



# THE RURAL BULLETIN

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This Rural Bulletin is published by the Rural Services Network and brings you a round up of our existing publications in one place! Get the latest rural news, read our current rural commentary in the Hinterland, focus in on our weekly Spotlight special feature and check out what we've been up to this week at RSN HQ!

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## LATEST RURAL NEWS



[Rural communities living 'in fear of crime'](#)



[Peers ask for evidence on rural economy](#)



[Calor unveils latest rural project winners](#)



[Police to launch rural crime strategy](#)



[Postcodes reveal rural broadband black spots](#)



[Experts panel seeks to revitalise high streets](#)



We turn our focus this week in the Spotlight section to **Younger People in Rural Areas**. This highlights relevant news stories both from RSN and the National Press and these focus on school transport for post 16 in rural areas and funding available to develop technologies that combat rural isolation. We are pleased to include a feature from one of our established Rural Services Partnership members, UK Youth!

There's a great analytical article by Jessica Sellick on Early Years Childcare in Rural Areas that is well

worth a read!

The full Spotlight can be [viewed here](#)



**Rural settings in England are unconsciously discriminated against in terms of the deployment of staff by the NHS.** The figures are quite shocking. You'll have to [click through to Hinterland](#) to read this exclusive. Other tasty

morsels this week include: Universal Credit, Volunteers, the Tolpuddle Martyrs and wonderful things in the earth – including “gold” under Whitby and foundation revelations wrought by the hot weather. [Read on.....](#)



The House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy is now publishing [a call for evidence to seek written views on the key issues of its inquiry](#).

The Committee is investigating a wide range of themes, including:

- \* Local services and amenities
- \* Rural business and investment
- \* Housing
- \* Transport
- \* Digital Connectivity
- \* Employment
- \* Demographic change
- \* Deprivation and inequality
- \* Rural isolation

The closing date is **10 September 2018** and full details about the enquiry and how to submit your evidence can be found [here](#).



We are working with **Rural England** and **CCRI** to carry out a survey on rural housing to understand the opinions and experiences of residents of rural areas in England. This will help Rural England better understand housing issues and to draw together ideas for solutions. By completing [the survey](#), you can help us try to make sure that politicians and policies are more informed about what really goes on, and what is needed, at the local level across the country. The survey can be completed [here](#). It will remain open throughout the summer, closing on September 3rd and all valid responses will be in with a chance of winning one of ten £10 Amazon vouchers.

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## WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!



Sadly Lord Gardiner is now unable to attend the conference due to legislative commitments, fortunately we have managed to secure

[C.Co](#), one of our new RSP members. They are a subsidiary of CIPFA who are going to be sharing their experiences with supporting local authorities with Alternative Delivery Models in rural areas.

[Book your place now!](#)

We're thrilled at **RSN HQ** that the past few months have seen a sharp increase in the number of members of our **Rural Services Partnership**. This group brings together a wide range of organisations that deliver services to rural areas. Just this past week we've been joined by Alzheimer UK, The Cumbria Action for Sustainability, Gigaclear and the Institute of Economic Development. Click [here](#) to see more about the [Rural Services Partnership members](#).

## LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



### [How financially secure are rural residents?](#)

*The financial circumstances of huge numbers of rural residents make them potentially vulnerable, finds Brian Wilson.....*

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The **latest** edition of the **Funding Digest** can be viewed [here](#)

Looking for funding for your local project or community group? This monthly bulletin includes links to various sources of grant funding that you may be able to access!



Read the **latest RSN suggested draft responses** for key rural consultations and view the latest Government Consultations that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)

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## RURAL OBSERVATORY

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## FAIRER FUNDING

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