Council
Froyle Parish Council
Redlingfield Parish Meeting

**66 new
members
joined in
2024/25**

**Across all
sectors**

**Large
and
small**



In January 2024, the RSN launched the Winning the Rural Vote campaign in Parliament, focusing on the critical needs and challenges faced by rural constituencies.

With the advent of a new government, this campaign was rebranded to **Delivering for Rural**, which extends and adapts the campaign's reach and impact in the new political environment.

APPG on Rural Services

The Rural Services Network established the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Services and provides the Secretariat Service for this group.

APPG Rural Services Priorities:



- Fair Funding for Rural Public Services
- Rural Economic Growth
- Rural Transport
- Rural Health Services
- Affordable Rural Housing



Rural Services



GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS RESPONDED TO:

- ✓ Comprehensive Spending Review
- ✓ Fuel Poverty Strategy
- ✓ Industrial Strategy 2024
- ✓ Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement
- ✓ Local Government Finance Principals and Objectives
- ✓ NPPF 2024
- ✓ Reforming Right to Buy
- ✓ Buses Connecting Communities Inquiry
- ✓ NHS Consultation: 10 Year Review



Rural Lens Review



Delivering Rural Opportunity

The Third Report on Rural Proofing by DEFRA

A Review By the
Rural Services Network
April 2024

Rural Lens Reviews

Rural Lens Review



The King's Speech 2024

A Review By the
Rural Services Network
July 2024



The RSN has undertaken a series of reviews providing a deep dive in to government proposals from a rural prospective.

Bringing you Research - Reigniting Rural Futures

Research commissioned by The Rural Coalition, of which the RSN is a member, developed by Pragmatix Advisory, highlights the critical need for focused investments and policy changes to bridge the productivity gap between rural and non-rural areas.

This is a crucial step to ensure that rural England contributes fully to the nation's economic recovery and growth.





RSN Publications

Weekly Rural News Bulletin, emailed to over 20,000 subscribers.

50

Rural Funding Digest newsletters highlighting hundreds of funding and grant opportunities for rural communities.

12

Rural Beacon Publications, sending information directly to nominated Members of Local Councils in membership.

4

Spotlight publications on Rural Services Partnership members, sharing best practice and news on these key issues.

4

Rural Economy Spotlight publications highlighting current rural economic development news.

4

Rural Housing Spotlight publications produced in partnership with the Rural Housing Alliance.

4

Monthly Casebook publication service for members of the Rural Health and Care Alliance.

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The Rural Bulletin

What's new at RSN HQ this week!

Dear Nadine

In this week's Rural Bulletin, we highlight some of the RSN's key achievements of the past year, we reflect on a year of progress—advocating for rural communities, influencing policy, pushing for fairer funding and access to essential services.

We are also spotlighting powerful new research: *"Unseen, Unhoused, Unacceptable: Housing First for Rural England"*, a joint report from English Rural, Porchlight, and Commonweal Housing. It highlights the deepening rural homelessness crisis and sets out a compelling case for expanding Housing First models into rural areas.

Alongside this, we bring you the latest updates on key government policy announcements and recent debates in Parliament that affect rural communities—ensuring you stay informed on the issues that matter.

Finally, don't miss your chance to join our team! Our current vacancy is closing soon. If you have a head for figures and a heart for rural communities, we would love to hear from you, [click here to find out more and apply](#).

Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network



Elevating Rural Voices: RSN's Year of Impact



Call for Urgent Investment in Rural Housing as Crisis Grows



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NEWSLETTERS



07.04.2025

SPOTLIGHT ON RURAL HOUSING - APRIL 2025

A quarterly bulletin facilitated by your membership of the Rural Services Network and produced in partnership with the Rural Housing Alliance, highlighting a selection of current rural housing issues and opportunities Exploring the Impact of Devolution on Affordable...

