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## LATEST RURAL NEWS



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We are pleased to launch our 2019 Regional Seminar Schedule.

We will be hosting 7 regional seminars/networking meetings hosted at local authorities around the country focusing on key rural topics including Rural Housing, Rural Economy and Health and Wellbeing.

These events are free to RSN paying members and this includes RHCA members.

For more information about all of the seminars please see our [2019 flyer](#).

You can also see the speakers for the first seminar taking place on yesterday in the **East Midlands** [here](#) and the speakers for the 21st March seminar/meeting taking place in the **South West** [here](#)



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In [Hinterland](#) this week:

This week, rising council tax, Alexa to the rescue, foster carers under pressure, flybmi, water bottle deposits and the declining skill of the sundial

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

On Wednesday, Brian Wilson will represent RSN at the **Rural Coalition meeting**. The Rural Coalition brings together 12 national organisations who subscribe to a vision for a living and working countryside in England.

Monday saw the second of our [Regional Seminars](#) in the West Midlands which took place thanks to our kind hosts Stafford Borough Council. It focused on the Rural Economy and some lively debate took place!

We are now looking forward to our next Regional Seminar which will be held in the **South West** on the 21st of March and is kindly hosted by East Devon District Council. This seminar will feature

## LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



### [The Brexit vote in rural communities](#)

There's a **new podcast available from Carole Walker**.

This episode, is titled '*The Brexit vote in rural communities*' and features George Freeman, MP for Mid-Norfolk and a former minister, who details why so many people in rural communities voted for Brexit and are in despair at the endless bickering over the decision to leave the EU

on 'Rural Housing' and further details which includes how to book onto the event can be found [here](#)

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New research has been launched in the [Observatory](#) section of the RSN website. This latest analysis presents data from the Department for Transport showing the frequency with which residents do any [walking or cycling](#) for a chosen local authority, and whether it is for leisure or travel. The local authority position is compared to class and classification averages. Access this research [here](#)

The RSN is sponsored by **First** 

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[That it costs more to deliver health and care in rural areas is well-rehearsed among RSN members. But how much more does it actually cost to deliver in rural areas and are these costs recognised in current funding formulae?](#)

Jessica Sellick investigates

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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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