



# Rural Village Services Group

Part of the Rural Services Network

## Membership Costs:

Services located within, or provided locally to, villages and their surrounding areas are vitally important to the social and economic wellbeing of rural communities and contribute very considerably to the quality of life of their residents.

RSN is concerned both about the current levels of service provision from rural villages and about likely future pressures, particularly in the context of an ageing rural population, increased rural vulnerability, and the need for technological advancement to be specifically considered in rural areas and in the rural context. To date, these important issues do not receive the level of attention that they warrant. Accordingly, to facilitate better understanding and to raise the profile of village service needs at a national level, RSN intends to establish a membership group of Parish Councils to argue this vital case.

In order ensure that **The Rural Village Services Group** is as inclusive as possible the membership subscription level will be set at a low level. Here are the details:-

**Rural Villages Services Group** – parishes in rural areas (generally of a population size of 1500 or above) containing a central village or villages from which local services (for instance shop, post office, pub, church, village hall) flow to the population of the parish.

- £70 per annum plus VAT for Local Councils of up to 2,750 population.
- £80 similarly plus VAT p.a. for Local Councils with 2,750 to 5,000 population.
- £90 plus VAT for parishes above 5,000 population.

We need to involve at least 400 Rural Parishes in this initiative. We are similarly looking to bring together a separate Rural/Market Towns Grouping of the same size.

## Providing a voice for rural communities and service providers

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