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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



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## The Rural Services Partnership Grows from Strength to Strength!

We are thrilled by the ever-increasing interest in the **Rural Services Partnership** and the variety of organisations that have joined us to date. Just this month we've been joined by **Sovereign Housing, National Youth Agency, Germinate, Blackdown Support Group** and **Mind**. Click [here](#) to see more about the new and existing Rural Services Partnership members.

[This spotlight](#) also details a new neighbourhood planning service for National Parks and also details exciting and diverse work undertaken by RSP members. This month we feature work from **UK Youth, Calor, Plunkett Foundation** and **Dispensing Doctors' Association**. Access all this information [here](#)

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[This week](#) arch controversy over a pub turning into of all things – A NURSERY!!! Some more harrowing angles on serious child related stories due to local authority funding hitting the buffers, a couple of property stories about a Lido and the

unintended consequences of “Help to Buy” and an algorithm which has replaced the rural bobby in Norfolk. [Read on...](#)

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

Today is the date for the start of the [Rural Conference 2018!](#)

We are very excited to be welcoming many of you to an exciting two days of content in Cheltenham. For those not able to attend but still interested in the outcomes from the Conference keep an eye on the [Conference Webpage](#) over the coming days.

**The Conference is not the end of exciting events the RSN are organising!** Our next regional seminar and meeting will be in North West on the 8th of October. Kindly hosted by Lancashire County Council this event will feature on Barriers to Access with a focus on Broadband, Connectivity & Transport. Keep your eyes on our

## 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.....*

[Read more....](#)

[events page](#) for further details (which will be coming soon) or [contact us](#) for more information.

Finally - don't forget the [Select Committee for the Rural Economy](#) has issued a call for evidence and the deadline is September 10th!

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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](#)



The Rural Observatory - provides analysis, facts, figures and commentary impacting upon rural communities  
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