

UK RURAL POLICY AND PRACTITIONERS GROUP: RESEARCH BY MEMBERS

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Note: where the organisation name is in green the information appears quite dated.

Research / analysis being undertaken by organisations on the rural evidence base:

<p>Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)</p>	<p>Review of policies for a low carbon Scotland and the 'carbon behaviours' of Scottish households. http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120332/changing_environment</p> <p>Sustainable intensification, farming efficiency, innovation in the agri-food sector and the impacts of CAP reform (Pillars 1 and 2) on rural Scotland. http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120335/support_to_agriculture</p> <p>Mapping the distribution of charities in Scotland. http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120336/thriving_communities/634/2012_mapping_the_distribution_of_charities_in_scotland</p> <p>Ongoing work on volunteering and public sector reform in rural Scotland.</p> <p>Building on the OECD's New Rural Paradigm: A View from the UK. http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120336/thriving_communities/777/2012_building_on_the_new_rural_paradigm</p> <p>Forthcoming (early 2013): Sustainable Rural Development in Serbia: Boljevac Pilot Demonstration Project</p> <p>Rural Scotland in Focus Report 2012 http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120336/thriving_communities/466/2012_rural_scotland_in_focus_report</p>
<p>Countryside Alliance</p>	<p>Outdoor education – debunking health and safety myths.</p> <p>Viability of a Government backed Post Bank.</p> <p>Use of mobile broadband.</p> <p>Government food procurement policy.</p>
<p>Church in Wales</p>	<p>Communities in danger: a study of deep rural places (ongoing).</p>
<p>Commission for Rural Communities</p>	<p>Rural micro-businesses – what makes them thrive in a challenging economic environment? (published January 2013). http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/rural-micro-businesses-what-makes-some-thrive-in-a-challenging-economic-climate-2/</p> <p>Recognising rural interests within Local Enterprise Partnerships (published November 2012). http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/files/How-are-rural-interests-being-recognised-within-Local-Enterprise-Partnerships.pdf</p>

	<p>Social isolation among older people in rural areas (published September 2012). http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/social-isolation-experienced-by-older-people-in-rural-areas/</p> <p>Barriers to education, employment and training for young people in rural areas (published July 2012). http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/barriers-to-education-employment-and-training-for-young-people-in-rural-areas/</p> <p>Rural impacts of welfare and housing reforms (published May 2012). http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/?page_id=17127&preview=true</p> <p>Variations in access to social care for vulnerable older people in rural England (published June 2012). http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/variations-in-access-to-social-care/</p>
Carnegie UK Trust	<p>Future Directions in Rural Development (published October 2012) http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications/2012/future-directions-in-rural-development-(full-repor</p> <p>Community ownership of land – a study exploring its impacts (published March 2012. London event planned this Summer). http://www.theislandsbooktrust.com/store/books/from-the-low-tide-of-the-sea-to-the-highest-mountain-top</p> <p>Evaluation of Rural Housing Burdens (report and policy summary published December 2011). http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/getattachment/66ebd0ba-7fec-4872-b97c-b25bcf200412/The-Effectiveness-of-Rural-Housing-Burdens.aspx</p> <p>Survey of rural development networks (report published March 2012). http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/getattachment/4063ad9f-18b4-4a89-843c-4f102d07461c/Rural-Development-Networks---Full-Report.aspx</p>
Plunkett Foundation	<p>Review of rural social enterprise in England (report published December 2011). http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&Completed=0&ProjectID=17308</p> <p>Social enterprises as influencers of behaviour (ongoing).</p> <p>Annual survey of community owned village shops (ongoing).</p> <p>Resilience of community owned shops in hard times (ongoing).</p> <p>Community owned broadband (jointly with Carnegie UK Trust – ongoing).</p> <p>Economic impact of local food (ongoing).</p>
Federation of Small Businesses	<p>The missing links – revitalising our rural economy (published May 2012) http://www.fsb.org.uk/frontpage/assets/rural_report_web_final_proof.pdf</p>

Action for Market Towns	<p>Small Towns for Tomorrow initiative – a policy forum to improve understanding of the issues facing small towns in the UK. http://www.smalltownsfortomorrow.org/</p>
Rural Services Network	<p>State of rural public services 2012 report, setting out recent trends and delivery impacts (published November 2012). http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/services/budget-cuts-threaten-rural-communities</p> <p>Costs of providing services in rural areas – to inform local government funding discussions (published August 2011). http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/images/stories/Major%20Documents/LGF-sparse-rural-report-august-2011.pdf</p> <p>Development of good rural practice material, initially on library services, fuel poverty and older people’s wellbeing (being published in stages). http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/news/best-practice</p> <p>Neighbourhood planning: what do rural communities think? – results of a RSN survey (published December 2011). http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/community/communities-welcome-neighbourhood-planning</p>