



RSP Annual Achievements

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Welcomed 18 new member organisations since we last met:

 ACS (the Association of Convenience Stores)	 airband	 O'Neill Homer	 Countryside Jobs Service	 Liquid Gas UK	 Gemserv	 Platform Housing Group	 RABI	 Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire
 Digital Mobile Spectrum Limited	 The Patients Association	 OFTEC	 AvantiGas	 Arqiva	 Citizens Advice Hull & East Riding	 Lincolnshire Rural Support Network	 Citizens Advice North Yorkshire	 Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC)

Sustained membership
 Over 220 RSP member organisations
 and growing

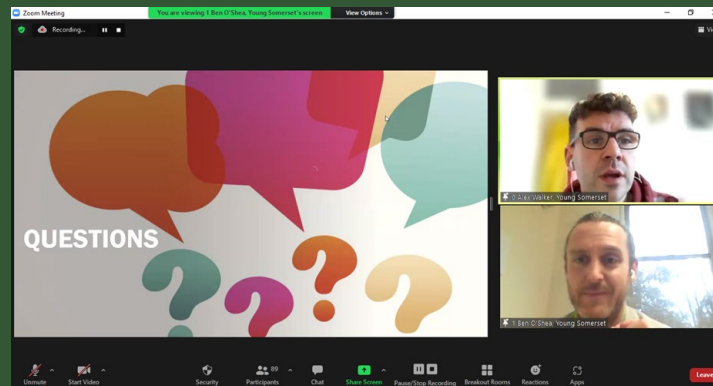
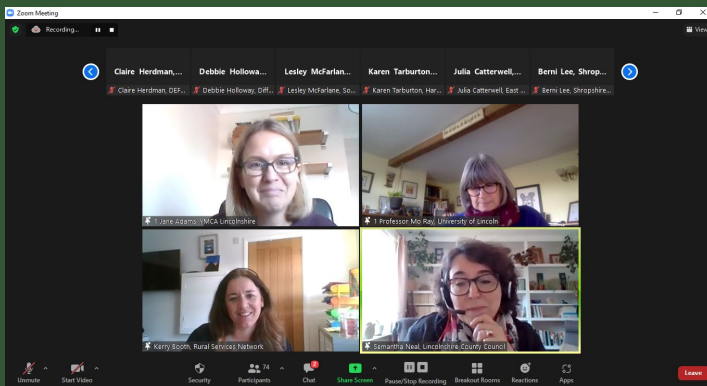
Grown 500+ Rural Services Network

RSN Members

86	Sparse Local Authorities
21	Rural Assembly Local Authorities
252	Rural Market Towns
222	Rural Services Partners
75	Rural Health Care Providers
10	Fire and Rescue Services
19	Housing Associations
13	Utility Members

Delivered Seminars

- 9 seminars tied to Revitalising Rural themes
- Expert speakers from industry and academia
- Q&A and networking opportunities
- **634** delegates
- Inclusive and carbon friendly
- Held on Zoom





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2022 ONLINE SEMINAR PROGRAMME

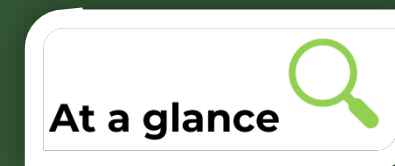
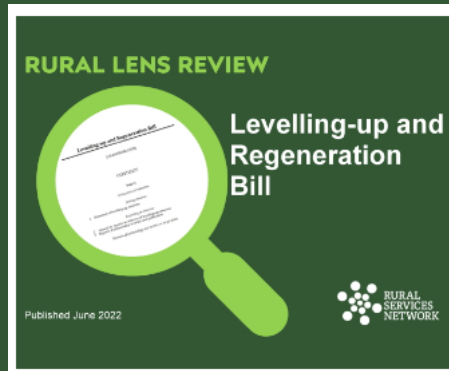
1. Older people Wednesday 26/01/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE	2. Young People in Rural Areas Wednesday 02/03/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE
3. Rural Planning Wednesday 30/03/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE	4. Rural Decarbonisation Wednesday 27/04/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE
5. Rural Digital Connectivity Wednesday 25/05/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE	6. Rural Affordable Housing Wednesday 29/06/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE
7. Rural Health and Social Care Wednesday 27/07/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE	8. Rural Town Centres, High Streets & Village Hubs Wednesday 02/11/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE
9. Rural Economies Wednesday 30/11/2022 11 am - 1 pm BOOK HERE	

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



Reviewed Government Policy

We've added the following to our Rural Lens Series [click images to view](#).



