



RSP Annual Achievements

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6 December 2021



Since we last met...

REVITALISING RURAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

1st March 2021

Hosted by:



RT HON PHILIP DUNNE



THE RURAL TRANSPORT NETWORK

10.15 - 10.55AM

Chaired by:



ROB BUTLER MP

Speakers:

Councillor Keith Little, Cumbria Council
John Birtwistle, First Group
Bill Freeman, Chief Executive, Community Transport Association

BUILDING AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING

11.05 - 11.45AM

Chaired by:



ED BUSCALL

Chair of Hastoe Group

Speakers:

Lord Richard Best, Affordable Housing Commission
Monica Burns, National Housing Federation

CREATING A THRIVING RURAL ECONOMY

11.55 - 12.45PM

Chaired by:



LORD DON FOSTER OF BATH

Speakers:

Richard Wainer, BT Group
Prof. Jeremy Phillipson, NICRE
Jessie Hamshar, Britains Leading Edge
Bev Hurley, Institute of Economic Development

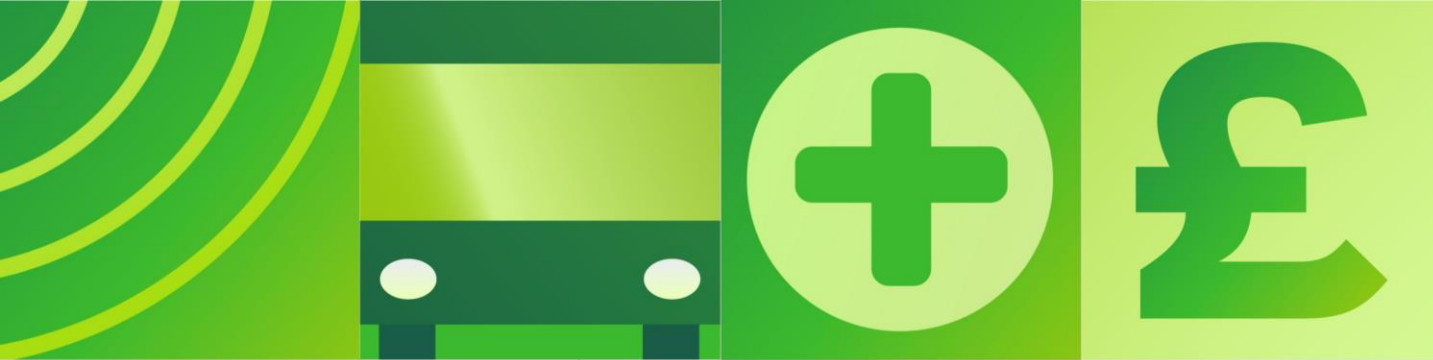
Launched Revitalising Rural

Attended by 80+ policy makers from across Government and leading national organisations

To access the launch report detailing expert witness responses click [here](#)



<https://www.youtube.com/user/ruralservicesnetwork/videos>



Revitalising Rural

Realising the Vision



Revitalising Rural is our campaign focusing on key policy areas affecting rural communities, with a number of asks of Government

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

Revitalising Rural Covers



Rural Fair
Funding



Rural Digital
Connectivity



Rural Transport
& Access to
Services



Access to Rural
Health and Care
Services



Rural Schools
and Community
Facilities



Rural
Economies



Rural Planning



Rural Further
Education,
Training & Skills



Parish Councils
& Rural
Community
Action



Rural Town
Centres & High
Streets



Availability of
Rural Affordable
Housing



Managing an
older rural
population



Sustainable
Farming and
Land
Management



Decarbonising
Rural
Communities

14 intertwined chapters
<https://rsnonline.org.uk/revitalising-rural>

Seminar Programme

- 9 seminars tied to Revitalising Rural themes
- Expert speakers from industry and academia
- Q&A and networking opportunities
- **600+** delegates
- Inclusive and carbon friendly
- <https://rsnonline.org.uk/events/>




RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

2021 ONLINE SEMINAR PROGRAMME

1. Rural Education, Training & Apprenticeships Wednesday 27/01/2021 1 pm - 3 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE	2. Rural Transport Wednesday 24/02/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE
3. Rural Digital Connectivity Wednesday 31/03/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE	4. Rural Decarbonisation Wednesday 28/04/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE
5. Rural Health & Social Care Wednesday 26/05/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE	6. Rural Housing Wednesday 30/06/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE
7. Enabling Rural Business Wednesday 28/07/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE	8. Rural Town Centres, High Streets & Village Hubs Wednesday 27/10/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE
9. Rural Economies Wednesday 24/11/2021 11 am - 1 pm CLICK HERE TO BOOK ATTENDANCE	

The RSN seminar programme is free to members of the RSN as part of their membership. For full details [click here](#)





#Focus5 - helping young people in rural areas

- Able to work with clients in their homes (Covid permitting) or online via Zoom, etc.
- Supporting to access public transport and community services.
- Help to overcome barriers (e.g., SEND, mental health difficulties, building confidence).
- Consistent support over a number of weeks/months to build a strong working relationship and client resilience.

CSW People's Voice

Helping Young People in Rural Areas | CSW Partner Portal (cswfocus5.co.uk)

Building brighter futures



Zoom Meeting

Participants (5/5)

- Sarah Williams, Bridport Town Co. [M]
- Terry Jordan, Wiltshire Town Co. [M]
- Will Austin, Bridport Town Clerk [M]
- ART0327968

From Nick Hubbard, O'Brien AS, to Everyone

Log - We have never deployed the equality arguments. It's to time we (Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group) did!



MANY

Department for Digital, Culture Media & Sport

Digital Infrastructure Grand Challenge: Working in an Inclusive Way with Rural Communities

RSN Seminar: Rural Digital Connectivity
31st March 2021

Katy Mason, Sharon Wang
Lancaster University

<https://thelocalcsaworkshop.org.uk/>

Welcomed 16 new member organisations since we last met:

										
Rural Design Centre	National Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine	Mobile UK	The National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise (NICRE)	SP Energy Networks	Devon Churches Rural Forum	Northumbria University	Reed in Partnership	Community Impact Bucks	Anglian Water	Devon Communities Together

						
A Different Approach	North Yorks Moors National Park	BT	Rural West Sussex Partnership	The Community Council for Somerset	Godolphin Cross Community Association	ACS (the Association of Convenience Stores)

Sustained membership
Over 200 RSP member organisations
and growing

Part of a 500+ Rural Services Network

RSN Members

92	Sparse Local Authorities
22	Rural Assembly Local Authorities
232	Rural Market Towns
217	Rural Services Partners
75	Rural Health Care Providers
10	Fire and Rescue Services
24	Housing Associations
12	Utility Members

Rural Lens Reviews

To support members, we have introduced a series of rural deep dives into government proposals. [Click images to view.](#)

RURAL LENS REVIEW



Heat and Buildings Strategy

Published November 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Build Back Better High Streets

Published August 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Tourism Recovery Plan

Published July 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Integration and Innovation Health White Paper

Published June 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



The Queen's Speech 2021

Published May 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Build Back Better A Government Plan for Growth

Published May 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Bus Back Better National bus strategy

Published March 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Government place based funds
Towns Fund
Levelling Up Fund
Community Renewal Fund
Shared Prosperity Fund

Published March 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Sustainable Warmth
Protecting vulnerable households

Published March 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Skills for Jobs
Lifelong learning for opportunity and growth

Published February 2021



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Government Ten Point Plan
For a green industrial revolution

