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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



[Councils warn against cutting back services](#)



[MPs seek evidence for bus services inquiry](#)



[Funding for rural community groups](#)



[Charity uses drone to locate rural homeless](#)



[Expect unexpected, rural motorists warned](#)



[Loneliness is 'problem for all young people'](#)



This week we are focusing on [Rural Health and Social Care](#) in the Spotlight.

[This edition](#) highlights relevant news stories both from RSN and the National Press and these focus on hospital transport and of course Adult Social Care. We are pleased to include 3 features from the Rural Services Partnership Members, UK Youth, Out of the Box and Alzheimers UK.

There's a great analytical article by Jessica Sellick on the (Rural) Communication Divide which explores issues of Speech, Language and Communication Support for children following the recent debate in Westminster led by Rebecca Pow MP.



[In this weeks Hinterland:](#)

Do you feel everything is half baked at the moment because of the holidays, or the weather or because life for rural dwellers is becoming increasingly less good very fast?!!! In Hinterland we comment on: a poorly thought through response to rising adult care costs, time to get real over the fact that people don't want to live where planners often want to put them, the death of the wood stove, cash machine bandits, an egregious and growing practice amongst private landlords and some scary beards? [Read on...](#)



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.



There is only 2 weeks to go until the [RSN National Rural Conference](#) so book your place without delay!

There is a busy programme of expert rural speakers to share their views on delivering services in rural areas differently and the conference is sponsored by the **Post Office** who will be sharing their thoughts on the Post Office in rural communities.

Anna Price from the Rural Business Awards is running a workshop on 'How enterprise can support rural communities' which should provoke lots of discussion amongst delegates.

Book you place [here](#)

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

It's all go here this week preparing for the [Conference](#) in Sept but we've found time to update the [National Travel Survey](#) in the Observatory. This compares differences in travel between rural and urban England. **Access this research [here](#)**

The [best practice section](#) of the **Rural Services Partnership** is developing almost daily with some fantastic rural case studies featuring organisations, such as UK Youth, Plunkett Foundation and The Institute of Mental Health. [Find out](#) how The Centurion pub in Chester was saved from demolition by over 100 residents who campaigned successfully to enable the pub to re-open in 2016.

RSP members the Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks now have a dedicated [Neighbourhood Planning page](#), which will provide essential data and evidence for their communities when preparing of their neighbourhood plans.

LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



[How can we bridge the \(rural\) speech, language and communication divide?](#)

Jessica Sellick investigates

On 4 July 2018 a Westminster Hall debate was held on Speech, Language and Communication Support for Children. In leading the debate, Rebecca Pow MP for Taunton Deane, described how.....

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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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