

RSN Seminar: Rural Affordable Housing
Online via Zoom
11:00-13:00, Wednesday, 15th July 2026

Agenda

- 11:00 **Welcome & Introduction to the topic of the Rural Economy**
[Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive, [Rural Services Network](#)
- 11:10 **Martin Collett, Chief Executive and David Barrowcliff, Head of Communications & Technology, [English Rural Housing Association](#)**
“Making Devolution Work for Affordable Rural Housing — A Rural Community Toolkit”
Short Q&A with the speakers
- 11:30 **Isabel Blake, Head of Housing, [South Hams District Council](#) and [West Devon Borough Council](#)**
“Tackling rural homelessness and temporary accommodation solutions”
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 11:50 **Matt Lewer, Housing Strategy, Partnerships and Enabling Manager, [North Yorkshire Council](#)**
“From Tipping Point to Turning Point: Delivering Affordable Homes to Sustain Rural Communities”
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 12:10 **Open forum discussion led by Kerry Booth, Chief Executive of RSN focusing on Rural Affordable Housing**
Wider discussion with evidence and examples of Good Practice that members wish to share.
- 13:00 **Close of Seminar**

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