Published December 2020



RURAL LENS REVIEW



National Infrastructure Strategy
Fairer Faster Greener Growth

Published December 2020



RURAL LENS REVIEW



Comprehensive Spending Review

Published November 2020



RURAL LENS REVIEW




Plan for Jobs
Protecting, supporting and creating jobs

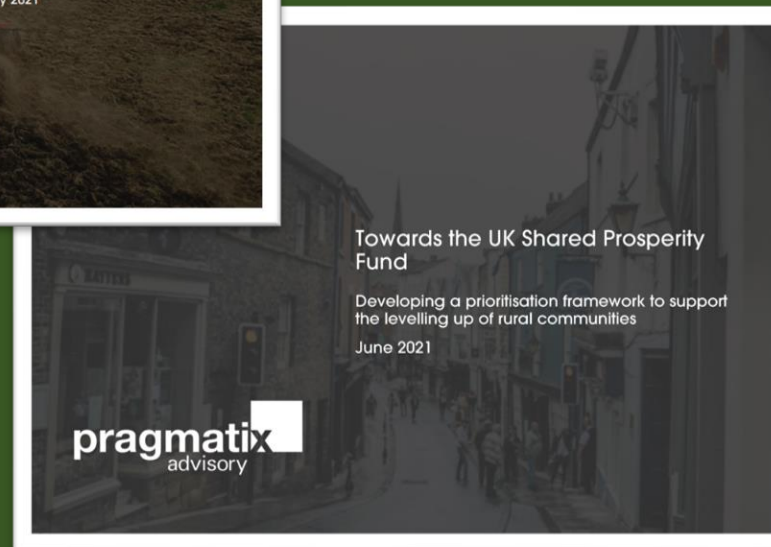
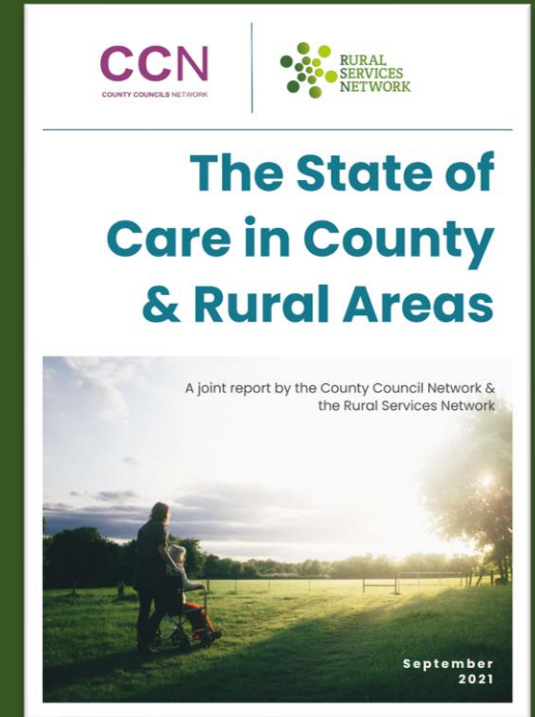
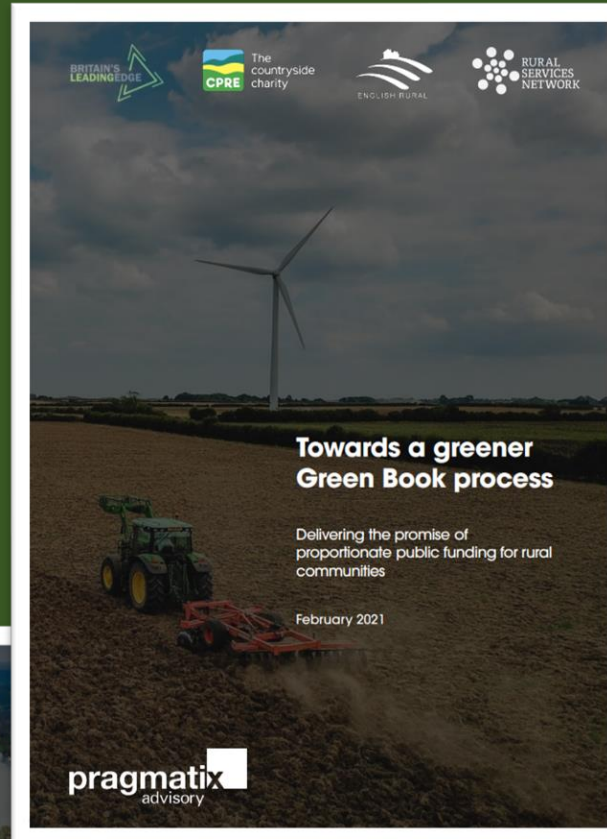
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At a glance



