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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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[New inquiry: Rural broadband and digital only services](#)

Less than one week remaining for submissions

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee is launching an inquiry into Rural broadband and digital only services.

Broadband, mobile infrastructure and access to digital services remain a central issue for rural communities.

The EFRA Committee intends to hold a short inquiry, following up on its 2014-15 inquiry into [Rural broadband and digital-only services](#), to examine the government's current proposals and delivery of digital connectivity to rural areas.

The Committee is seeking written evidence by 24 June, [click here](#) to read more about the questions they are seeking to address.



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](#)
- [Supporters of the campaign](#)
- [RSN template report 'Time for a Rural Strategy'](#)
- [Summary of the 'Rural England – A different place](#)

[demands a different strategy' event](#)



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

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

Rural transport faces many threats - ranging from fuel costs through to the lack of public and community transport in many areas. Download the Spotlight [here](#)



In this edition of [Hinterland](#):
The pain of adjusting to new health service approaches in two rural settings, pensions under pressure, the end of Packham's influence over bird shooting, Scottish tree planting puts us in the shade and the new TV drama threatening to put Lincolnshire on the map. [Read on...](#)

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

We are taking bookings for our North East Regional Seminar which takes place on 28th June.



It focuses on Sustainable Communities and is kindly being hosted by Durham County Council. Speakers include the National Federation of Sub Postmasters, Durham Community Action and Ushaw College. Full details can be found [here](#).

A plug for a conference organised by our friends at NALC!



They are holding their Annual Conference & Exhibition on 28/29 Oct This is an essential event for anyone interested in the role of local councils in strengthening their communities. So join them and other parts of the public, private and voluntary sectors to discuss the key policy issues

LATEST RESEARCH & COMMENTARY



[‘Working at scale’ – what do Primary Care Networks mean for rural communities?](#)

Since April 2019 individual GP practices have been able to establish or join PCNs covering populations of between 30,000 and 50,000. What are PCNs and what do they mean for rural areas?

Jessica Sellick investigates.

- Read the full article [here](#)



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

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.

of the moment. Click here For more information click [here](#)

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Our Chief Executive recently gave evidence to the EFRA Committee about Rural Broadband, please see our [news story](#) above 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!



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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Find out about our campaign for fairer funding for rural areas [here](#)
This includes our work on the Local Government Finance Settlement

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