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LATEST RURAL NEWS



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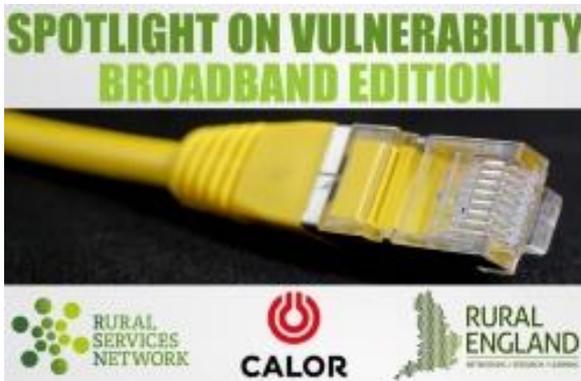
On 1st March, the Rural Services Network launched a campaign calling on the Government to develop a Rural Strategy.

We are asking members to support this call by signing a petition [here](#)

Additional Information:

- [Further details about the campaign](#)
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Welcome to the latest [Spotlight on Vulnerability - Broadband Edition](#). This service is brought to you by the Rural Services Network and the Rural England CIC in association with Calor.

The Spotlight on Vulnerability service aims to disseminate information about three key rural issues: fuel poverty, broadband and rural transport.

[This newsletter](#) focuses on the availability of broadband across rural areas.



In this edition of [Hinterland](#):

In Hinterland this week, rural areas at the cutting edge of climate change impacts, the NHS in its short staffed and variable service standards manifestations, not enough care provision and the challenges of waiting for a bus in Maltby. [Read on...](#)

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

Yesterday we were in London for the meeting of our **Executive Board**. This is made up from Councillors and representatives across our membership who help to steer the direction of our organisation. They were discussing amongst other issues, the House of Lords Select Committee report on the Rural Economy.

LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



[Apprenticeships – training people for \(rural\) jobs of the future?](#)

Last week we met with **Rt Hon Liz Truss MP** at the Treasury to talk about rural-proofing the Spending Review and making sure rural areas have access to Universal Basic Infrastructure wherever they live.

In the coming months the RSN Observatory section will be changing with the provision of Observatory - Member Insights, where our member authorities will be able to search for the analyses and data that define their areas. The latest sample analysis can now be found for:

Housebuilding, permanent dwellings started and completed (2009/10 to 2017/18), currently sitting in the Observatory Housing section [HERE](#)

As the Member Insights section takes shape, further details of the analyses available will be advertised here in What's New, so keep checking back for more information

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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!

What are apprenticeships, how does the current system work and what needs to be done to ensure more are on offer in rural areas?

Jessica Sellick investigates.

- Read the full article [here](#)



[How can we develop a picture of income \[in\]equality in the countryside?](#)

The gap between the poorest and richest households appears to be growing; thus reversing a downward trend over the previous 10 years. What is income inequality and how prevalent is it in rural areas? Jessica Sellick investigates.

- Read the full article [here](#)



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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Public Sector Funding, Barriers to Access, Future of Rural Areas, Health and Wellbeing



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