Commissioned Independent Research



Click each image to read the full report

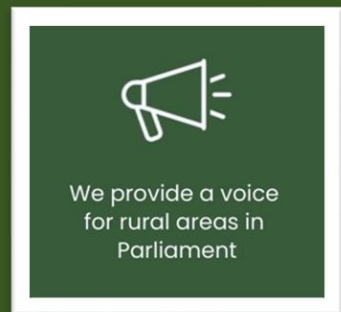


Government Consultations

Made your voice heard by responding to:

- Permitted Development Rights Consultation
- House of Lords Covid19 Committee Inquiry into the reliance on digital technology and the impact on our social and economic wellbeing
- Future of Rural Transport Call for Evidence
- Future Building Standards Consultation
- New Homes Bonus Consultation
- Department for Education Consultation on School Funding
- Inquiry into Broadband and the road to 5G
- APPG for Rural Business and the Rural Powerhouse – call for evidence into Rural Productivity
- Defra Consultation into Consistency in household and business recycling
- Warm Homes Discount Consultation
- Access to Cash Consultation
- Comprehensive Spending Review
- Health and Disability Green Paper

As well providing the secretariat for the
All Party Parliamentary Group for Rural Services



Held our biggest Conference yet!

National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Monday 13th September

Featuring:
1 Richard Walner, BT Group | 2 Chris Taylor, Shropshire Council
3 Selaine Saxby MP, Chair of the APPG for Broadband and Digital Communication

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY SESSION



National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Monday 13th September

Featuring:
The Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity)

AN AUDIENCE WITH RT HON LORD BENYON



National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Tuesday 14th September

Featuring:
1 Professor Jeremy Phillipson, NICRE | 2 Roger Turner, NICRE
3 Professor Janet Dwyer, NICRE

RURAL ECONOMY SESSION



National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Wednesday 15th September

Featuring:
1 Professor Sheena Asthana, Plymouth Institute of Health and Care Research
2 Cllr Martin Tett, CCN Spokesperson and Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
3 Nora Corkey, Devon Communities Together

RURAL HEALTH AND CARE SESSION



The Rural Services Network

National Rural Conference 2021

Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Monday 13th - Friday 17th September

National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Wednesday 15th September

Featuring:
1 Josh Payne, National Farmers Union (NFU) | 2 Nik Harwood, Young Somerset
3 Councillor Freya Davies, Flore Parish Council, NALC Speaker

CHALLENGES FACING YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS



National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Thursday 16th September

Featuring:
1 Graham Biggs, The Rural Services Network
2 Kerry Booth, The Rural Services Network

SYSTEMATIC NEGLECT OF RURAL COMMUNITIES



National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Thursday 16th September

Featuring:
1 Ursula Bennion, Rural Housing Alliance | 2 Mark Pragnell, Pragmatix Advisory
3 Claire Spendley, Plunkett Foundation

RURAL HOUSING SESSION



National Rural Conference 2021
Levelling Up to Revitalise Rural

Friday 17th September

Featuring:
1 Christopher Hammond, Countryside Climate Network
2 Louise Clayton, Staffordshire County Council
3 Derek Crichton, Dumfries and Galloway Council

RURAL TRANSPORT AND DECARBONISATION SESSION



Over **425** delegates
21 speakers

What did you all think of it?



Tees Valley Rural Action

I very much liked that it was online as I wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise. Very interesting presentations, I would certainly attend again.



Thame Community Land Trust

It is a fantastic conference that takes a holistic approach by looking at the urban as well as the rural. They are two part of the same coin and can't be seen in isolation. A lot of thought has gone into the selection of Speakers and the messaging is on point.



SP Energy Networks

I thought this mornings session was excellent, well managed and a good range of speakers



National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise

Very well organised and run on the day

Satisfied with range of speakers

100%

Satisfied with joining instructions

100%

Satisfied with ability to share views and ask questions

98%



**Thanks to our
Conference
supporters and
sponsors**



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The National Champion for Rural Services, ensuring people in rural areas have a strong voice

SPOTLIGHT ON:

RURAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP



Members of
RURAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP

WORKING WITH RURAL COMMUNITIES

PROMOTING RURAL BEST PRACTICE

THE TIMES
THE SUNDAY TIMES



<https://rsnonline.org.uk/page/rural-in-the-news>



Thank you

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