

Rural Making A Difference
Wednesday 16 September 2026
13.30-15.30

AGENDA

13.25 Event Opens to Delegates

13.30 Welcome and Introduction to the RSN National Rural Conference
Councillor Roger Phillips, Chair of the RSN

13.35 Setting the Scene
Kerry Booth, RSN Chief Executive

13.40 Aran Prince-Tappe, Rural Policy Team Lead, Strategic Briefing and Contracts, DEFRA
"What English devolution means for rural communities"

14.00 Suzanne Wigmore, CEO, Citizens Advice Wiltshire & Rural Issues Group Member
"You can't eat the view - rural exclusion and the need for advice"

14:20 Ralph Hartley, Policy Officer, The Poverty Alliance
"Taking action on Rural Poverty"

14.40 Kerry Booth, RSN Chief Executive
"Defra Taskforce and Future of Rural England Report"

15.00 Kerry Booth, RSN Chief Executive – Open Discussion with delegates about Rural Making a Difference.

15.30 Close of Conference Session

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