

The RSN organises an annual seminar programme. The events are intended to help Councils and Rural Services Partnership Members overcome some of the issues and challenges that they face in delivering services in rural places. For 2015-16 events are free.

The following events have been programmed to date:

19 August 2015 - Market Harborough

Viable Rural Communities and Economies – Through the lens of the Market Town

Speakers confirmed: Jo Sharman - Sustainable Harborough Project (including walking tour), Liz Price – Lincoln Business School, Benchmarking Market Towns, Lyn Aisbet - CEO Melton BC, Linda Fitzgerald – Saving & Rebuilding a Community Shop

18 November 2015 - Cirencester

Tackling the Challenges of Ageing – Fuel Poverty and Services for the Elderly

Speakers confirmed: Holly Sims - Corporate Affairs Manager (Calor Gas Ltd), Jon Bright - CEO (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council), Alice Woudhuysen - Senior Campaigns Officer (Age UK), Mick King – Director (Lincolnshire Home Independence Agency)

9 February 2016 - Northallerton

Making Rural Settlements work – Planning and Affordable Housing

Speakers confirmed: Jackie Cottingham (Faith in Affordable Housing), Steve Kemp (OpenPlan), John Welbank (ruralfutures)

6 July 2016 - London

Making the [Rural] Gap – Access to Services and Rural Proofing

Speakers confirmed: Jo Lavis (Rural Housing Solutions), Brian Wilson (Brian Wilson Associates), Caroline Masundire (Rocket Science)

For more information or to book a place at any of the events contact: events@sparse.gov.uk or call: 01822 851 370 (note new telephone number)

We aim to give rural areas a louder voice and help safeguard and improve services in rural communities.