[Read more](#)



01.04.2025

RURAL FUNDING DIGEST - APRIL 2025

A monthly bulletin facilitated by your membership of the Rural Services Network highlighting a selection of current funding opportunities - Download a printable version of the Funding Digest here Libraries Improvement Fund – Arts Council England ...

[Read more](#)



01.04.2025

CURRENT GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS - APRIL 2025

A brief summary of current government consultations of potential interest to RSN members. This is not intended as an exhaustive list of all relevant consultations. -



NEWSLETTER

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HOT TOPICS

Rural Fair Funding

Amid reduced public spending, fair resource allocation across regions is crucial. Despite a population larger than Greater London, rural areas receive significantly less funding for essential services, even though delivering these services in rural areas is more expensive.

Rural Economies

Economic growth is widely acknowledged as essential for national wealth and prosperity and is a priority for political parties. Rural economies, employing millions and home to a higher proportion of small businesses, have potential for growth if barriers are removed.

The Rural Services Network sits on various National Bodies and Coalitions to Advocate on your behalf.

RSN is part of the Rural Coalition, a group of 12 national organisations.



RSN are members of the Board of Directors of the National Centre for Rural Health and Care.



RSN is on the Executive Board of the National Rural Crime Network.



RSN is represented on the DEFRA Rural Impact Forum.



RSN has joined the National Alliance for Cultural Services.



RSN is part of the Rural Homelessness Coalition.



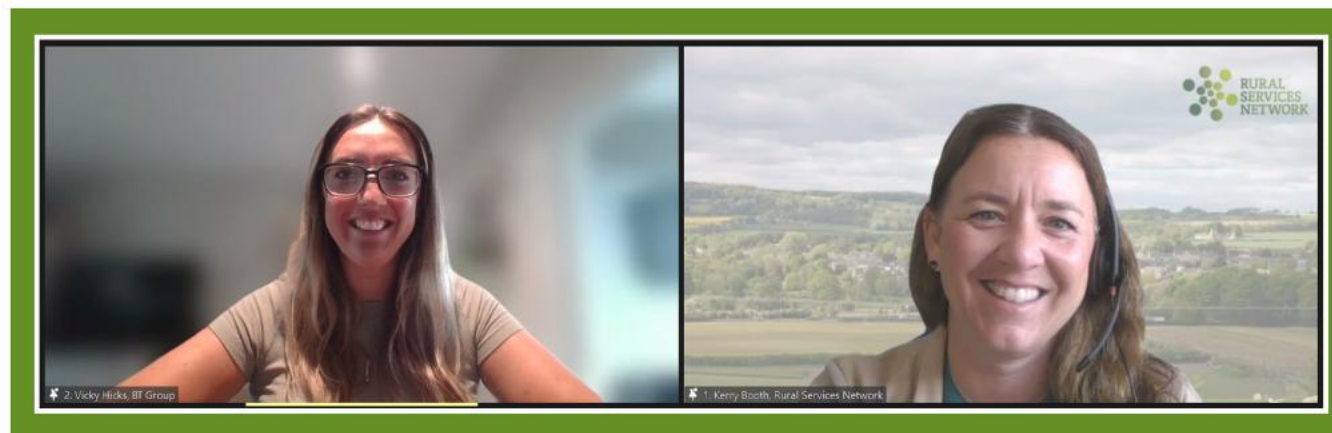


As part of your Rural Services Network membership, you have exclusive access to our expert-led seminars.

These sessions are designed to delve into critical issues affecting rural communities, and we encourage you to take full advantage of them.



RSN facilitated a 3 exclusive events for RSN Local Authorities and members of the Rural Services Partnership to hear from BT on the Digital Home Phone Switchover and what it means for their rural communities.



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Delivering for Rural - Unlocking Rural Prosperity



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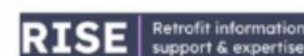
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- 8 Sessions
- 30 Expert Speakers



- 655 Delegates
- 131 Organisations
- 1329 Collective Hours



Thank you

**If you would like to find out more about how to make
the most of your membership, please contact**

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