


2021



Our Services to You

 Hosted 2021 National Rural Conference, a week long event with over 415 delegates. Including Keynote speaker Lord Benyon Defra Minister and expert speakers on Rural Affordable Housing, Rural Economy, Connectivity, Rural Health and Care, Young People and Decarbonisation.

 Hosted specialist session with DCMS on Improving Broadband for Very Hard to reach premises

 Hosted specialist Countryside COP26 meeting focusing on tackling climate change in rural communities

 Hosted Networking Seminars with 27 expert speakers throughout the year and over 630 delegates from across our membership attending

E-mailed our weekly Rural News Bulletin to over 20,000  subscribers each week

 Rural Funding Digest newsletters published highlighting hundreds of funding and grant opportunities relevant to rural communities.

Hinterland publications offering comment and unique insight from rural specialist Ivan Annibal 

 Rural analysis articles published including features on high streets, housing, health and connectivity

Specialist rural data analysis and performance monitoring published 

Rural Lens Documents

We have reviewed Government Strategies and White Papers through a 'rural lens' to determine the impact for rural areas.

This work has included consideration of: Adult Social Care Reform, Net Zero Strategy, Heat & Buildings Strategy, Build Back Better High Streets, Tourism Recovery Plan, Health White Paper, Queens Speech, Build Back Better, Bus Back Better, Government Place Based Funds, Sustainable Warmth, Skills for Jobs, Government 10 Point Plan

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We represented you nationally in 2021

Rural Impact Forum

RSN has been part of the Rural Impact Forum created in lockdown, meeting weekly and now monthly ensuring that those in Government are aware of key issues affecting rural areas



Revitalising Rural Campaign

Launched in March 2021, setting out a number of asks of Government in key policy areas such as affordable rural housing, rural economy, connectivity and access to health services

www.rsnonline.org.uk/revitalising-rural



The 2022-2023 Local Government Finance Settlement proposes to maintain the Rural Services Delivery Grant at £85 Million. We continue to campaign to see the principle extended to all rural authorities

Evidence Submitted to Parliamentary Inquiry and Consultation:

- 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

Supported the All Party Parliamentary Group for Rural Services with 4 meetings on Rural Housing, Planning Consultation, National Bus Strategy, Rural proofing and Social Care