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## THE RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

The National Champion for Rural Services, ensuring people in rural areas have a strong voice

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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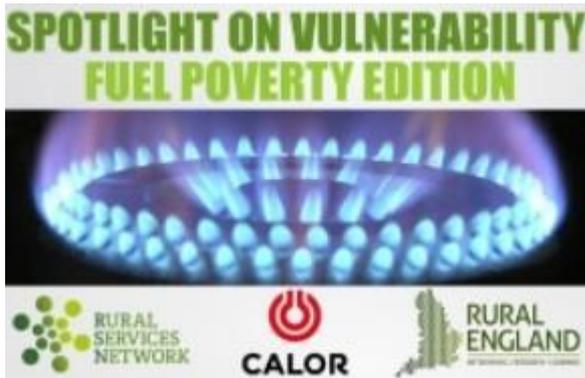
[RBS to shut 54 bank branches](#)



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Welcome to the latest [Spotlight on Fuel Poverty](#) - brought to you by the **Rural Services Network** and the **Rural England CIC** in association with **Calor**.

Limited options for fuel in rural localities – many of which lack mains gas – make efficient fuel use and insulation particularly important for countryside communities.

In addition, rural residents face the challenges of lower average wages, an ageing population and single-skin, solid wall or non-cavity wall properties.

The Rural Services Network believes the national picture must not mask this extra rural dimension.



[This week](#)....social prescribing, the impact of austerity on kids and more widely on local government, animal welfare, tractor drivers who need to show a little more consideration and drinking in men's sheds- something I routinely do at

the end of my garden. [Read on.....](#)

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

We're unpacking all the boxes from the conference this week and getting back to normal! We hope that those of you that attended enjoyed the couple of days in Cheltenham. We have gathered all of the **speakers presentations** and they are [available on our website](#). We will be emailing out the link to all delegates.

We're looking ahead now to our next **North West Regional Seminar** which takes place on **8th October** in Lancashire County Council and focuses on our Barriers to Access Priority: Broadband, Connectivity & Transport'. For more information or if you'd like to attend, please contact us at [events@sparse.gov.uk](mailto:events@sparse.gov.uk).

## 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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The [Revenue Outturn Analysis](#) has been updated for final outturn estimates up to 2017/18. It provides the expenditure per head for each service area, the corresponding percentage of total service expenditure, and in both cases an average for authorities of same class and classification.

To view this analysis [click here](#)

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### RURAL FUNDING DIGEST

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!



### GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

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](#)



### RURAL OBSERVATORY

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