To view the full Rural Lens series covering over 20 topics visit:
<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/tag/rural-lens/page/1/>

Commissioned Independent Research



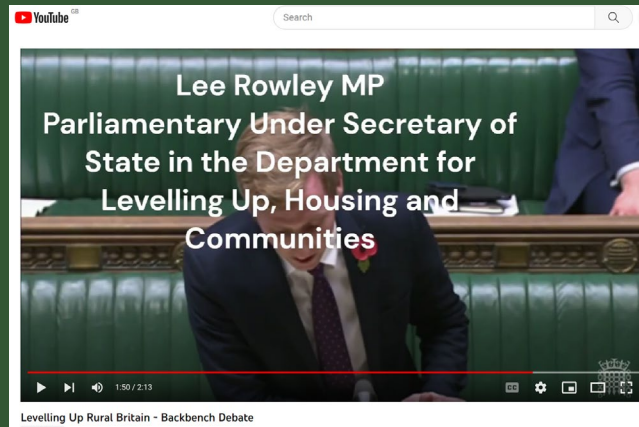
Click each image to read the full report

Supported Levelling Up Rural Britain

Backbench debate 9 November

The debate was based on recent RSN commissioned research which shows:
Were England's rural communities a distinct region, their need for Levelling Up (based on the Government's figures) **would be greater than that of any other part of the country,**

<https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/publications/rural-as-a-region-the-hidden-challenge-for-levelling-up.pdf>



"Although I am only 10 days into the job, I am very happy to talk to more colleagues about local government finance in general. I am keen to understand, to learn and to take the expertise that the all-party group and others have demonstrated over so many years to assist me in my role in the months ahead"
Lee Rowley DLUHC

Watch the footage from Parliament TV at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuRToZxp-Qg>

Responded to Government Consultations

Made your voice heard by responding to:

- Phasing out fossil fuel heating in homes, businesses and public buildings off gas grid
- Landscapes Review (National Parks and AONBs): implementing the review
- Fire Reform White Paper – Reforming our Fire and Rescue Service
- OFCOM call for input into UK preparations for World Radiocommunication Conference
- A plan for digital health and social care
- Rural Powerhouse APPG – Rural Cost of Living

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



We provide a voice
for rural areas in
Parliament



Influenced Further Afield

With government departments, House of Lords and National service providers

- DEFRA Rural Impact Forum
- Gave evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Social Care
- Presented in the House of Lords to the Rural Coalition on the importance of rural Levelling Up
- Launched State of Rural Services report to MPs and Lords
- Rural Affordable Housing Roundtable
- Off Gas Grid Heating in Rural Areas meeting with BEIS Minister
- Participated in BT Digital Voice Advisory Group on telephone switchover
- Broadcast 2040 campaign, the future of analogue TV



Liquid Gas UK



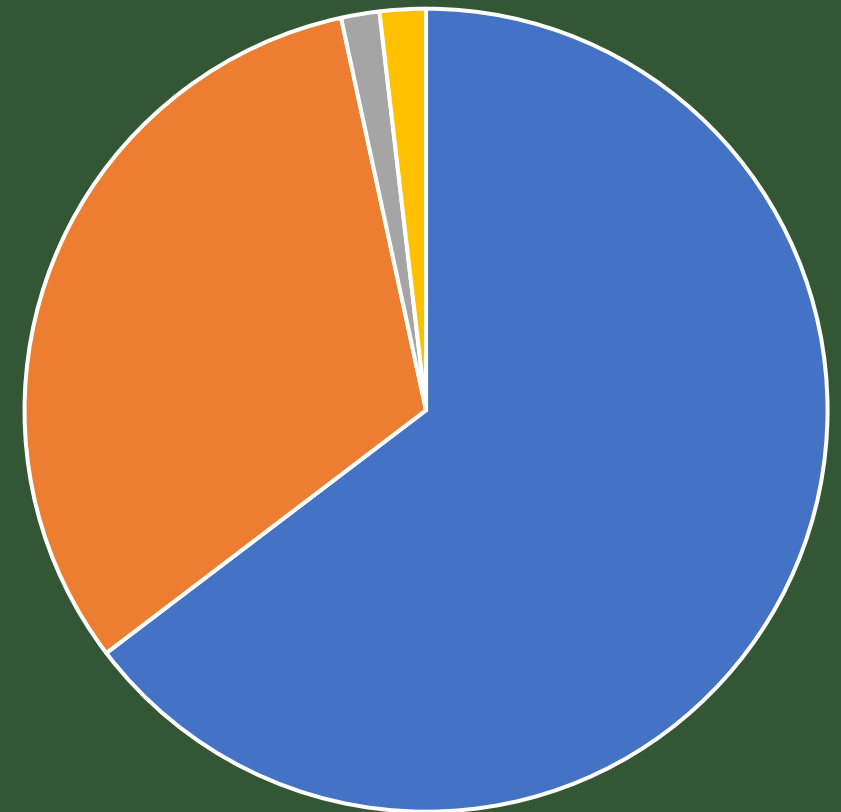
Held our biggest Conference yet!



648 delegates
28 speakers

If you'd like to sponsor next year's conference please get in touch.

Breakdown of attendance 2022



- Local Authorities
- Rural Services Partnership
- Government
- Rural Market Town Group

And finally, we've kept the Rural Services Partnership in the news!

Over 20,000 subscribers

For example, on the rural cost-of-living crisis

Extensive BBC Coverage:

National news and 19 regional news programmes
BBC Farming Today
BBC Radio 4, Radio 2 and regional radio

National Press:

Daily Express
Farming UK
Government Business

Plus 17 entries in regional and trade press

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



Energy crisis horror as poorest Britons to fork out half of disposable income on bills

Rural communities face 'triple blow' in cost-of-living crisis

Rural Services Network study shows rural areas are being hit harder during cost-of-living crisis



Thank you

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