



# Plans for the year ahead

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# Continued membership staples

- Publications – weekly bulletin, monthly funding digest, quarterly best practice, etc.
- Opportunities to promote your organisation.
- Rural research including Rural Lens.
- Varied and topical events programme.
- National Rural Conference.

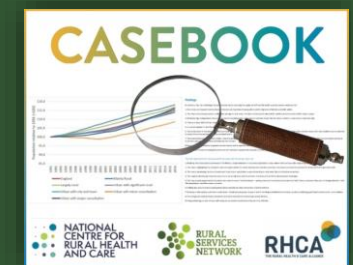
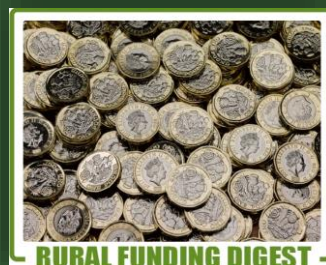




**2022 ONLINE SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

<p><b>1. Older people</b></p> <p>Wednesday 26/01/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>	<p><b>2. Young People in Rural Areas</b></p> <p>Wednesday 02/03/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>
<p><b>3. Rural Planning</b></p> <p>Wednesday 30/03/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>	<p><b>4. Rural Decarbonisation</b></p> <p>Wednesday 27/04/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>
<p><b>5. Rural Digital Connectivity</b></p> <p>Wednesday 25/05/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>	<p><b>6. Rural Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>Wednesday 29/06/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>
<p><b>7. Rural Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>Wednesday 27/07/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>	<p><b>8. Rural Town Centres, High Streets &amp; Village Hubs</b></p> <p>Wednesday 02/11/2022 11 am - 1 pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>
<p><b>9. Rural Economies</b></p> <p>Wednesday 30/11/2022   11 am - 1 pm   <a href="#">BOOK HERE</a></p>	

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

# Making the rural voice heard

By identifying upcoming key issues for rural communities and lobbying government from a rural perspective. Hot topics over the coming months include:

- Local Government Provisional Finance Settlement
- Levelling Up and Devolution White Paper
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Health and Social Care White Paper
- Planning proposals

We'll be analysing announcements as they are made, canvassing views from members and embarking on a reinvigorated Revitalising Rural Campaign.





# Bringing rural issues to life

Whilst we recognise the importance of hard figures, grounded in evidence its also really important to tell a human story. We're looking for case studies like these:

## CATHY SAYS

“When I lived on the outskirts of Wellington with my friend in the midst of COVID, the internet there was bad to a point that only one of us could be online at a time. My friend and I both had to attend online schooling at the same time of the day, for quite a long time. As a result, one of us always had to miss the lessons during the day and catch up on work, until extremely late at night and this did not do my mental health any good.”



On trying to heat their rural home sustainably Jonathan and Caroline says “nothing is as simple as the government makes out.”

## Do you have a story to share?

# Over to you

What would you like to see us do more or less of?

**Thank you**